

\*HYMN: *I Feel the Winds of God Today* 625 VU

### WE RESPOND AS GOD'S PEOPLE

#### INVITATION & OFFERTORY:

#### \*OFFERING HYMN:

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* 541 VU

#### OFFERING PRAYER:

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND JESUS' PRAYER:

### WE GO OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

\*HYMN: *All Beautiful the March of Days* 530 VU

#### COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION:

#### POSTLUDE



## Knox United Church, Saskatchewan

We acknowledge that we gather on Treaty 6 Territory and the land of the Metis Nation.

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January 14, 2018

*The Leader will read the parts in regular type.*

*Please join in the parts in **bold type**.*

\* This marks places we invite you to stand as you are able.

### WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

#### PRELUDE:

#### LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE:

#### SCRIPTURE SENTENCE:

Behold, God is doing a new thing.  
Let our spirits rise to greet our Maker.  
*Isaiah 49:19*

#### SINGING THE SPIRIT:

*Come Now O God of Peace* 34 VU  
*O-so-so, O-so-so Pyeong Hwa e In Geum*  
*U-ri-ga Han-mohm I-ru-ge Ha-a-so-so*  
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#### WELCOME AND WITNESS

#### COMMUNITY NEWS AND CELEBRATIONS:

#### GATHERING IN WORSHIP: *A new creed with actions*

\*OPENING HYMN: *Arise, Your Light Is Come* 79 VU

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

Forgiving God,  
 we ask for living water,  
 but dip our buckets in old stale wells.  
 Although Christ is among us as liberation and  
 peace, we are a people divided against  
 ourselves, as we cling to the values of a broken  
 world.  
 The fears and jealousies that we harbour  
 set neighbour against neighbour,  
 and nation against nation.  
 We abuse your gifts of imagination and  
 freedom,  
 of intellect and reason,  
 and have turned them into bonds of oppression.  
 Hear and forgive us,  
 set us free to serve you in the world  
 as agents of your reconciling love.  
 Lead us once again to your fresh, life giving  
 waters of forgiveness and peace.  
 We ask it, trusting in your grace.

(A moment of silent reflection)

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE:**

Though we have turned it away so often  
 Christ is once again offering us the waters of life.  
 Drink deeply of God's forgiveness  
 And offer it generously to others through the Holy  
 Spirit.  
 Thanks be to God.

**SUNG RESPONSE:**

*There's a wideness in God's mercy  
 Like the wideness of the sea.  
 There's a kindness in God's justice  
 That is more than liberty.*

*For the love of God is broader  
 Than the measures of the mind,  
 And the heart of the eternal  
 Is most wonderfully kind.*

**STORY TIME:****WE LISTEN AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

\***RESPONSE:** *Open my ears that I may hear*  
 vs 2 371 VU

**Open my ears that I may hear voices of truth  
 thou sendest clear and while the wave notes fall  
 on my ear, everything false will disappear.  
 Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God thy  
 will to see. Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit  
 divine!**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS:** Exodus 2:1-10

**ANTHEM: *Amazing Grace***

Words by John Newton, Music by David Ashley White, based on the tune New Britain  
 Kevin Junk - Oboe

**SERMON: Boat of Hope**