

To proclaim liberty to the captive,
And to set the prisoner free,
To announce a year of favor of the Lord
To comfort all who mourn.

The Spirit of God is upon me
The Spirit of God has anointed me
The Spirit of God now does send me
To the poor, to heal the broken-hearted.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me.

MUSIC BEFORE PRAYER (MV 47) (sing 2X)

Born in human likeness, found in human form,
Jesus, "God is with us," we proclaim your glory.

words and music: Bruce Harding, 2002

COMMUNITY PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN - *Called by Earth and Sky* (MV 135)

BENEDICTION (MV 211) (sing 2X)

Go now in peace, guided by the light of Christ,
so you may be nourished by the Word of Life.

words and music: Pedro Rubalcava, 2002, arr. Peter Kolar, 2002

POSTLUDE



KNOX UNITED CHURCH **January 27, 2019**

**Sharing the Gospel of Jesus with all
people through worship, service and care.**

As we gather for worship today, we acknowledge that the land on which we gather is Treaty 6 territory, the ancestral land of several Indigenous nations, and part of the homeland of the Metis. We respect the sacredness of our shared home and the ground on which we walk, and we are grateful for its stewardship through the centuries.

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SINGING THE SPIRIT (MV 2) (sing 2X)



Come all you people, come and praise your maker,
Come all you people, come and praise your maker,
Come all you people, come and praise your maker,
Come now and worship your God.

Word and music: Alexander Gondo, Zimbabwe, arr. John L. Bell

CALL TO WORSHIP & GATHERING PRAYER

HYMN - For the Beauty of the Earth (VU 226)

LIGHTING THE TRINITY CANDLES



GREETING GOD'S FAMILY



Children and youth may join Sunday School in the lower church hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY CONVERSATION

From the beginning of time, it is God's intention that we live in harmony with Earth and with one another, but our desire for status, wealth, and security sends us apart from others, and blinds us to the deep bonds that unite us.

(Silence, then a bell.)

The world often seems overwhelming. It feels we can hardly make a difference, so we seek refuge in addictions, obsessions, and distractions of every kind.

(Silence, then a bell.)

We are taught to mistrust those who are different from us, whose language we do not understand, whose religion and culture is alien

God shows us mercy and loving kindness,
For we are blessed, precious in God's sight.

Hold us together in faith, Lord,
With you our foundation, solid and strong,
Let us live in your light, tell of your love,
With hope in our hearts, singing your song!

We are God's people, a chosen people:
Called from the darkness into the light.
God shows us mercy and loving kindness,
For we are blessed, precious in God's sight.

Blessed, and precious: chosen.

REFLECTION

HYMN - Christ Has No Body Now But Yours (MV 171)

MISSION MESSAGE & OFFERING

music during the offering:

The Spirit of the Lord

John Michael Talbot

Wendy Andrews, Susan Maitland,
Simone McCosh, Anne Stephenson

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me
Because the Lord has anointed me.
He has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor
And to heal the broken-hearted,

to us. Anger and resentment are so much easier than the challenge to understand, listen, and have compassion.

(Silence, then a bell.)

We often fail to recognize how steeped we are in the ways of this world, even when those ways do not show the love God has for all of life. We hide from the harm we do when culture, education, religion, and politics push some to the bottom and let others enjoy great privilege. We lament the problems of a changing climate and unequal economy, but continue living as if nothing needs to be changed.

(Silence, then a bell.)

It is no small thing to put our trust in God. It puts us at odds with so many other voices that call to us to follow them, and it is easy to be afraid to walk what seems like such a risky pathway.

(Silence, then a bell.)

The promise of faith is that God's empowering love works in many ways in every place. May we find our way to trust in God, the source of hope for a future with full life for all. Amen.

HYMN - *There Is a Balm in Gilead* (VU 612)

WORDS FROM OUR SCRIPTURES



Early Letters

**1 Corinthians 12:12-13,
27-31a**

One body, many parts

Gospel

Luke 4:14-21

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me."

ANTHEM *We Are God's People*

John Helgen

Flute - Margo Junk

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Called from the darkness into the light.
God shows us mercy and loving kindness,
For we are blessed, precious in God's sight.

We are God's people, a chosen people:
Called from the darkness into the light.
God shows us mercy and loving kindness,
For we are blessed, precious in God's sight.

Once we were not a people,
Surrounded by darkness, longing for day.
Now we are people of God,
Whose love lights our way.

We are God's people, a chosen people:
Called from the darkness into the light.

