

Prince Edward North Pastoral Charge
Wesley United Church Friendship United Church
Mountain View Demorestville
November 1, 2009

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Gathering Hymn VU 315 Holy, Holy, Holy(1st verse)
Welcome and Announcements
The Lighting of the Christ Candle

Band A New Day
 Come Now O God of Peace (VU #34)

Call To Worship

Come, people of God, let us worship!

It is God who invites us and offers us grace and love.

Come just as you are,

Young and old, rich and poor, happy and sad, gay and straight, women and men, doubting and believing, and all the in-betweens!

Come just as you are.

It is God who invites us and offers us joy and life.

Come, people of God, let us worship!

Opening Prayer

Forgiving and all powerful God, be with us this day and every day as we face the challenges of healing a world fractured and hurting in body and spirit. Bolster our courage. Remind us that faith in your power will give us strength to overcome adversity.

Forgive our failings and misgivings. Illuminate the loving and healing example of Jesus Christ, so that we might show in word, in song, and in action the grace and power of your greatness and majesty. Amen

Prayer of Confession

Holy One, the human race does not do peace very well.

So much gets in the way – greed, fear, jealousy, the desire

for power... And in our desire to correct the balances of power, we sometimes increase conflict – person against person, our group against their group, nation against nation.

We know that is not how you want your children to live. This is not your intent for creation.

And so we open our hearts to you again, and again. We ask for your peace that passes all understanding. We ask for your strength to be gentle and the wisdom to find non-violent ways of resolving conflict in our own lives, and in our nations.

In the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, we pray.

Amen

Words of Assurance

Each day we have is a gift. Each day is an opportunity to get out of bed and try again to live out God's will on earth as it is done in Heaven.

Thanks be to God for each new day.

Caregivers In Action

Children's Time

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Choir

First Scripture Ruth 1: 1-18

Second Scripture Mark 12: 28-34

Sermon

RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE

Hymn

Come and Find The Quiet Centre (VU#374)

Offerings of Our Life's Work

"Take These Gifts"

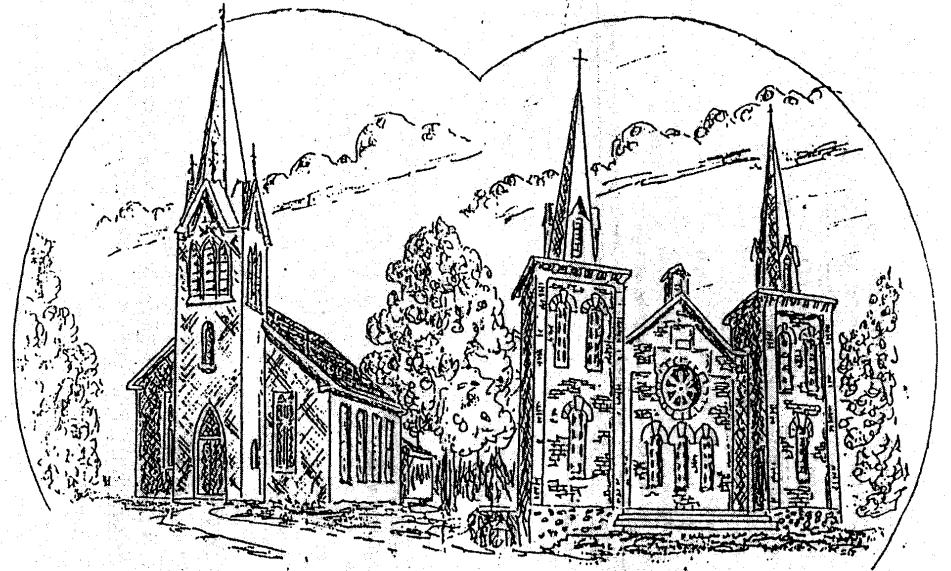
**Take these gifts and let them be
Used as blessings sent from thee
Take our lives and use us all
For your glory and your call.**

Prayers of the People & The Lord`s Prayer

Band In Christ Alone
 Deep In Our Hearts (MV#154)

Commissioning & Benediction

Choral Amen



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