

Prince Edward North Pastoral Charge  
Wesley United Church    Friendship United Church  
Mountain View            Demorestville  
September 13, 2009

### GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

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

Hymn            VU 238            How Great Thou Art

#### Call To Worship & Opening Prayer

Gathered in the Spirit of Christ we jointly offer this prayer:

**Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, O God, our rock and redeemer.**

Friends, we join together in this time and place; equal journeyers on the road of faith, and at one in our desire to be true to our calling.

**Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, O God, our rock and redeemer.**

Let us lay aside all that hinders our way forward or distracts our attention from faith's goal. Together, let us seek and find wholeness in the welcoming love of God.

**Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, O God, our rock and redeemer.**  
**Amen.**

#### Prayer of Confession

God in Jesus, in whom we see a true revelation of love, courage, and beauty;  
**in your love, may we find our own.**

Free us from the anxiety of revealing too much of ourselves to others and forgive us for the fear to express what is most valued in our own hearts.

Because of this snare, our lives are often mere shadows of what they otherwise might be;  
**in your love, may we find our own.**

God of all, we live constantly in need of your grace and encouragement. Help us not only to identify these gifts, but to embody them, so as to help others recognize their true being and calling in the service of Christ.  
**In your love, may we find our own.**

#### Words of Assurance

Sisters and brothers, hear again an enduring word of grace: In Christ, our fears have been overcome, and our self-doubt has been freed. Go and be yourself in the costly ways of love. Give your all to that which awakens your soul to life.  
**Amen!**

Hymn            VU 296            This Is God's Wondrous World  
Children's Time  
Caregivers In Action

### LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

First Scripture            Proverbs 1: 20-33

Second Scripture        Mark 8: 27-38

Sermon            "Who Do You Say That I Am?"

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE

Hymn            VU 117            Jesus Christ Is Waiting

Offering & Offering Song    "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

**Sing:** VU 161 "I Have Called You By Your Name" Verse 1  
Called by name and known by heart, we respond to you, O God,  
and the needs of the world with all the passion and hope we can  
muster. Use us well in its healing. Equip us all in the search for  
a common future.

**Sing:** VU 161 "I Have Called You By Your Name" Verse 2  
For those who suffer needlessly, in mind, body, or for  
conscience sake. For those longing for freedom and all but  
powerless to achieve it. Use us well in their liberation. Equip us  
all in the search for a common future.

**Sing:** VU 161 "I Have Called You By Your Name" Verse 3  
And for those looking for inspiration and guidance in matters of  
self-worth; may the Christian church become a reliable source  
of wisdom and an overflowing reservoir of grace. Use us well in  
this ministry of renewed life. Equip us all in the search for a  
common future.

**Sing:** VU 161 "I Have Called You By Your Name" Verse 4

Hymn      VU 686      God of Grace and God of Glory  
(Tune VU 399)

## Commissioning & Benediction

### Choral Amen

Materials for worship today come from *Seasons of  
the Spirit 2009*; scripture read from *The Message*

