

Prince Edward North Pastoral Charge  
Wesley United Church    Friendship United Church  
Mountain View            Demorestville  
September 27, 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

Band The Servant Song (We are Pilgrims) VU#595  
One More Step VU#639

#### Call To Worship

Wisdom dances in creation bringing to life a spirit-filled world.  
Wisdom ways are right and true and blessed are we who follow.  
**Come, let us seek the ways of wisdom.**

Wisdom's voice is heard in the deep simplicity of a child's  
insight, in the stir of youthful challenge, and in the certainties  
and questions of adult faith.  
**Come, let us seek the ways of wisdom.**

When wisdom takes root among us justice is found through  
peaceful means and all creation is pleased.  
**Come, let us seek the ways of wisdom  
and live in communion with God and creation.**

#### Opening Prayer

**O Divine Wisdom, Sophia of God, dance among us this day.  
Reveal to us the ways of God and gift us with courage so  
we can face each situation with confidence in your  
presence and love. Amen**

#### Prayer of Confession

**You asked for my hands, that you might use them for your  
purpose.**

**I gave them for a moment, then withdrew them for the work  
was hard.**

**You asked for my mouth, to speak out against injustice.  
I gave you a whisper, that I might not be accused.**

**You asked for my eyes, to see the pain of poverty.  
I closed them, for I did not want to see.**

**You asked for my life, that you might work through me.  
I have a small part, that I might not get too involved.**

**O God, forgive me for my calculated efforts to serve you  
only when it is convenient for me to do so,  
only in those places where it is safe to do so,  
and only with those who make it easy to do so.**

**O God, forgive me, renew me, send me out as a useable  
instrument, that I might take seriously the meaning of your  
cross.**

#### Assurance of God's Love

God the Creator brings you new life, forgives and redeems you.  
Take hold of this forgiveness, and live your life in the spirit of  
Jesus. Amen.

#### Caregivers In Action

#### Children's Time

### LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

#### Choir

First Scripture        Esther 7: 1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22 (NRSV)

Second Scripture    Mark 9:38 – 50 (NRSV)

#### Sermon

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE

Band Refiner's Fire

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 & The Lord's Prayer

Band What A Friend We Have In Jesus VU#664  
Lead Us Out

Commissioning & Benediction

Choral Amen

Materials for worship today come from *Seasons of the Spirit 2009* & *Celebrate God's Presence*; scripture read from NRSV. Thanks to the band Kairos for supplying the music today.



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