

Prince Edward North Pastoral Charge  
Friendship United Church  
February 7, 2010

**GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

Gathering Hymn VU 315 Holy, Holy, Holy

Welcome and Announcements  
Lighting of The Christ Candle

Call To Worship

As the disciples encountering Jesus were acutely aware of their priorities,

**So we come before you, God, ready to look at life differently.**

As the disciples were ready to tell their family and friends about Jesus,

**So we come before you, God, refusing to keep our faith to ourselves.**

As the disciples faithfully trusted and found their trust wonderfully rewarded,

**So we come before you, God, prepared to put our loyalty to the Christian way before all else.**

As the disciples found that responding to Jesus' call was the most challenging event of their life,

**So we come before you, God, and hear the words of Jesus, "Follow me!"**

Hymn VU 562 Jesus Calls Us  
Children's Time

Opening Prayer

You are with us as we encourage each other to risk new paths, O God.

**In the challenging times, your love is gracefully given and received.**

You confront us with unforeseen opportunities, fresh avenues of service.

**In the midst of self-doubt, and when we question our own motives, you secure us, O God.**

You challenge us with a call to faithful discipleship, O God.

**In the use of our best gifts and talents, your Realm comes closer.**

You identify with the troubled and distressed, O God.

**As we are aware of the lowly and serve the needy, we are caring for Christ.**

You are the Good News for our times, O God:

**A note of hope amid the despair, a sense of truth when it seems that nothing can be trusted. Amen.**

Prayer for Our Faith Community (Confession)

The community of faith welcomes newcomers and makes them feel at home.

**Where our welcome is half-hearted or superficial, O God, forgive us.**

**The community of faith is sensitive to the youngest, sustains in times of hectic parenthood, and is there in the challenging later years.**

**Where our care is unfeeling, or ignores the vulnerable, O God, forgive us.**

The community of faith searches out the talents of members old and new.

**Where we refuse to try out new skills, where we ignore offers to help or to take responsibility, O God, forgive us.**

The community of faith looks beyond its own fellowship to the wider church, and to the downtrodden of other nations.

**Where our service is short-sighted, and our giving limited to the needs of our own fellowship, O God, forgive us.**

The community of faith is not afraid to disclose new truth about the gospel, or listen to today's prophets.

**Where we cling to well-worn ways of interpreting scripture, and close our ears to new words of justice, mercy, and**

peace, O God, forgive us.

Words of Assurance

You are at the heart of our faith community, O God.

**You will open our eyes to realities we would rather avoid.**

You will enable us to hear the words we would rather not hear.

**You will give us the strength to follow the path which leads to new and untried ways.**

Pardon and peace do not come without struggle and reflection, but God will grant you a new heart and a new start.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Hymn VU 567 Will You Come and Follow Me

Caregivers In Action

A Minute For Black History

**LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD**

Scripture Psalm 138 VU 860

Luke 5: 1-11

Sermon

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE**

Hymn VU 563 Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

Offerings of Our Life's Work "Take These Gifts"

**Take these gifts and let them be  
Used as blessings sent from thee**

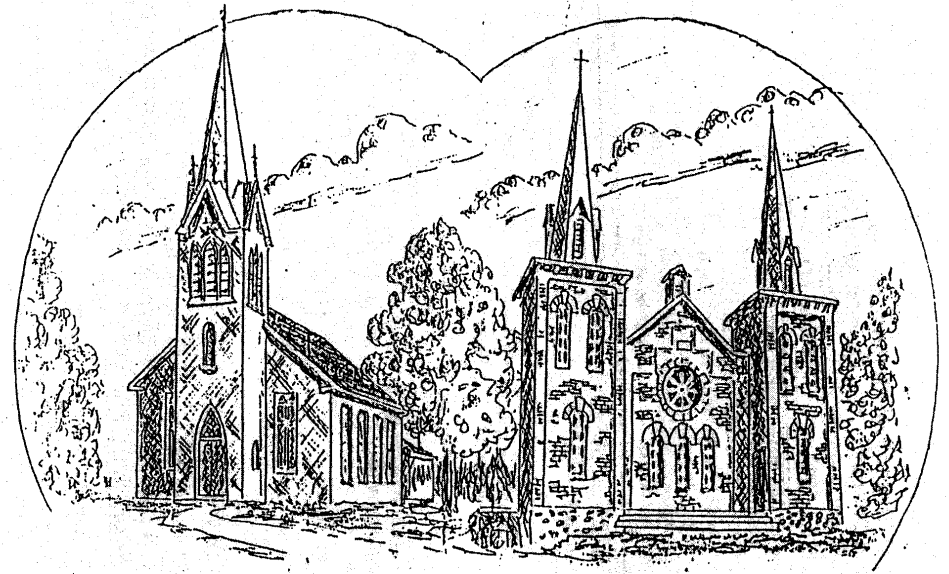
**Take our lives and use us all  
For your glory and your call.**

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Hymn VU 575 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

Commissioning & Benediction

Choral Amen



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PRINCE EDWARD NORTH PASTORAL CHARGE

*Wesley United - 9:30 am*

*Friendship United - 11:00 am*

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