## Sunday January 19, 2025 We Gather to Celebrate God's Presence

Welcome
Family Life and Work
Family Celebrations
Lighting of the Christ Candle:
Acknowledgement of the Land:

Introit: Where Two or Three Are Gathered

MV 14

Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there, I am there.

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Call to Worship:
The love of God lasts forever!
God's grace fills all creation!
We find our refuge in the shadow of God's wings.
We feast on God's steadfast love!

Opening Hymn: Come Down, O Love Divine VU 367

Come down, O love divine, seek now this soul of mine, and visit it with your own ardour glowing.
 O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear, and kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.

2 O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let your glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, my onward path illuming.

3 And so the yearning strong
with which the soul will long
shall far out pass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace,
till love creates the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes its dwelling.

## Prayer of Approach:

O God of steadfast love, at the wedding in Cana, your Son Jesus turned water into wine, delighting all who were there. Transform our hearts by your Spirit that we may use the gifts you have given us to show forth the light of your love as one people in Christ.

Hear us now as we offer the words which Jesus taught us to say,

## The Lord's Prayer (unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil
For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen

First Reading: Isaiah 62: 1-5

Children's Time:

Gospel Reading: John 2: 1-11

Gradual Hymn: My Love Colours Outside the Lines MV 138

1.

My love colours outside the lines,
Exploring paths that few could ever find;
And takes me into places where I've never been before,
And opens doors to worlds outside the lines.

2.

My Lord colours outside the lines,
Turns wounds to blessings, water into wine;
And takes me into places where I've never been before
And opens doors to worlds outside the lines.

We'll never walk on water if we're not prepared to drown,
Body and soul need a soaking from time to time.
And we'll never move the gravestones if we're not prepared to die,
And realize there are worlds outside the lines.

My soul longs to colour outside the lines,
Tear back the curtains, sun, come in and shine;
I want to walk beyond the boundaries where I've never been before,
Throw open doors to worlds outside the lines.

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We Listen

Meditation: "Taste and See"

We Respond

VU 513 vs 1

Musicial Offering: One Song

Offertory: Give to Me, Lord, a Thankful Heart

1 Give to me, Lord, a thankful heart and a discerning mind; give, as I play the Christian's part, the strength to finish what I start and act on what I find.

Offertory/Prayer of Dedication:

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession:

Closing Hymn: The Church's One Foundation VU 331 vs 1,2,5

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord; we are his new creation by water and the Word; from heaven he came and sought us that we might ever be his living servant people, by his own death set free.

- Called forth from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth; one charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth. One holy name professing and at one table fed, to one hope always pressing, by Christ's own Spirit led.
- We now on earth have union with God the Three in One, and share through faith communion with those whose rest is won. Oh, happy ones, and holy! Lord, give us grace that we like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

Benedictions and Commissioning

Choral Benediction: Go Gently, Go Lightly

Go gently, go lightly, go safe in the Spirit, live simply, don't carry much more than you need: go trusting God's goodness, go spreading God's kindness, stay centred on Jesus and where he will lead.

Go singing, go bringing
the gifts of the Spirit,
go hopefully searching
for things that are true:
in living, in loving,
whatever befalls you,
God keep you, God bless you
in all that you do.