

Our Outreach Program is need of:

Reusable bags, Gift cards, monetary or food donations.

(Please pause *egg cartons* for the time being.)

More bodies that can either help unload groceries on **Thursday mornings at 11:00 a.m.**, deliver groceries to those in need or to help sort/package food donations Saturday evenings at 6:15.

A reminder to please arrive at church “scent free”.

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*indicates those who are able to please stand

WE GATHER TOGETHER

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Though we could be resentful,

P: we come to give thanks.

L: Though we could be complaining,

P: we come to offer appreciation.

L: Though we could be upset about what we lack,

P: we come in gratitude for what we have.

L: We enter now into this time of worship

P: carrying seed to sow, singing songs of joy, rejoicing together.

CHORAL INTROIT

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What does the Lord require of you?

What does the Lord require of you?

Justice, Kindness, walk humbly with your God.

To seek justice, and love kindness,

and walk humbly with your God.

PRAYER OF APPROACH

God, the encourager, God, the compassionate, God, the merciful, holy, blessed: Disturb us. Rouse us from our sleep. Lift us into consciousness of Your presence. Change us, move us, mold us for the better; so that, at the sound of Your voice, at the call of our name, we will never be the same. May our worship do this and so much more, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

*HYMN *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* 220

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

How can we look at this world and not sing of Your praises, O God? The beauty and majesty of the world is overpowering! Yet we have a tendency to take all that You do for us for granted. We treat the world with callous indifference, using its resources carelessly and with little regard to the future. We insist on war as solutions for problems rather than peaceful striving. We turn our backs on people in need, the weak and downtrodden go unnoticed in our midst. We always believe that someone else will care for those in need. How foolish we are, O God! How ignorant we have become! You have given to us all that we need. You have blessed us with the witness of Jesus Christ, who came so that we might learn how You would have us live, in honour and peace. Forgive us. Heal our hearts and spirits. Make us fully aware of all our blessings and our responsibilities. Give us again a spirit of joy in serving You. Help us be agents of peace and hope to others. For we offer this prayer in Jesus' Name.

SILENT PRAYER ASSURANCE

ANTHEM

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE Job 41:1-6, 10-17

PSALM 34 761

*HYMN *This Is God's Wondrous World* 296

SCRIPTURE Mark 10:46-52

MESSAGE

WE RESPOND IN LOVE

*HYMN *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds* 344

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY 541

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above ye heavenly host
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky* 509

*COMMISSIONING & BENEDECTION

*CHORAL BLESSING *Go Now In Peace*

POSTLUDE

Happy Birthday to **Glenna Holmes**, who celebrates this Tuesday ☺

For the next three Sundays, the Mission Committee will be collecting “**Shoe Boxes**” from those who wish to fill a shoe box for children aged 2-4, 5-9, 10-14. Pick a gender and fill the box with age appropriate items. No toothpaste or lotions, please! A \$12 monetary donation would help with the shipping costs ☺

All boxes will be sent overseas to a Ukrainian child during the Christmas season.

Bible Study – Tuesday afternoons, 2:30 p.m., at the home of Reverend Richard and Marcia Parker.

Christmas Market – Saturday, November 9. Save the date and spread the word!

Decorating the Sanctuary for the Christmas season – Saturday, November 23, beginning at 10 a.m. All are welcome!

Naomi Bristow Christmas concert – Tuesday, November 26, 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20. Please contact John Nesbitt 905-985-5505.

We greatly appreciate helping bodies on Sunday mornings to **operate the chairlift**.

If you have **social media skills** and would like to share them to promote our church, we'd love to have your talents. Instagram, TikTok, X, Meta? Maybe you can share our activities for us!

A sign-up sheet has been posted in the kitchen for those who wish to **volunteer to bring in treats** for Sunday morning coffee time following worship. **At the end of each month we will celebrate any birthdays/special occasions with cake.**