

# COLUMBUS COMMUNITY UNITED CHURCH

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\*indicates those who are able to please stand

## WE GATHER TOGETHER

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

M: Our God has done great things for us. Sing aloud for joy.

**P: Our Lord has filled our hearts with peace. Our tongues will declare God's praise**

M: Our God has done great things for us. Call upon His name.

**P: Our lives overflow with God' goodness. Our mouths will proclaim His righteousness.**

M: Our God has done great things for us. Show forth your trust in Him.

**P: Our God has changed our lives and redeemed our souls. We will glorify Him, both now and forevermore.**

CHORAL INTROIT 400

**Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
send us love, send us power, send us grace!**

PRAYER OF APPROACH

**We praise and adore You, O God, for giving us reason to sing aloud with joy. The Psalmist wrote about a joyous future and the prophet Isaiah beseeches us not to dwell on things past, but to concentrate on the new thing that You have planned for us. A new thing greater than any could imagine, when You entered our history in the person of Jesus Christ. A costly act which transformed the future forever. As we draw nearer to the events which led up to the death**

**of Jesus, we marvel that through even that dreadful act You turn our weeping into shouts of joy and point us toward a new future through the glory of the resurrection. Accept our prayers and praises we pray, for we utter them in joyful thanksgiving for all the great things You have done for us - especially for the great gift of Jesus, our Lord and our Saviour, in whose name we pray. Amen**

\*HYMN Be Thou My Vision 642

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Forgive us, O God, when we believe that righteous behaviour is all that is needed to secure Your love for we know that we can neither earn nor deserve all that You have done for us. Help us to surrender our worldly attitudes and values so that, like Paul, we can celebrate anew lives centred in Jesus Christ. Paul acknowledges a desire to participate in the death and resurrection of Christ so that he can die and rise also. He urges others to do likewise. Forgive us, O God, when we lose sight of the goal of our lives as Christians - that of following Jesus; even when that means, and perhaps, especially when that means taking up our cross, and sharing in the suffering and struggle that Jesus shares with us.**

SILENT PRAYER ASSURANCE

ANTHEM

## WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 43:16-21

PSALM 126 850

\*HYMN Jesus Loves Even Me 225(HFG)

SCRIPTURE Philippians 3:4-14

SCRIPTURE John 12:1-8

MESSAGE WORTH A FORTUNE!!!

## WE RESPOND IN LOVE

\*HYMN No, Not One 221(HFG)

OFFERING

DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

\*HYMN Take My Life And Let It Be 506

\*COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BLESSING *Let There Be Peace on Earth* 681(HFG)

POSTLUDE

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