

**Welcome to Grace United Church  
January 14, 2017**

**Bold printed text** indicates congregational responses.

VU = Voices United Hymnbook      MV = More Voices Hymnbook

Today's Reader: Sandra Howes

Today's Ushers: Paul & Lorrie Runge

**CENTRING**

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**PRELUDE**

**SHARING COMMUNITY** *celebrations, sorrows, announcements*

**ACKNOWLEDGING TRADITIONAL TERRITORY**

**CELEBRATING OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

**HYMN**

"This is the Day"\*

VU #412

*\*Please use the hymnbook provided in the pew to join in the singing.*

*Permission to reprint is not available.*

**CENTRING WORDS**

Holy One, open us to the movement of your Spirit:

**Free our dreams; open our eyes, ears,  
minds and hearts to the glorify of life.**

Holy One, open us to the movement of your Spirit:

**Help us to grow! Open our senses!**

Holy One, open us to the movement of your Spirit:

**Open our hearts in a rebirth of wonder;  
Open our defenses and delight us in our diversities!**

Holy One, open us to the movement of your Spirit:

Open our futures and deepen our faith,  
and make us a family in your Spirit.

**We gather expecting the winds of love  
to blow through us,  
the fire of passion to burn in us!**

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**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

**TIME FOR YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART**

**HYMN**

"When Jesus Comes to Be Baptized" VU #100

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## **REFLECTING**

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**MINUTE FOR MISSION** “Family Resources Close to Home”

**SCRIPTURE** Psalm 29 VU #756  
Mark 1:4-11

**GIFT OF MUSIC** Beth Cruickshank

**SERMON** “Remembering Our Identity”

**HYMN** “I Am a Child of God” MV #157

## **SHARING**

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### **SHARING OUR GIFTS**

**SUNG RESPONSE** “For the Gift of Creation” VU #538

### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Ever-present God,

with this offering, we present also ourselves:

all that we have been, all that we are, and all that we shall  
become, and our resolve to walk in your way.

Accept our offering, we pray for Jesus’ sake. Amen.

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

## **SCATTERING**

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**HYMN** “Jesus Loves Me” VU #365

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### **BENEDICTION**

**BLESSING** “When You Walk From Here” VU #298

### **POSTLUDE**