

**Wesley United, Cambridge**

**May 27, 2018**

Theme – Who we are and where we've come from!

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\* = stand as able.

**Bold = congregational response**

Hymn Books: VU (*Voices United*); MV (*More Voices*)

GATHERING IN COMMUNITY

Gathering Music: Hymn Sing

Highlighted Announcements

OPENING TO DIVINE PRESENCE

Greeting & Lighting of Christ Candle

\*Introit "Holy, Holy, Holy" #315 VU

Centring

Question: "A strong memory I have of the United Church is..."

\*Hymn "Deep in Our Hearts" #154 MV

\*The Peace

Peace be with you.

**And also with you.**

*(Sharing signs of peace and reconciliation)*

THE BEGINNING

Children's Time: In the beginning...

The Lord's Prayer (sung) #959 VU

*(NOTE – If you wish to make this more inclusive, you may sing  
"Creator, Redeemer..." or "Our Father, Our Mother...")*

THEOLOGY

Vision – to be a uniquely Canadian Church.

A reading from Isaiah 6:1-8

~ Trevor Subhani

One: For the word of God in scripture,  
For the word of God among us,  
For the word of God within us,

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Sung Response: Holy, Holy, Holy is our God (x2)**

A practical union... the theology came later

Ministry of Music "We Are Not Alone"

~ Pepper Choplin

\*Affirmation of Faith: A New Creed p918 VU

\*Hymn "Hope Shines As the Solitary Star" #220 MV

BUILDING COMMUNITY

Story Telling

\*Hymn "Draw the Circle Wide" #145 MV

A Song of Faith (Excerpt)

A PASSION FOR JUSTICE

To seek justice

Offering

Sung Response “A Light is Gleaming” #82 VU (Refrain, vs 1, Refrain)

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

SENDING FORTH

\*Call to Ministry

**We go forth from the worship of God  
To be faithful to the vision of Jesus  
To affirm each person’s dignity  
And to cherish the living earth.**

\*Hymn “Bless Now, O God, the Journey” #633 VU

\*Benediction

\*Sung Response “Amen, Amen, Amen” #967 VU

Postlude

*Service Notes:*

*Most of the hymns in today’s service are from Canadian/United Church sources:*

- *“Deep in our hearts” (words – Rev. John Wesley Oldham; music – Ron Klusmeier)*
- *“Hope Shines as the Solitary Star” (words – Rev. Catherine Faith MacLean; music – Janet Bauman Tissandier)*
- *“Draw the Circle Wide” (Common Cup Company – an Anglican minister – Bishop Gordon Light - along with two United Church ministers...)*
- *“A Light is Gleaming” (Linnea Good)*
- *“Bless now, O God, the Journey” (words – Rev. Sylvia Dunstan)*
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*“A Song of Faith” (2006 United Church Statement of Faith) – today we hear a short excerpt from this in worship. To find the entire statement, see <http://www.united-church.ca/community-faith/welcome-united-church-canada/song-faith>*

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