

## THE COMMUNION

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(unison)*

Loving God, you graciously feed us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation and wholeness. May we who have now received and been blessed by this sacrament be strengthened in your service, that with gratitude and compassion we may share with others the blessing of your boundless love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

\***HYMN 434** “Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”  
*Tune: KINGSFOLD*

### BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

**POSTLUDE** Toccata in Seven *John Rutter*

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## WORSHIP LEADERS

**John H. Boyle** Parish Associate  
**Allyson Wolcott** Liturgist  
**The Vespers Choir**  
**Thomas E. Gouwens** Associate Organist

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**vespers**  
6:30 p.m. Sunday August 3, 2008

A LIGHT IN THE CITY  
**FOURTH**  
PRESBYTERIAN  
**CHURCH**  
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**RELUDE** Prélude Modal *Jean Langlais*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Out of the abundance of our poverty,  
God meets human need.

People: **To the poor in body and spirit  
God shows compassion.**

Leader: God calls us to use who we are and what  
we have to feed those who long to be fed.

People: **Let us worship God by caring for the creation  
and for those who hunger and thirst, that they  
may be filled.**

### INVOCATION

\***HYMN 281** “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”  
*Tune: CWM RHONDDA*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

**Eternal God, we confess that we have tried to hide from you. We have lived for ourselves and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

*\*Stand as you are able.*

## DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news!  
People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

## CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

**PSALTER** Psalm 34:1–10 (*responsively*) (page 480, O.T.)

**ANTHEM** “God of Mercy, God of Grace” *David Evans*

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Matthew 14:13–21 (page 15, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

## COMMUNION MEDITATION

by John H. Boyle  
WHEN GOD CHALLENGES US

\***HYMN 555** “Now Thank We All Our God”

*Tune: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT*

\***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*unison*)

**We are not alone, we live in God’s world.  
We believe in God: who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new, who works in us  
and others by the Spirit. We trust in God.  
We are called to be the church: to celebrate  
God’s presence, to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus,  
crucified and risen, our Judge and our Hope.  
In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us. We are not alone.  
Thanks be to God.**

*(United Church of Canada)*

## OFFERING

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** “In Christ There Is No East or West”  
*Ned Rorem*

\***DOXOLOGY** (The Hymnal, 592)

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

### INVITATION

Minister: The Lord be with you.  
People: **And also with you.**  
Minister: Lift up your hearts.  
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Minister: . . . who forever sing to the glory of your name:  
People: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**  
*(sung)* **heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One  
who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

### 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 debts, as we forgive  
our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but  
deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and  
the power and the glory forever. Amen.**