

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
VISIONS UNITED CHURCH

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EPIPHANY 2

Welcome

For the powerpoint person.... The theme here is 'imagine'

Gathering

As we gather for worship, we acknowledge that we live and work and worship on lands that are, by law, the unceded territory of the Wabanaki peoples predominantly the Mi'kmaq and the Wolastoqiyik. May we live in peace and friendship the it's peoples.

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

One: Peace we are called to live be with You!

All: And also with you!

Sharing Our WOW Moments

CALL TO WORSHIP:

God has promised a new creation.

But we live amidst the old and, everywhere, scenes of destruction fill our eyes.

God is creating that world of equity, plenty, justice, and peace right now.

Where can we glimpse it, this new realm of God?

People, take hope, it's being built around you, and seeds of it lie within you, God nurtures them to life.

We will trust in the promise and look now for its fulfillment. We will be people of hope, we will be people of joy.

Gathering Prayer

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Theme Conversation for all ages

For the Powerpoint person... Be not afraid is the theme of the theme conversation

READINGS

FIRST TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 65:17–25

God shall create joy and delight; the wolf and the lamb together.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 21:5–19

Persecution in the days to come; trust God!

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

MESSAGE: Brave New World:

Song: VU 578 – As a Fire is Meant for Burning

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Our Community Prays

An Offering of All Gifts

Prayer of Dedication

Help us to be hopeful and attuned to your presence and working, O God. Then may these and all our gifts, given for your vision of a just and peaceable creation, be used well. Let them bring your realm to flower here among us and in all places, to the glory of your name. With the mind and Spirit of the Christ you send, we pray. Amen.

Song: VU 884 - You Shall Go Out with Joy

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Blessing: