

## Worship Planner for 152<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Sunday, May 4, 2025

### Musical Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

### Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge with gratitude and respect  
that we are gathering on the traditional territory  
of the Saugeen First Nation.  
Treaty forty-five and a half of 1836 covers this area.

### Lighting the Christ Candle

### Responsive Call to Worship

One: Come together everyone and bring your stories,  
sing your songs and share in the spirit.

**All: This is a day of celebration and thanksgiving to God  
for 152 years of faithfulness to this congregation.  
Here many have come to worship and witness to their faith in Christ.**

One: Today is a day to join with others in faith and fellowship  
as we look toward the future into which God is calling us.

**All: This is yet another day which the Lord has made;  
a day to rejoice and be glad.**

### Opening Hymn #436: God, we praise you for the morning

### Prayer of Approach and Lord's Prayer

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 and ever. Amen.

### Responsive Assurance of Pardon

One: Through the prophet Jeremiah,  
God spoke these words  
to the Hebrew exiles in Babylon;  
"For I know the plans I have for you;  
plans to give you hope and a future.

**All: Thanks be to God for the fellowship  
of believers and the promise  
of a hope-filled future built on  
the gifts of forgiveness and faith.**

## Music Ministry

Hymn #384: O breath of life, come sweeping o'er us

## Family Focus

## Prayer for Illumination

### Scriptures:

#### Responsive Psalm 145

I will exalt you, my God the King;

I will praise your name for ever and ever.

Every day I will praise you

and extol your name for ever and ever.

Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;

his greatness no one can fathom.

One generation commends your works to another;

they tell of your mighty acts.

They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty—

and I will meditate on your wonderful works.

They tell of the power of your awesome works—

and I will proclaim your great deeds.

They celebrate your abundant goodness

and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

The Lord is gracious and compassionate,

slow to anger and rich in love.

The Lord is good to all;

he has compassion on all he has made.

All your works praise you, Lord;

your faithful people extol you.

They tell of the glory of your kingdom

and speak of your might,

so that all people may know of your mighty acts

and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,

and your dominion endures through all generations.

The Lord is trustworthy in all he promises

and faithful in all he does.

The Lord upholds all who fall

and lifts up all who are bowed down.

The eyes of all look to you,

and you give them their food at the proper time.

You open your hand

and satisfy the desires of every living thing.

**The Lord is righteous in all his ways  
and faithful in all he does.**

The Lord is near to all who call on him,  
to all who call on him in truth.

He fulfills the desires of those who fear him;  
he hears their cry and saves them.

The Lord watches over all who love him,  
but all the wicked he will destroy.

**My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord.**

**Let every creature praise his holy name  
for ever and ever.**

### **Matthew 7:24-29 The Wise and Foolish Builders**

“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.” When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.

### **1 Peter 2:4-10 The Living Stone and a Chosen People**

As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him— you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For in Scripture it says: “See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.” Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, “The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” and, “A stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for. But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon: FAITH, FELLOWSHIP, FUTURE**

**Hymn: Deep in our Hearts (From ‘More Voices’ #154)**

**Invitation to the Offering**

Doxology #661

We give thee but thine own,  
whate'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is thine alone, a trust,  
O Lord, from thee.

Prayer of Dedication

Mission Moment

Prayers of the People

Closing Hymn #330: O God, our help in ages past

Benediction

Benediction Song

Musical Postlude