

# Third Sunday After Epiphany

January 23, 2022

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE LIVE AND WORSHIP ON THE UNCEDED TRADITIONAL TERRITORY OF THE KWIKWETLEM FIRST NATION, WHICH LIES WITHIN THE SHARED TERRITORIES OF THE TSLEIL-WAUTUTH, KATZIE, MUSQUEAM, SQUAMISH AND STOL:LO NATIONS. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE CARED FOR THIS LAND SINCE TIME IMMEMORIAL AS WE SEEK TO JOURNEY TOWARDS A MEANINGFUL RECONCILIATION.

## Gathering

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God*

### Welcome & Announcements

### Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
who creates us,  
redeems us,  
and calls us by name.

C: **Amen.**

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we have sinned against you  
and your beloved children.**

**We have turned our faces away from your glory  
when it did not appear as we expected.**

**We have rejected your word  
when it made us confront ourselves.**

**We have failed to show hospitality  
to those you called us to welcome.**

**Accept our repentance for the things we have done  
and the things we have left undone.**

**For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe  
in the glory of your Son born among us,  
and reflect your love for all creation.**

**Amen.**

L: Rejoice in this good news:

In ✝ Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.  
God's abundant graces washes you clean  
to live as freed and forgiven children of God.

C: **Amen.**

### Gathering Hymn WOV # 748 Bind Us Together

**Refrain:** Bind us together, Lord,  
bind us together with cords

that cannot be broken.  
 Bind us together, Lord,  
 bind us together Lord;  
 bind us together in love.

There is only one God.  
 There is only one King.  
 There is only one Body;  
 that is why we can sing: **Refrain**

You are the fam'ly of God.  
 You are the promise divine.  
 You are God's chosen desire,  
 You are the glorious new wine. **Refrain**

**Greeting**

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the light of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

**Kyrie**

8)    
 Lord, have mer - cy, mer-cy on\_ me. Shape my life as it\_ should, be.

9)    
 Lord, have mer - cy, mer-cy on\_ me... Christ, have mer - cy,

14)    
 mer-cy on\_ me, Grow my faith and set\_ me\_ free, Build my hope and

18)    
 pour\_ Your\_ love on me\_ Rain your Spi - rit

22)    
 down. on\_ me, Hope for all e - ter\_ ni\_ ty, Grace and love for -

26)    
 e\_ ver\_ set me free\_ Lord, have mer - cy,

6) mer-cy on\_ me, Christ, have mer - cy, mer-cy on\_ me, Lord, have mer - cy

34 mer - cy on\_ me... **3**

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**Gloria**

Glo-ry to God\_, Glo-ry to God\_, Glo-ry to God\_ on

8 high! Glo-ry to God\_ and hope for all peo - ple on earth\_ Glo-ry to God ,

14 Glo-ry to God\_, Glo-ry to God\_ on high! Glo-ry to God\_ and peace to all peo - ple on

19 earth. Your grace sanc - ti - fies us, Your love calls us

24 in, Your word and Your Spi - rit\_ trans - form\_ Glo-ry to God ,

30 Glo-ry to God\_, Glo-ry to God\_ on high! Glo-ry to God\_ and hope for all peo - ple on

earth.

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- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: **And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

### Word

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song*

### Children's Time

#### First Reading **Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10**

*The exiles have returned and rebuilt Jerusalem. Now Ezra, the priest, reads the law of Moses to them in the public square. When they hear it, they weep for their sins and for the long years in exile, but Ezra reminds them that "the joy of the Lord is your strength."*

All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

P: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

#### Psalm 19 (Refrain - # 210 Blessed Be God, the Source of All Life)

Refrain:

Bless-ed be God, the source of all life, the word of sal -  
va - tion, the spir - it of mer - cy.

L: The heavens are telling the glory of God;  
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.  
Day to day pours forth speech,  
and night to night declares knowledge.  
There is no speech, nor are there words;  
their voice is not heard;  
yet their voice goes out through all the earth,  
and their words to the end of the world.

C: **Refrain**

L: In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,  
which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,  
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.  
Its rising is from the end of the heavens,  
and its circuit to the end of them;  
and nothing is hid from its heat.

**C: Refrain**

L: The law of the LORD is perfect,  
reviving the soul;  
the decrees of the LORD are sure,  
making wise the simple;  
the precepts of the LORD are right,  
rejoicing the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is clear,  
enlightening the eyes;  
the fear of the LORD is pure,  
enduring forever;  
the ordinances of the LORD are true  
and righteous altogether.  
More to be desired are they than gold,  
even much fine gold;  
sweeter also than honey,  
and drippings of the honeycomb.

**C: Refrain**

L: Moreover by them is your servant warned;  
in keeping them there is great reward.  
But who can detect their errors?  
Clear me from hidden faults.  
Keep back your servant also from the insolent;  
do not let them have dominion over me.

**C: Refrain**

L: Then I shall be blameless,  
and innocent of great transgression.  
Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable to you,  
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

**C: Refrain**

### **Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a**

*The apostle and pastor Paul uses the metaphor of the human body to describe how intimately connected we are in the church. For this struggling congregation in Corinth, Paul delivers a vital message of unity that is a mark of the church today.*

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say,

“Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation:**

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L: The holy Gospel according to John, the second chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel Reading: Luke 4:14-21**

*Near the beginning of Jesus’ public ministry, he visits his hometown of Nazareth. In the words of Isaiah, he states and claims his identity, purpose, and mission.*

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free,

to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

**P:** The gospel of the Lord.

**C:** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

### **Hymn of the Day    Flowers Will Bloom in the Desert**

Flowers will bloom in the desert,  
and enemies learn to be friends.  
God's world will be filled with God's being,  
will welcome the One that God sends.

**Refrain:** Flowers will bloom in the desert,  
              captives walk free.  
              These promises, God, you have given,  
              your people have nurtured this dream.

The hungry will feed at the banquet,  
the blinded be able to see.  
All captives will walk out of prisons,  
surprised at their call to be free. **Refrain**

The poor will know good news is spoken,  
their value affirmed by their God.  
The crippled will dance with God's praises  
and lilies shall burst from dead sod. **Refrain**

These promises, God, you have given,  
your people have nurtured this dream.  
In Jesus you call us to action,  
you hold us in highest esteem. **Refrain**

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## **Apostles Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
              creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
              who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
              born of the virgin Mary,  
              suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
              was crucified, died, and was buried;  
              he descended to the dead.  
              On the third day he rose again;  
              he ascended into heaven,  
              he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
              and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
              the holy catholic church,  
              the communion of saints,  
              the forgiveness of sins,**

the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen

### Prayers of the People

After each petition, the Pastor will say "God of Infinite Grace" and the congregation will respond, "**Hear our prayer**".

### Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

All greet one another with a gesture of peace.

## Response

*We respond to God's grace with expressions of generosity and thanksgiving*

### Offering Prayer

P: Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God,  
Sovereign of the universe.  
You offer us new beginnings  
and guide us on our journey.  
Accept the gifts we offer  
from our stores of treasure  
and use them to bless all  
who live in fear and want.  
in the name of Christ our light.

C: Amen

### The Lord's Prayer

Our Fa-ther in hea-ven Ho-ly is Your name. Help us move our  
king-doms, so that Your king-dom reigns. Your will be done here, on earth as is in  
heav'n. Help sup-ply us dai-ly, with thanks for what is giv'n. Please for-give our  
sins as we for-give those done to us, and lead us from temp-tation, from ev'-ry e-vil

keep us. For Yours is the king-dom, Lord, help us to see, Your po - wer and Your  
 34 glo - ry, for - e - ver let it be. A - - - - - men - - - - -

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**Sending**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world*

**Benediction**

And now it's time to go, but there's one thing we  
 know\_ God's love and hope are with us when we part\_  
 And so, to you my friends, un - til we meet a -  
 gain, may Je - sus keep you trea - sured in His heart\_

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**Sending Hymn # 715 Christ, Be Our Light**

Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
 Make us your own, your holy people,  
 light for the world to see.

**Refrain:** Christ, be our light!  
 Shine in our hearts.  
 Shine through the darkness.  
 Christ, be our light!  
 Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
 Longing for hope, many despair.  
 Your word alone has pow'r to save us.  
 Make us your living voice. **Refrain**

Longing for food, many are hungry.  
 Longing for water, many still thirst.  
 Make us your bread, broken for others,  
 shared until all are fed. **Refrain**

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
walls made of living stone. **Refrain**

Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
signs of your kingdom come. **Refrain**

### Dismissal

P: Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### Baptism Celebration Recessional Song # 212 We Belong to Christ



We be - long to Christ, in whom we have been bap - tized.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 23, 2022

*(To open hyperlinks, try right-clicking your mouse while on the link and select Open Hyperlink or Control-Click)*

**Flowers:** The flowers on the altar are placed in praise to God the Spirit, for in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free.

**Annual Congregational Meeting:** Our congregation's AGM takes place next Sunday, **January 30<sup>th</sup>** at 2 pm over Zoom. Links will be distributed soon by email. Contact the office if you did not receive that link.

**Call for Nominations to National Church Council and Court of Appeal:** The ELCIC Committee on Nominations has sent out a call for nominations for vacant positions to be filled in the National Church Council and Court of Appeals. Elections will take place at the upcoming National Convention on July 12-15 in Calgary, Alberta. To read the full information and to complete an online form, please [click here](#).

**2023 Multifaith Calendar:** Each year, the Multifaith Action Society invites artists to submit works of art for publication in their Multifaith Calendar. The theme for 2023's calendar is *Building Our Future Together* and the deadline for submissions is **January 31**, which is fast approaching. See the poster on page 15 for additional information, and even more can be found [here](#).

**Extreme Weather Response Shelter volunteers:** Details on how volunteers can help with the City's Extreme Weather Response Shelter are being worked out. Stayed posted for further details.

**FOUR GOSPELS MANY RESURRECTIONS: INVITATIONS TO EASTER - Presentations lead by Dr. Harry Maier:** Dr. Harry Maier's second Zoom lecture in the *Four Gospels Many Resurrections: Invitations to Easter* series begins this **Tuesday, January 23<sup>th</sup>** from 7 to 8:30 pm. Please click [here](#) for more information and to register.

**Living our Faith:** Following National Bishop Susan Johnson's suggestion to emphasis worship this year as we journey on with **Living our Faith** - as together we **pray, read, worship and love** ([www.elcic.ca/LivingOurFaith](http://www.elcic.ca/LivingOurFaith)), Would **you** be willing to share with us a tip, suggestion, or inspiration on how you make worship a daily practice, how you fit devotions into your life and/or how you actively seek to deepen your devotional practice? We are looking for just a sentence or two (40-60 words) and we welcome resource suggestions as well. [To share your thoughts and ideas now, please fill out this quick and easy form.](#)

See the latest of these bi-weekly suggestions/inspirations on page 14, this one by Rev. Kate Zaiser.

### **CREATION CARE:**

- **Climate Crisis Needs Reset of Global Economic Model:** (LWI) - The climate crisis requires an urgent "system reset" of the world's current development model "founded upon fossil fuel-driven economic growth." That is the message to heads of the G20 nations from leaders of the [Lutheran World Federation](#), the [World Council of Churches](#), the [World Communion of Reformed Churches](#), the [World Methodist Council](#) and the [Council for World Mission](#). They stress that "these changes must happen within a rapidly closing window of opportunity." To read the full article, please [click here](#).
- **Invitation to join CJAG:** The BC Synod Climate Justice Action Group invites you to join them as plan strategies to reduce our carbon footprint through travel, achieve zero waste whenever we gather or have conventions throughout the Synod, and to assist all parts of the BC Synod to eliminate single use plastics in our ministries. Contact GSLC member Louis Giguere If you are interested in more information, or would like to join our group <[louislouisgiguere@gmail.com](mailto:louislouisgiguere@gmail.com)>
- **The Story of Plastic:** The documentary *The Story of Plastic* is now available for viewing at the following [link](#) .

#### **RECONCILING RELATIONSHIPS:**

- **ELCIC Taskforce on Ableism Survey**: You are invited to participate in a survey for gathering stories and experiences of disabled/different-abled people in the church. If you would like to share your story or your experience from the perspective of a disabled/different-abled person or a care-giver of a disabled/different-abled person, please complete the survey by February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.
- **Church of Sweden Apologizes for Abuse of the Sámi People**: The Church of Sweden (CoS) delivered a public apology on November 24 for its role in "legitimized repression" and centuries of "mistreatment and complacency" toward the Sámi People. The apology to leaders of regional Indigenous groups took place in the Cathedral of Uppsala, at a special service of worship of the General Synod. To view full article [click here](#).

#### **SOCIAL JUSTICE RESOURCES:**

- **KAIROS has launched the *Women of Courage* podcast**: It shares stories of courage from women grassroots peacebuilders, women human rights defenders, allies and key actors in the pursuit of inclusivity, democratic development, peace and respect for human rights and the environment. To learn more, please [click here](#).

#### **REGENT COLLEGE SPRING AND SUMMER PROGRAM OFFERINGS:**

- **RC's Spring and Summer courses** have now been published. Registration opens on February 16<sup>th</sup>. Click [here](#) for course details.

#### **PACIFIC JUBILEE OFFERINGS**

- **Touched by Words: the Companionship of Poets**: Tim Scorer will be leading a series of five 150-minute reflective and affirming Zoom sessions on Tuesday evenings @ 6 pm beginning March 8<sup>th</sup>, where the work of fine poets will act as guides in our consideration of many things that are on our hearts and minds these days. A variety of poems for discussion, organized around five themes, will be sent out to registrants in advance of each session. To learn more and to register [click here](#).

**This Week At Church (Note 1)**

This Sunday.... Bible Study at 9 am  
Worship Service live-streamed at 10:30 am with registered attendees –  
*Third Sunday After Epiphany* (View [here](#) for GSLC’s YouTube Channel)  
Online Sunday School at 1:30 pm

Wednesday.... Prayer Group at 1 pm ([Click here](#))

Thursday..... Happy Hour at 4 pm ([Click here](#))

Saturday..... ignYte in-person at Rocky Point at 2 pm

Next Sunday... Bible study at 9 am  
Worship Service live-streamed at 10:30 with registered attendees –  
*Fourth Sunday After Epiphany* (View [here](#) for GSLC’s YouTube Channel)  
Annual Congregational Meeting at 2 pm

Note 1: Most events are pre-recorded or ZOOM events. Links to these events will be sent out weekly. Contact the office if you do not receive these email links.

**Last Week at Church**

Financial information from January 16, 2022

Total Offering	\$	3,560.00
- General Offering	\$	3,420.00
- Designated Gifts	\$	140.00

**Living Our Faith series focus on WORSHIP** Another suggestion for deepening our worship experience when the community gathers, and to deepen our individual practice of daily devotion is...

Living our **FAITH**  
PRAY READ WORSHIP LOVE

I am better off avoiding devotionals with dates attached to them because if I miss a day (or two or three) I feel like I have to catch up.

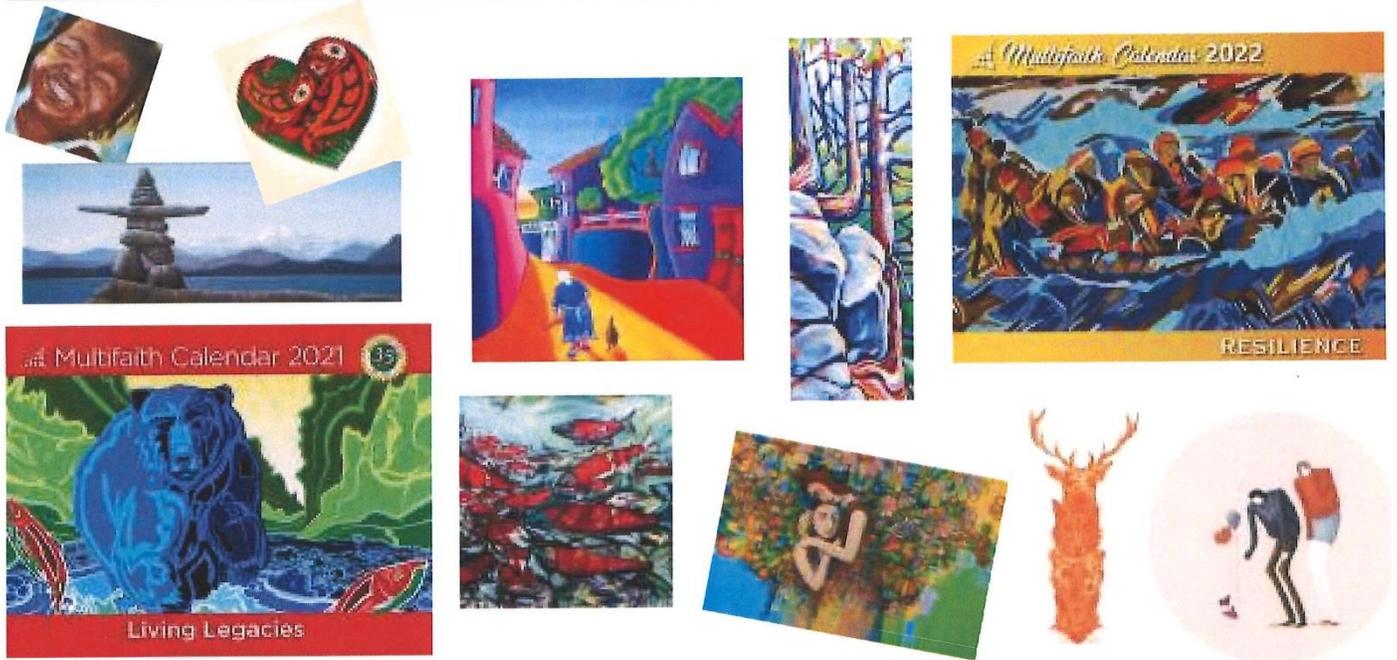


When my devotional practice is centred around a weekly psalm, reading, or prayer, I can forgive myself for missing yesterday and be fully present in my devotional practice today.

*- Rev. Kate Zaiser*



# An Open Invitation to *Submit Your Art* for the **2023 Multifaith Calendar**



## ARTISTS' CALL for SUBMISSIONS



### 2023 Multifaith Calendar *Building our Future Together*

Each year, the Multifaith Action Society invites artists to submit works of art for consideration in its upcoming **Multifaith Calendar**.

The theme for our **2023** edition is: ***Building our Future Together***

While the last few years have been challenging on many fronts, we have persevered. We have pulled back and conserved our energies, as needed, and have tapped into more inner strength than likely any of us knew we had. Our struggles have not been easy, but we have deepened our resolve and grown immeasurably in spite of – indeed, because of – them.

Yet now it is time for us to regroup and work towards building our future together. To meet the neighbours we have never visited before and to join forces with friends, newcomers, and former enemies. Our collective needs are vast, but working in concert, we can surely meet them. And when trouble arises and we begin to lose hope, we can take a step back and trust that others will soon pick up the slack. For there is no need for fear or overwhelm when you know you are just one part of a cohesive, loving community.

***Building our Future Together...*** Please submit (up to 5) works of art in any medium that exemplifies our theme. We would like to include many different interpretations of this topic, which together will create a beautiful and visually cohesive Calendar. We encourage all artists to submit images, including artists who have had their work showcased in the past.

#### ***How We Pay Artists***

Selected artists will be offered an honorarium of **\$250** for a month *Calendar* image, **\$500** for the cover image and **\$100** for smaller inset images placed throughout the *Calendar*. In addition, artists will receive a set of complimentary *Multifaith Calendars*.

#### ***How To Submit Entries***

Submit (up to 5) digital images in low resolution (72 dpi) to: [artsubmissions@multifaithaction.org](mailto:artsubmissions@multifaithaction.org)

Should your piece be chosen, we will request a hi-resolution file (i.e. 9" x 9" @ 400 dpi—JPEG or TIFF).

**Deadline for submission: 31 January 2022**

***Further information...*** can be found on the *MFC* website: [www.multifaithcalendar.org/Info-for-Artists](http://www.multifaithcalendar.org/Info-for-Artists) or via e.mail: [artsubmissions@multifaithaction.org](mailto:artsubmissions@multifaithaction.org)

# Welcome to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

We welcome you to worship today. It is our prayer that you sense the joy that is present in Jesus Christ. God loves and values each of you without conditions attached. We bring our joys and needs before God, trusting in God's presence.

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10:00 – 2:00	10:00 – 2:00	10:00 – 2:00	10:00 – 2:00	10:00 – 2:00

*We always recommend phoning before stopping by.*



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