



**Salisbury United Church**  
**January 19, 2025**  
**Second Sunday After Epiphany**  
**Welcome to Worship!**



**Welcome & Announcements**

**Acknowledgement of Territory**

**Hymn Medley:**

Jesus Calls Us; #562VU, vv. 1-3

Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult  
of our life's wild restless sea,  
day by day his clear voice sounding,  
saying "Christian, follow me."

Long ago apostles heard it  
by the Galilean lake,  
turned from home and toil and kindred,  
leaving all for Jesus' sake.

Jesus calls us from the worship  
of the vain world's golden store,  
from each idol that would keep us,  
saying, "Christian, love me more."



In Loving Partnership We Come; #603VU, vv. 1-3

In loving partnership we come,  
seeking, O God, your will to do.  
Our prayers and actions now receive;  
we freely offer them to you.

We are the hands and feet of Christ,  
serving by grace each other's need.  
We dare to risk and sacrifice  
with truthful word and faithful deed.

Loving community we seek;  
your hope and strength within us move.  
The poor and rich, the strong and weak  
are brought together in your love.

Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet; #245VU

Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet,  
praise the Lord with the harp and lute,  
praise the Lord with the gentle-sounding flute.  
Praise the Lord in the field and forest,  
praise the Lord in the city square,  
praise the Lord anytime and anywhere.  
Praise the Lord in the wind and sunshine,  
praise the Lord in the dark of night,  
praise the Lord in the rain or snow or in the morning light.  
Praise the Lord in the deepest valley,  
praise the Lord on the highest hill,  
praise the Lord, never let your voice be still.

Praise the Lord with the crashing cymbal,  
praise the Lord with the pipe and string,  
praise the Lord with the joyful songs you sing.  
Praise the Lord on a weekday morning,  
praise the Lord on a Sunday noon,  
praise the Lord by the light of sun or moon.  
Praise the Lord in the time of sorrow,  
praise the Lord in the time of joy,  
praise the Lord every moment,  
nothing let your praise destroy.  
Praise the Lord in the peace and quiet,  
praise the Lord in your work or play,  
praise the Lord everywhere in every way!

**Call To Prayer:** *(remain standing)*

Your steadfast love, O God, extends to the heavens.

**Your faithfulness has no limits at all.**

Your righteousness towers like the mountains.

**Your justice is as deep as the sea.**

How precious is your steadfast love, O God.

**All people take shelter in the shadow of your wings.**

In you is the fountain of life.

**In your light we see light.**

Let us worship God.



(Source: Written by David Sparks; Worship for All Seasons  
II, Year C, pg. 82. Used with permission)

**Welcoming Each Other In:**

*(We greet each other with open hands of hospitality before sitting down)*

## Welcoming the Light of Christ:

Let us proclaim the welcoming presence of the light of Christ together:

**The light of Christ is with us,  
between us and all around us.  
Thanks be to God.**



*(The Christ Candle is lit)*

## A Pause to Rest in Peace: *(A time of silence)*

May the peace of Christ be with you all!  
**And also with you!**



## Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer:

Spirit of God, we acknowledge your presence as we acknowledge the air we breath. You are seated here in each of us; you surround us completely and we cannot escape your presence. Yet, sometimes we forget that you are here; we give in to the world's despair. Help us to find you and to remember you in all the activities of our lives. Help us to remember your presence in us, and to be your presence in the world. This we pray as we say, ...

**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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever, amen.**



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## Hymn: Jesus, Teacher, Brave & Bold; #605VU

Jesus, teacher, brave and bold, let us serve you, young and old.  
Let us faith-filled workers be, all around, your wisdom see.  
Let us play and dance and sing, your goodness find in everything.

Jesus, friend, so strong and true, show us good, brave work to do.  
Show us those who need a friend, all things broken help us mend.  
Free our minds and stretch our care, teach us to serve you everywhere.

## Discovery Time:

### Hymn: Jesus, Come to Our Hearts; #324VU, vv. 1-3

Jesus, come to our hearts like falling rain;  
Come to refresh, come to renew, wash all our sins away.

Spirit, come to our hearts like rushing wind;  
come with your fire, come with your life, blow all our doubts away.

Come, God, come to our hearts like shining sun;  
Come to reveal, lighten your Word, drive all our gloom away.

### Scripture Reading: John 2:1-11 (The Voice)

### Salisbury Singers: My Love Colours Outside the Lines; #138MV

*We'll never walk on water if we're not prepared to drown,  
body and soul need a soaking from time to time.  
And we'll never move the gravestones if we're not prepared to die,  
and realize there are worlds outside the lines.*

### Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 (Read Responsively)

<sup>1-3</sup> What I want to talk about now is the various ways God's Spirit gets worked into our lives. This is complex and often misunderstood, but I want you to be informed and knowledgeable.

**Remember how you were when you didn't know God, led from one phony thing to another, never knowing what you were doing, just doing it because everybody else did it?**

It's different in this life.

**God wants us to use our intelligence, to seek to understand as well as we can.**

For instance, you know perfectly well that the Spirit of God would never prompt anyone to say "May Jesus be cursed!"

**Nor would anyone on their own be inclined to proclaim "Jesus is Lord!", without the gift of insight from the Holy Spirit.**

<sup>4-11</sup> God's gifts are many and they are handed out everywhere, but they all originate in the one Spirit.

**God's various ministries are carried out everywhere; but they all originate in the one Spirit.**

God's various expressions of power and good are in action everywhere; but the Spirit is behind it all.

**Each person is given something to do that shows who God is:**

Everyone gets in on it for the sake of the entire community and everyone benefits.

**All kinds of spiritual qualities are handed out by the Spirit and to all kinds of people!**

The variety in the community of faith is wonderful!

**There is wise counsel, spiritual knowledge, simple faith, and spiritual healing.**

There are miracles, prophetic preaching, discernment of spirits, speaking heavenly languages, and interpretation.

**All these are gifts and all have their origin in the Spirit of God who hands them out one by one as generously as the Spirit wills.**

**Sermon:** Changed from Water into Wine

**Hymn:** He Turned the Water Into Wine (*Johnny Cash, adapted*)

My Lord turned water into wine,  
My Lord turned water into wine,  
In the little Cana town  
the word went all around,  
My Lord changed water into wine.

My Lord he walked upon the Sea,  
My Lord he walked upon the Sea,  
He shouted far and wide  
and calmed the raging tide,  
My Lord he walked upon the Sea.

My Lord he fed the multitudes,  
My Lord he fed the multitudes,  
With a little fish and bread,  
everyone was fed,  
My Lord he fed the multitudes.

My Lord he preached a word of love,  
My Lord he preached a word of love,  
He rose up from the grave  
for sinner, saint and slave,  
My Lord he preached a word of love.

My Lord changed water into wine,  
My Lord changed water into wine,  
He opened up the feast,  
saved the best for the very least.  
My Lord changed water into wine.

My Lord changed water into wine,  
My Lord changed water into wine.



**Acknowledgement of Offering:**

Light of the world, light of our hearts, light of the universe, light deep within; we share what we can in support of this church and for the work of your coming community throughout the world. May we, as givers, be blessed. May our gifts be a blessing. Through the power of your Holy Spirit and in your name we pray. Amen.



*(Source: Written by Kate Crawford; Worship for All Seasons II, Year C, pg. 85. Used with permission)*

**Prayers for the Journey:**

*(from prayers for Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 15th each year)*

God of dreams and dreamers: in dreams you brought good news to Mary and to Joseph, and warned the Magi of danger. In Jesus, you have given us a dream.

We have a dream, O Lord.

**We have a dream.**

We have a dream that one day all people will rise up and come to see that they are created to live together as sisters and brothers and cousins in human community.

We have a dream that one day every person in this and every country will be judged by their character rather than their skin colour, and that every person will respect the dignity and worth of the other.

We have a dream, O Lord.

**We have a dream.**

We have a dream that the economy of our country will be revitalized, with justice, that empty stomachs will be filled, and that human community will be more than a few words at the end of a prayer, but rather the first order of business on every agenda.

We have a dream that one day “justice [will] roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.” (Amos 5:24)

We have a dream, O Lord.

**We have a dream.**

We have a dream that one day all those who fill elected office in this and every country will do so with justice, will love kindness, and will seek to walk humbly with their God. (Micah 6:8)

We have a dream that one day war will come to an end, that people will “beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; [that] nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they study war any more.” (Isaiah 2:4)

We have a dream, O Lord.  
**We have a dream.**

We have a dream that one day “the wolf shall live with the lamb” (Isaiah 11:6), and that none shall be afraid. That those we love and those we have not yet met will dwell in safety and love.

*(prayers in silence)*

God of dreams and dreamers: send your Spirit upon us so that, one day, our dreams may come to fruition and the whole earth will know your glory. For on that day “every valley shall be lifted up, every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all the people shall see it together.” (Isaiah 40:4-5) It will be a glorious day, the morning stars will sing together, and all the people will shout for joy. (Job 38:7)

We have a dream, O Lord.  
**We have a dream.**

Let it be so, O God. Let it be so.  
Amen and Amen.

*(inspired by Martin Luther King Jr.'s speech  
“I Have a Dream,” Washington, D.C., 1963)*



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### Saying Goodbye to The Light of Christ:

The Christ light can never really be put out.  
**Even when we blow it out, it simply changes form.  
And becomes like smoke, drifting as a blessing  
toward all the four directions of the world.**

*(The light is extinguished)*



### Hymn: I'm Gonna Live so God Can Use Me; #575VU

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord anytime!  
I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

### Blessing:

You are sent to show love to the world and the Spirit is with you.  
Do not be afraid. Remember, our Lord changes water into wine.  
May the courage and power of God in Christ be with you now and always.

### Sung Blessing: May the Love of the Lord; #218MV

*May the love of our God, rest upon your soul,  
May God's love dwell in you throughout every day.*

*Amen, Amen, Amen Amen, Amen, Amen.  
Amen, Amen, Amen Amen, Amen, Amen.*



### Postlude

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TruEarth is a Canadian company which sells environmentally friendly cleaning products for your laundry, kitchen, and bathroom. To place an order, please go to our [unique fundraising link](#) and place your order by January 20<sup>th</sup>.



## MEDITATION CIRCLE - WEDNESDAYS @ 10am

Please join us in-person each Wednesday at 10am in the Church's Meditation Room.



## LOOKING FOR HELP SUNDAY MORNINGS

If you're able to help Sundays at 10:00am, to set up a few tables & chairs in the auditorium, it would be greatly appreciated.

## STRATHCONA COUNTY FOOD BANK DONATIONS



Please continue to bring non-perishable items for the Strathcona Food Bank. There is a yellow bin in the Narthex for donations along with a list of most-needed items.



### Finance Corner

Update for December 2024

	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>
Income:	\$ 305,006.51	\$ 217,396.00
Expense:	\$ 259,071.53	\$ 248,687.66
	\$ 45,934.98	(\$31,291.66)

We finished the year strong and well ahead of budget, with income higher by \$87,610, even with expenses \$10,383 more than budgeted.

Net income was \$45,934 better than planned, a difference of +\$77,226.

Compared to income of \$281,646 in 2023– we saw an increase of \$23,359 this past year, thanks in part to an increase in special donations. Meanwhile, expenses decreased from \$261,330 in 2023 to \$259,071 in 2024, a difference of about \$2,260. Net income increased from \$20,315 in 2023 to \$45,934 in 2024, a difference of +\$25,619.

Remember, if you donate through PAR (pre-authorized remittance), please review your monthly contributions for the new year to ensure we keep ahead of inflation and upcoming Property expenses.

Contact the church office with any revisions.

**As we begin a new year in the life of Salisbury United Church, thank you for your continued financial support.**

If you need any help with giving envelopes – new supply, pick-up, etc. – or other giving options (monthly giving through PAR, e-transfer or donating online through Canada Helps on the Salisbury Website), please contact: Brittany at the Church Office.

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