



Tecumseh United Church  
~ An Affirming Congregation ~  
Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019 - 10 a.m.  
We are a fragrance-free environment. We acknowledge that the land  
on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Attawandaron,  
Anishinaabe & Haudenosaunee peoples.

\* - Please stand as you are able

*We Gather in God's Love*

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle:

This candle, a source reaching back  
into the technology of antiquity.

**Our faith, reaching back into the stories of antiquity.**

This candle, dormant until we empower it.

**Our faith, dormant until we empower it.**

As we ignite this candle

**Let us ignite our faith.**

And so, as the light of this candle

spreads throughout its surroundings,

**may we spread the light of our faith**

**throughout our community. Amen.**

**\*Hymn # 84 "O Radiant Christ, Incarnate Word"**

Call to Gathering: (by Susan Girard)

God of infinite love and mercy,

**We know only a shadow of your love.**

God of infinite wisdom and knowing,

**We know only a shadow of your wisdom.**

God of infinite creativity and joy,

**We know only a shadow of your creativity.**

God, creator of all, you fashioned us in your image.

**As we prepare to enter this New Year, may we rest in the  
confidence of your unending love. Amen**

Opening Prayer: (by Fern Gibbard)

**God, where do we find ourselves**

**when the Christmas angels disappear**

**and no longer sing of peace and good will?**

**When the shepherds go back to their flocks  
and the magi return to the east?**

**Where do we find ourselves**

**when the Christ Child has outgrown his manger bed?**

**Jesus calls us to join him at the River Jordan,**

**to be baptised with him and receive the Holy Spirit.**

**May we find ourselves at the river, beside Jesus, today.**

**Amen.**

**\*Hymn MV # 158 "Dream a Dream"**

Collecting the coins / Prayer for the coins / The Lord's Prayer

Singing the Children Out ~ # 570 verse 2

***Take my hands, O Jesus, let them work for you,  
make them strong and gentle, kind in all I do;  
let me watch you, Jesus, till I'm gentle too,  
till my hands are kind hands, quick to work for you.***

*We Listen to God's Word*

Scripture Reading: Matthew 2: 13 - 23

**Hymn MV # 10 "Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom"**

Meditation: "Pushing Buttons"

*We Respond to God's Word*

**Choir Anthem**

The Offering / **\*Offertory Dedication:** (to tune of # 541)

***Praise God who gives us life to live***

***Praise God who calls us all to give***

***Praise God whose image we all bear***

***Praise God whose love we now can share***

**\*Offertory Prayer:**

**Take our offerings, Gracious God - what we offer here, what  
we offer with our time and energy - and make them holy.**

**May such light shine from us and from these gifts that all  
may know the peace of your kin-dom. Amen.**

Prayers of the People/The Prayer Book is read

*We Go to Love and Serve God*

**\*Hymn # 87 "I Am the Light of the World"**

**\*Commissioning and Benediction**

Thank you for coming to Tecumseh United for worship. If you are new to the church feel free to fill out a Welcome Envelope.

**Thanks** to Ian Phillips for preparing and leading today's service, Jill Buckles for reading, Joe Patterson and Mary Lou and Glad for greeting and Chris & Nancy Morand for hosting Coffee Hour.

**Happy Birthday** this week to Sadie Taylor  
and Sydney Coulbeck.

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