

We enter this time of worship today newly aware of your good gifts.

You call us anew as you, in years gone by, called others in this Bay of Quinte Conference, to participate as a community of broken but hopeful believers.

We gather in Jesus' name:

loving what he loved,

living what he taught,

striving to be your faithful servants

in our time and place.

Enable and empower us now, by your Spirit.

Move within us and among us we pray; that we might again see visions and dream dreams of all relationships renewed and restored.

This we pray in the name of The Holy Mystery who is Wholly Love.

Amen!

*Hymn: VU #245 "Praise The Lord With The Sound of Trumpets"*¹

Call To Confession

We are all touched by the brokenness of our world. Owning this truth we dare to trust the One who daily acts to make all things new. Confident in God's abundant grace we together make our confession.

Prayer of Confession

Made in the image of God, bearers of the Light, we yearn for the fulfillment that is life in God. Yet we choose to turn away from God. We deny the Light that dwells in us and all people who are coming into the world.

We surrender ourselves to sin. Becoming bound and complacent in a web of false desires and wrong choices, we bring harm to ourselves and others.

We are all touched by this brokenness:

**the rise of selfish individualism that erodes human solidarity;
the concentration of wealth and power without regard for the needs of all;**

**the toxins of religious and ethnic bigotry;
the degradation of the blessedness of human bodies and human passions through sexual exploitation;
the delusion of unchecked progress and limitless growth that threatens our home, the earth;
the covert despair that lulls many into numb complicity with empires and systems of domination.**

We sing lament and repentance.

Kyrie Elieson, Kyrie Elieson, Kyrie Elieson

Silence For Personal Reflection and Prayer

Assurance of God's Unfailing Love

Evil does not – cannot – undermine or overcome the love of God!

By becoming flesh in Jesus, God makes all things new.

In Jesus' life, teaching, and self-offering,

God empowers us to live in love.

In Jesus' crucifixion,

God bears the sin, grief, and suffering of the world.

In Jesus' resurrection, God overcomes death,

Nothing separates us from the love of God.

We are forgiven. We are being reconciled. We are set free from the power of sin and death.

We sing hallelujah!

*Response: Halle Hallelujah (SFGP #21)*²

We Listen For God's Word

Reading from Hebrew Scripture: Jeremiah 29:11-14

Psalms 91 VU #808³

Reading from The Gospel of Luke 10: 25-28

Hymn: MV #145 "Draw the Circle Wide"⁴

Sermon: The Rev. Rodney Smith-Merkley

We Respond To The Proclamation

With Music

With Memorial Words & Actions

With Presentation of Gifts – The Offering Received is for The Mission & Service Fund of our United Church of Canada

Doxology: VU #541⁵

**Praise God from whom all blessing flow;
Praise God all creatures high and low;
Give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.**

Prayer of Dedication

With Prayers of The Community

We Move Forward In Service

Parting Hymn: VU #716: "My Life Flows On"⁶

Commissioning & Blessing

Divine creation does not cease until all things have found wholeness, union and integration with the common ground of all being.

As children of the Timeless One, our time-bound lives will find completion in our all-embracing Creator.

In the meantime, we embrace the present, embodying hope, loving our enemies,

caring for the earth, choosing life.

Grateful for God's loving action, we cannot keep from singing!

Creating and seeking relationship in awe and trust, we witness to Holy Mystery who is Wholly Love.

Amen!

Sung Reponse: Amen! (Spiritual Setting)

Musical Postlude

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Bay of Quinte Conference Annual Meeting 2009 Opening Worship

▲ indicates the Conference is invited to stand, as you are able.
Responses appear in **bold** type

Our Worship Begins

Musical Prelude

The Lighting of The Christ Candle

Call to Worship

Friends, you are invited now to gather in worship.

You are invited to an outpouring of gratitude and awe.

Grateful for God's loving action, how can we keep from singing!

You are invited to open yourself today to God's still small voice of comfort. You are invited to open yourself to God's rushing whirlwind of challenge.

Grateful for God's loving action, how can we keep from singing!

God meets us here in word spoken, in silence observed, in music played, in prayers offered. God meets us here embodied in our sisters and brothers.

God meets us here to transform our lives, our relationships and our world.

Let us worship God: Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit!

Let us pray.

Opening Prayer

Gracious, Loving, Present God: Source of Light and Love
Eternal; You are the One in whom we live and move and have
our being.