

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Sunday, January 14th, 2018
Ceremonial Groundbreaking

GATHERING IN COMMUNITY

**indicates the community stands, as able

PRELUDE *Voluntary V* J. Stanley

Please rise to sing:

VOICES UNITED **399 *God, Whose Love Is Reigning o'er Us*

**CALL TO WORSHIP ...Nicolaas Van Gemert

The circle of the year has turned again.

Endings and beginnings.

Birth and death.

Changes and transitions.

The circle of the year has turned again.

But in all of the change, there is one sure thing.

God is present.

God is present.

We are not alone.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God!

**PEACE GREETING ...Michael Brooks

The Peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

*(The Community exchanges words and signs of peace
while children and youth proceed to programs)*

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY NEWS

COMMUNITY PRAYERS ...Martha Reynolds

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(unison)*

**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.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil:

**For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *O How Amiable Are Thy Dwellings*
R. Vaughan Williams

VOICES UNITED **55, verse 4

What can I give him, poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;

If I were a wise man, I would do my part;

Yet what I can I give him – give my heart.

SEEKING TO GROW SPIRITUALLY

BIBLE READINGS Genesis 1: 1-5 (page 1, OT)
1st Corinthians 3: 10-11, 14 (page 175, NT)
...June Wright, reader

VOICES UNITED **409 *Morning Has Broken*

**GOSPEL BIBLE READING Mark 1: 4-11 (page 35, NT)
For the Word of God in Scripture, among us, and within us.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON "BEGINNING AGAIN"

RESPONDING IN CARE AND INCLUSION

HYMN **Refer to Insert *The Carpenter of Nazareth*
(Children and youth return to the sanctuary)

INTRODUCTION TO RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL FAITH

God blesses beginnings and endings.

We are blessed.

God blesses all of us.

We are blessed.

God blesses our places in beginnings and endings.

We are blessed.

In baptism, we are blessed.

By water and the Spirit,

we are blessed as God's own people in community.

Today, we renew the blessing of baptism.

We are reminded that we are not alone. We belong.

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL FAITH

You are invited to come forward to the baptismal font using the centre aisle and bless the person behind you with the baptismal waters and the words: "You are blessed by God," returning to your seat using the side aisles. Please join in singing the following two chants:

VOICES UNITED **34**

Come now, O God of peace, we are your people;

Pour out your spirit that we be one body. (repeat...)

MORE VOICES 16

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace, alleluia! (repeat...)

WORDS OF COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

**VOICES UNITED 651 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS ...Brian Snell, Chairperson of Council

GROUNDBREAKING LITANY

Where all are affirmed, included and celebrated
as part of the body of Christ:

We break this ground today.

Where we seek to care for one another:

We break this ground today.

Where children, youth and adults discover
they are loved by God and grow in grace and goodness:

We break this ground today.

Where we reach out to support and care for those in need:

We break this ground today.

THE ACT OF GROUNDBREAKING

FINAL BLESSING

In the joyful presence of God:

We celebrate that ground is broken!

Upon the foundation already laid by Jesus Christ:

We celebrate that ground is broken!

Infused by the power of the Holy Spirit:

We celebrate that ground is broken!

Trusting God is rekindling our home and our future for mission:

We celebrate that ground is broken!

Sung Response

**VOICES UNITED 884 *Sing Three Times*

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;

the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;

there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap,

will clap their hands! And all the trees of the field will clap

their hands (clap)... while you go out with joy.

REFRESHMENTS AND PICTURES