

Martin Grove United Church

where worship leads to service



“It’s in your hands”

**Judith Dallimore
December 31, 2023**

Welcome to Worship!

VU refers to Voices United, MV refers to More Voices

***Indicates an invitation to stand - in body, or in spirit**

Chime Prelude: Allan Jones

Prelude: “He is born, the Divine Christ child” *By Lloyd Larson*
(Elaine Weimer)

Please take this time to quietly prepare your heart, body & mind for worship.

Minister’s Welcome

Lighting the Christ Candle

***Opening Hymn: VU 45 “Joy is now in every place”**

Announcements (Marilyn Coombs)

Call to Worship

Prayer of Approach

Time of Personal Prayer: “Quelle est cette odeur agreable?” *By Raymond H Haan*

Words of Assurance

Choir Anthem: “A carol of hope” *By Don Besig and Nancy Price*

Scripture: Psalm 148:1-13 (Tina Klein)

Scripture: Galatians 4:4-7

Song of Reflection: “The light of Christmas” *By Joel
Raney* (Juli Roslin)

Scripture: Luke 8:40-42, 49-55 (David Dallimore)

Reflection: “It’s in your hands” (Judith Dallimore)

Invitation to Offering

***Offering Hymn: VU 55 “In the bleak mid-winter”
(Verse 4)** *Words by Christina Georgina Rossetti, Music by Gustav
Theodor Holst*

***Offering Prayer**

Lighting of the Prayer Candle

Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

***Closing Hymn: VU 62 “Once in Royal David’s city”**
Words by Cecil Frances Alexander, Music by John Gauntlett

***Commissioning and Benediction**

***Sung Blessing: MV 213 “Take up His song”** *By Laura
A. Herman*

Postlude: “Bring a torch, Jeannette, Isabella” *Arr by
Mary McDonald* (Elaine Weimer)

"We acknowledge that our sacred space is found on the indigenous territories of the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishinabe, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Huron -Wendat peoples and is now home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit and Metis. With gratitude and respect for their stewardship of creation, we seek to live into right relations with all."

Events & Reminders

Jan 21 – Committee Reports to Admin for Annual Report

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