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\* Εν αρχῇ ἦν ὁ λόγος \* In the beginning was the Word \* Au commencement était la Parole \* An toiseach bhá am Focal \* Al principio, c'era colui che è "la Parola" \*

**Season of Pentecost 19 November 2023**

*\* denotes standing if able*

**Port Wallis United Church  
is an Affirming Congregation  
that openly welcomes you as a child of God,  
made in God's Image, and loved by God.**

**WELCOME / BIENVENUE / FAILTE / PJILA'DIK**

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LAND**

**CALL TO WORSHIP \***

Children of the Light, vessels for God's Light,

**God is calling us.**

Faithful servants, Workers for God in this world,

**God is calling us.**

Beloved of God, Incarnations of God's imagination,

**God is calling us.**

Come, let us listen for God.

**INTROIT (# 97 in More Voices) \* (three times)**

**Listen, God is calling, through the Word, inviting,  
Offering forgiveness, comfort and joy!**

**PRAYER OF APPROACH \***

Creator of All, Source of All, God of All the Universe,  
the cosmos abounds with the richness of your Presence!  
Send your Spirit among us to awaken us from slumbers,  
to open our minds to perceive your bounty,  
and point us to Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who opened for us the Doors of Heaven  
and welcomed us into our Kingdom.  
In Christ our Lord we pray, Amen.

**HYMN # 27 (MV) CREATOR GOD, YOU GAVE US LIFE \***

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Mystery, always revealing yourself as mysterious Love,  
even though we don't always feel your Love or feel loveable,  
still You are there, with arms wide open,  
whispering forgiveness,  
whispering pardon,  
and whispering wisdom.  
Whisper to us now what we need to hear;  
a word of forgiveness, a word of healing and a word of hope.  
Walk with us on the path that leads home to You  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

## SILENT CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**HYMN OF THANKSGIVING** *Singing ~ with tune at hymn # 95 MV.*

How deep the peace, the confidence,  
of those whose wrongs are forgiven.  
How deep the peace, the confidence  
of those whose hearts are healed.

## TEACHING TIME and PRAYER

In peace, dear God, I come to You Through Jesus Christ who makes me new  
And while I run or play or rest, be with those whom I love best,  
Guide me in your Holy Way, as You walk with me each day.

## ANTHEM

## SCRIPTURE LESSONS

**First Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 5: 1 - 11**

**Psalm 123**

*We sing the chorus twice to begin and then when printed in the Psalm.*

*Hear the cries of your servants in this world,  
Where clouds of darkness are unfurled.  
Be the light for all people in this world.  
Let peace in our time be unfurled.*

I lift up my eyes to the ONE who sits enthroned in heaven.  
**As the eyes of apprentice looks for guidance to the master,  
as the eyes of a student looks for guidance to the teacher,  
so our eyes look to You, our LORD and our God,  
and ask You to reveal your mercy.**

*Hear the cries of your servants in this world,  
Where clouds of darkness are unfurled.  
Be the light for all people in this world.  
Let peace in our time be unfurled.*

Have mercy on us, O LORD, have mercy on us,  
for we have endured endless indecision from our leaders.  
**We have endured endless ridicule from the arrogant,  
we have endured endless contempt from the proud.  
We have endured enough.**

*Hear the cries of your servants in this world,  
Where clouds of darkness are unfurled.  
Be the light for all people in this world.  
Let peace in our time be unfurled.*

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end, Amen.

**Gospel Lesson: Matthew 25: 14 – 30 \***

**SMALL GROUP ANTHEM - I DREAMED OF RAIN**

**REFLECTION**

**OFFERTORY HYMN # 371 (VU) OPEN MY EYES \***

**SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION *(please follow on the insert)***

*All people are welcome to receive the sacrament.*

**HYMN # 212 (MV) SENT OUT IN JESUS' NAME \***

**COMMISSIONING and BENEDICTION \***

**CHORAL PARTING PRAYER (MV # 214) \***

May God's sheltering wings, Her gathering wings protect you,  
May God's nurturing arms, His cradling arms, sustain you,  
And hold you in Their love! And hold you in God's love.

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**Thank you for being with us in worship today.  
Please join us in the Church Hall for a cuppa and a nibble.**