

January 31st, 2021

Worship Link: <https://youtu.be/hcFLaFjCRT8>

PRELUDE: *January Carol*

(Musicians: Andrew, Hamish & Julian Parkin)

OPENING WORDS: (From Valleyview Mennonite London Ontario)

CHILDREN'S TIME & HYMN *If you're happy & you know it*

♪ If you're happy and you know it clap you hands
If you're happy and you know it clap your hands
If you're happy and you know and you really want to show it,
If you're happy and you know it clap your hands!

If you're angry and you know it, stamp your feet

If you're sad and you know it, cry a tear

If you're tired and you know it, take a nap

SCRIPTURE: Psalm #42 (read responsively with sung refrain #27 As the Deer)

Readers: Michael Lemiski & Anne Brockenshire

♪ ***As the deer pants for the water so my soul longs after you; you alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you. You alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone may my spirit yield. You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you.***

This is the word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER: #682 *Just as I am (vs 2,3 4 & 5)*

by Charlotte Elliott

♪ *Just as I am, though tossed about,
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

I share first of all several prayers that people in the congregation sent to me....

♪ *Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yea, all I need in thee I find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

A prayer written for Bell "let's talk day".....

♫ *Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

I close with a personal prayer from Karen Moore's Prayers from the Heart – it uses the word I – might we each pray this prayer today as we each journey with our own mental health....

♫ *Just as I am, thy love unknown
Has broken every barrier down
Now to be thine, yea, thine alone
O lamb of God, I come, I come.*

SERMON: *It takes a village*

CLOSING HYMN: *For Everyone Born*

by Shirley Murray (Covid verse by C. McAvoy)

For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free,

Chorus:

***and God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!***

For gay and for straight, a place at the table,
a covenant shared, a welcoming space,
a rainbow of race and gender and colour,
for gay and for straight, the chalice of grace, ***Chorus:***

For just and unjust, a place at the table,
abuser, abused, with need to forgive,
in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy,
for just and unjust, a new way to live, ***Chorus:***

In these Covid times, a place at the table
We gather our church, at home as we must
We worship as one, apart, but together,
In these Covid times, in God, we can trust. ***Chorus:***

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE