# Service of Worship

Sunday, May 23, 1999



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General Conference 1999
The Free Methodist Church in Canada

Call to Worship

# This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24

French ~ Francine Lachance Chinese ~ K.K. Leung Creole ~ Eliodor DesVariste Assyrian ~ Joseph Gilyana Tamil ~ Selva Jeyarajah English ~ Basil Blackman Swahili ~ Linda Stryker

**CELEBRATION IN SONG** 

Brian Marchant and team

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Rev. Ernest Cooper

**GREETINGS TO THE CONGREGATION** 

Rev. Dennis Camplin

PRESENTATION OF RETIREES:

Rev. and Mrs. William Daw Rev. and Mrs. Earle Hawley Rev. and Mrs. Ken Kennedy Rev. and Mrs. Sheldon Robb

Rev. Dennis Camplin

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**TESTIMONY** 

Jason Johnson, Church Planter L'Edge - Maple Ridge, BC

NATURAL CHURCH DEVELOPMENT VIDEO

Rev. Dr. Ron Bonar

**OFFERING** 

Rev. Mary-Elsie Fletcher

MISSIONS VIDEO PREVIEW

SCRIPTURE LESSON, Acts 2:1-13

Captain Michael Allen Chaplain, Canadian Forces Base - Petawawa

**CELEBRATION IN SONG** 

Brian Marchant and team

DRAMATIC PRESENTATION

Rev. Barry Taylor

MESSAGE: "BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT"

Bishop Keith Elford

Holy Communion

Celebrants: Bishop Keith Elford & Rev. Dr. Gary Walsh

#### The Invitation

## The General Confession

All Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Maker of all things, Judge of all, who with great mercy has promised forgiveness and deliverance to all who turn to you with hearty repentance and true faith, we confess that we have sinned against you and are hopeless without your grace. Have mercy upon us, O merciful Father, have mercy upon us; pardon and deliver us from all our sins:

One From blindness of heart and lack of love; from the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil; from false doctrine and neglect of your Word; from anxiety and lack of trust.

All O God, our Saviour, keep us this day without sin.
Give us strength to serve and please you in newness of life, and to honour and praise your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### The Great Thanksgiving

One Almighty God, you created us to enjoy your fellowship; and even when we transgressed your command, you did not forsake us, but chastened us as a merciful Father;

All You called Abraham from the land of his fathers, and freed the children of Israel from bondage and slavery; you gave your law and sent your prophets to guide them in your ways;

One At the right time you gave the world your only Son, who by his birth to a virgin, and through his temptations and ministry, his suffering and death, his resurrection and ascension, opened to us the way to heaven;

All You sent your Holy Spirit, the Counsellor, who through the Apostles and the Church, called us to salvation; you adopted us and daily give us aid in the journey of faith by that same Spirit. Our hearts are full, O God, and in thanksgiving to you, we cry, Abba, Father.

One In confidence that you will bring us to our full inheritance, and give us our place at the heavenly table with your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ, we offer thanksgiving, joining our voices with all the Church to confess:

All Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.

The Prayer of Approach

The Words of Consecration

The Administering of the Communion Elements

Benediction

**Postlude** 

Vision

It is the vision of The Free Methodist Church in Canada to see healthy churches within the reach of every Canadian.

Our Mission in Canada

The Free Methodist Church in Canada (FMCIC) aims to develop reproducing churches throughout Canada and beyond, to:

**F**ind, befriend and introduce seeking people to Jesus Christ and the fellowship of His people.

Mature those who desire to grow in Christlikeness.

Commission prepared people to purposeful service.

nterpret life theologically. Invest resources strategically.

**C**elebrate that God's presence and power makes all things possible.



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