

**St. Mark's United Church  
Cannifton, Ontario  
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***Emancipation Sunday***

Welcome to everyone joining in worship today. For some, it is the first time ever, and for others it is a return. You are appreciated.

**Ise Oluwa Kole Baje O**

*(What God created cannot be spoilt)*

Emancipation Sunday

By Rev. Paul Douglas Walfall

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**CANDLE LIGHTING**

**Transition Hymn # 374 VU "Come and Find the Quiet Centre"**

- 1 Come and find the quiet centre  
in the crowded life we lead,  
find the room for hope to enter,  
find the frame where we are freed:  
clear the chaos and the clutter,  
clear our eyes, that we can see  
all the things that really matter,  
be at peace, and simply be.

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

We are humbled by the beauty of God's creation.

Ise Oluwa Kole Baje O

**What God has created cannot be spoilt or destroyed.**

God's creation fills us with awe, and we get a sense of your love.

Ise Oluwa Kole Baje O

**What God has created cannot be spoilt or destroyed.**

God has made all people in their image.

Ise Oluwa Kole Baje O

**What God has created cannot be spoilt or destroyed.**

We praise God, Holy Mystery, because we are beautifully and wonderfully made.

Ise Oluwa Kole Baje O

**What God has created cannot be spoilt or destroyed.**

† Hymn # 227 VU      **“For the Fruit of All Creation”**

- 1      For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.  
For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.  
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.
- 2      In the just reward of labour, God's will is done.  
In the help we give our neighbour, God's will is done.  
In our worldwide task of caring  
for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.
- 3      For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.  
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.  
For the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

## **APPROACHING GOD THROUGH PRAYER**

† Hymn # 606 VU      **“In Christ There Is No East or West”**

- 1      In Christ there is no east or west,  
in him no south or north,  
but one great family of love  
throughout the whole wide earth.
- 2      In him shall true hearts everywhere  
their high communion find;

his service is the golden cord  
close binding humankind.

- 3 Join hands, then, people of the faith,  
whate'er your race may be;  
all children of the living God  
are surely kin to me.
- 4 In Christ now meet both east and west,  
in him meet south and north;  
all Christ-like souls are one in him  
throughout the whole wide earth.

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON**

### **SCRIPTURE**

**Acts 10: 34 – 43**

### **MESSAGE**

## **PRAYERS OF CONCERN AND THANKS**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

† Hymn “Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

- 1 Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost, but now I'm found,  
Was blind but not I see.
- 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear,  
The hour I first believed.  
**My chains are gone  
I've been set free  
My God, my Saviour  
Has ransomed me  
And like a flood  
His mercy rains**

**Unending love  
Amazing Grace.**

3 The Lord has promised good to me  
His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.

**My chains are gone  
I've been set free  
My God, my Saviour  
Has ransomed me  
And like a flood  
His mercy rains  
Unending love  
Amazing Grace. X2**

4 The earth shall soon dissolve like snow  
The sun forbear to shine  
But God, Who called me here below  
Will be forever mine.  
Will be forever mine.  
You are forever mine.

**SHARING OUR GIFTS**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

† Hymn # 691 VU      “Though Ancient Walls”

1 Though ancient walls may still stand proud  
and racial strife be fact,  
though boundaries may be lines of hate,  
proclaim God's saving act!

**Walls that divide are broken down;  
Christ is our unity!  
Chains that enslave are thrown aside;  
Christ is our liberty!**

2 When vested power stands firm entrenched  
and breaks another's back,  
when waste and want live side by side,  
it's Gospel that we lack. **R**

- 3 The truth we seek in varied scheme,  
the life that we pursue,  
unites us in a common quest  
for self and world made new. **R**
- 4 The church divided seeks that grace,  
that newness we proclaim;  
a unity of serving love  
that lives praise to God's name. **R**
- 5 This broken world seeks lasting health  
and vital unity.  
God's people by God's Word renewed,  
cast off all slavery! **R**

## **BLESSING & SENDING FORTH**

### **Postlude**

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