# A CELEBRATION OF THE AMALGAMATION OF

DEWI SANT WELSH UNITED CHURCH

AND

TIMOTHY EATON
MEMORIAL CHURCH

Sunday, January 29, 2023 2:00 p.m.





## ORDER OF SERVICE

Please turn off all electronic devices.

## THE APPROACH

#### ORGAN PRELUDE

"Prelude on 'Lledrod"

Richard Lloyd Stephen Boda

PROCESSIONAL HYMN PLEASE STAND

No. 325 "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"

Westminster Abbey

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY** 

Dean Walker, Pipe Carrier and Traditional Knowledge Keeper

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

Rev. Dr. Jason Byassee

**GREETINGS FROM SHINING WATERS REGIONAL COUNCIL** 

Diane Matheson-Jimenez

**CALL TO WORSHIP** 

Rev. Liz Mackenzie

Minister: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the

communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Minister: Where two or three are gathered in my name,

All: there I am in the midst of them.

Minister: God is our shelter and strength, an ever present help in times

of trouble.

All: So we will not be afraid, even if the earth is changed and

the mountains fall into the ocean depths;

Minister: even if the seas roar and foam and the hills tremble.

All: God is our shelter and our strength.

PRAYER OF APPROACH PLEASE BE SEATED

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION SAY TOGETHER** 

Minister Our God is a God of justice, waiting to be gracious to us,

yearning to have mercy on us. Blessed are all who wait for the Lord in penitence and faith. Let us confess our sins to God.

#### All:

O God, we confess our tendency to love the past, flee the present, and fear the future. We rest too easily on our shortcomings, short-sightedness, and separateness. We hear more readily your word of comfort than your word of challenge. We fail you by our casual concern for the unloved, the lost, the confused. Grant us your pardon and strength, as we start a new life together in this place. SILENCE

#### **KYRIE** (ALL SINGING)

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

#### **DOXOLOGY** (ALL SINGING) PLEASE STAND

No. 541 "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures high and low; Give thanks to God in love made known: Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

#### **ANTHEM**

"Anfonaf Angel"

Robat Arwyn
Toronto Welsh Male Voice Choir

The Anthem Anfonaf Angel assures us that there is a Guardian Angel who is there to support and protect us:

"the Guardian Angel who's always there looking after me wherever I'll be.......
my Guardian Angel."

As we take this important step towards the amalgamation of both congregations, let us acknowledge our predecessors and build on their legacy together.

## THE WORD OF GOD

#### **SCRIPTURE READING**

Isaiah 43:15-21

- <sup>15</sup> I am the Lord, your Holy One, the Creator of Israel, your King.
- <sup>16</sup> Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters,
- <sup>17</sup> who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
- <sup>18</sup> Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.
- <sup>19</sup> I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.
- <sup>20</sup> The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people,
- <sup>21</sup> the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Rev. Dr. Cerwyn Davies

- <sup>15</sup> Fi ydy'ch Un Sanctaidd chi, yr ARGLWYDD, eich Brenin chi, yr un greodd Israel."
- <sup>16</sup> Dyma mae'r ARGLWYDD yn ei ddweud – yr un agorodd ffordd drwy'r môr a llwybr drwy'r dyfroedd mawr, <sup>17</sup> yr un ddinistriodd gerbydau a cheffylau, a'r fyddin ddewr i gyd (Maen nhw'n gorwedd gyda'i gilydd, a fyddan nhw ddim yn codi. Cawson nhw eu diffodd, fel diffodd cannwyll):
- <sup>18</sup> "Peidiwch hel atgofion am y gorffennol, a dim ond meddwl am beth ddigwyddodd o'r blaen!
- <sup>19</sup> Edrychwch, dw i'n gwneud rhywbeth newydd! Mae ar fin digwydd! Ydych chi ddim yn ei weld? Dw i'n mynd i agor ffordd drwy'r anialwch, a rhoi afonydd yn y tir diffaith.
- <sup>20</sup> Bydd anifeiliaid gwyllt yn diolch i mi, y siacaliaid a'r estrys, am fy mod wedi rhoi dŵr yn yr anialwch, ac afonydd mewn tir diffaith, i roi diod i'r bobl dw i wedi'u dewis –
- <sup>21</sup> y bobl wnes i eu llunio i mi fy hun, iddyn nhw fy moli i."

## HYMN OF PREPARATION PLEASE STAND

No. 288 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Faithfulness

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE PREACHER

Rev. Lorraine Diaz

SERMON
"The God of New Things"
Rev. Dr. John Bowen

## THE RESPONSE

#### INVITATION TO OFFERING

#### **OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

"Keep the Faith" "Cedwch y Ffydd"

Robat Arwyn TEMC Sanctuary Choir

Kremser

This anthem is commissioned to commemorate the amalgamation of Dewi Sant Welsh United Church with Timothy Eaton Memorial Church

Do, do the little things that you have seen me do and heard about. I will, I will walk the path that our fathers trod before us. Do, do the little things that you have seen me do and heard about. Keep your faith, be joyful, keep your faith and your creed.

#### PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING PLEASE STAND

No. 218, v. 1

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator In grateful devotion our tribute we bring. We lay it before you, we kneel and adore you; We bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.

#### **STATEMENT OF FAITH SAY TOGETHER**

"Apostles Creed" I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven. and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of the saints. the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### THE ACT OF UNITING OF CONGREGATIONS PLEASE BE SEATED.

#### PRESENTATION OF CONGREGATIONAL ROLLS

Betty Cullingworth, Dewi Sant Welsh United Church Chris Pinnington, Timothy Eaton Memorial Church

#### PROMISES OF THE AMALGAMATING CONGREGATIONS

Rev. Eric Nyarko

Presider:

I ask members and adherents of the two congregations to stand and covenant together before God and in the presence of representatives of Shining Waters Regional Council and the United Church of Canada.

### Members of DSWUC and TEMC:

By the grace of God, we covenant together to be one people of God in this place: to celebrate God's presence in Word and Sacrament, to care for one another in faith, and to share in the life and mission of The United Church of Canada and the whole church of Jesus Christ.

#### All: Thanks be to God.

Presider:

Shining Waters Regional Council has consented to the union of these congregations. I now ask members of Shining Waters Region and the wider United Church of Canada to stand and covenant with this congregation.

#### Members of SWRC and the UCC:

By the grace of God, we covenant with you in your life and service as Christ's people in this place. We recognize you as one congregation in this communion. We promise you our oversight and support. We share with you in the life and mission of The United Church of Canada and the whole church of Jesus Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

#### PASTORAL PRAYER

Bill Melvin and Nêst Pritchard

#### PRAYER RESPONSE

Presider: Lord, hear our prayer,

All: and in your love, answer.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Ein Tad yr Hwn wyt yn y nefoedd, sancteiddier dy enw.
Deled dy deyrnas.
Gwneler dy ewyllys, megis yn nef, felly ar y ddaear hefyd.
Dyro i ni heddiw ein bara beunyddiol.
A maddau i ni ein dyledion, fel y maddeuwn ninnau i'n dyledwyr.
Ac nac arwain ni i brofedigaeth; eithr gwared ni rhag drwg.
Canys yr eiddot Ti yw'r deyrnas, a'r nerth, a'r gogoniant, yn oes oesoedd. Amen.

#### RECESSIONAL HYMN PLEASE STAND

No. 651 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" Arglwydd, arwain trwy'r anialwch, Fi, bererin gwael ei wedd, Nad oes ynof nerth na bywyd Fel yn gorwedd yn y bedd: Hollalluog, Hollalluog, Ydyw'r Un a'm cwyd i'r lan Ydyw'r Un a'm cwyd i'r lan

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land; I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand; Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain whence the healing stream doth flow; let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield, be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside; death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side: songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee, I will ever give to thee.

#### COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

#### SUNG BLESSING

"The Blessing" "Y Fendith"

Robat Arwyn
Combined Choirs

Cwm Rhondda

This blessing is commissioned to commemorate the amalgamation of Dewi Sant Welsh United Church and Timothy Eaton Memorial Church

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and forever. Amen.

#### ORGAN POSTLUDE

"Chorale-Improvisation on "Cwm Rhondda"

*Paul Manz* Stephen Boda

# Please join us for Afternoon Tea following the service in the Flora McCrea Auditorium

#### PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Rev. Dr. Jason Byassee, Senior Minister Timothy Eaton Memorial Church

Rev. Lorraine Diaz, Minister of Congregational Life Timothy Eaton Memorial Church

> Rev. Dr. John Bowen Professor Emeritus, Wycliffe College

Rev. Dr. Cerwyn Davies, Minister Emeritus Dewi Sant Welsh United Church

Diane Matheson-Jimenez, Minister, Community of Faith Support Canadian Shield Regional Council and Shining Waters Regional Council

> Rev. Eric Nyarko Ghana Calvary Methodist United Church

Rev. Liz Mackenzie St. Paul's United Church, Scarborough

Toronto Welsh Male Voice Choir: William Woloschuk, Artistic Director & Principal Conductor Matthew Coons, Principal Accompanist

**TEMC Sanctuary Choir** 

Dr. Elaine Choi, Director of Music Timothy Eaton Memorial Church

Stephen Boda, Principal Organist Timothy Eaton Memorial Church

Join us on Sunday, February 19 at 2:00 pm Rev. Lorraine Diaz preaching.

Please note that bilingual services are held on the third Sunday of every month at 2:00 pm from September to June.