

Images of God: Through the Lens of Disability

Art & Vespers Service

February 2, 2025. 3:00 PM

Martin Luther University College

Prelude music

3:00 pm Welcome to Luther and Land Acknowledgement (**Kris**)
Kanata Centre & Overview of “Belonging” exhibitions for this year (**DL**)
Welcome to Keith and participants (**DL**)

Song: **Draw the circle wide** (*DL intro; Chantal*)

**Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still,
Let this be our song no one sits alone
Sitting side by side,
Draw the circle wide.**

**Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still,
Let this be our song no one sings alone
Singing side by side,
Draw the circle wide.**

3:10 pm **Orientation Interview** (**Bev & Keith**)

1. Tell me about yourself and what inspired this project, and the art show as part of it?
2. What was/is involved?
3. Where do you go from here? What are the next steps?
4. How can people follow along?

3:15 pm **The Beauty of Everybody Welcome**

“Then God said, ‘Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us.’” (Genesis 1:26, NLT) (Michelle)

Reflection (**Keith**)

Song: [Saint Patrick’s Breastplate](#) (**DL**)

**Christ is before me, Christ is behind me,
Christ is above and below and all around.**

**Beauty before me, beauty behind me,
Beauty above and below and all around.**

3:25 pm **Prayer of Confession and Forgiveness: (Allen)**

God who made home within us and amongst us, Who came to us
incarnate as the Word made flesh, Who knows the pain and joy of being
in a body, You are tireless in seeking out the lost amongst us;

As a church we have not welcomed many of your people.

We have institutionalised,

We have isolated,

We have ignored and we have betrayed,

We are sorry.

Forgive us,

**when our faith has been small, and when our welcome has been
thin.**

Generous God,

Share mercy with us.

Generous God, You do not give up on a single one,

We give up even on ourselves.

Share grace with us.

Generous God,

We gather here in all our brokenness, body, soul and mind,

We admit that by our lack of welcome we have wounded others.

We confess, especially that by our actions of exclusion we have
wounded ourselves and wounded our world.

silence

Hear Christ's word of love to us all!

Your sins are forgiven,

Thanks be to God!

With God's help we will seek to end exclusion, and we commit to work
for healing in this place.

With the inspiration of the Holy Spirit we will renew our church.

3:30 pm Creating in Awe & Humility

“Now we see only a dim likeness of things. It is as if we were seeing them in a foggy mirror. But someday we will see clearly. We will see face to face. What I know now is not complete. But someday I will know completely, just as God knows me completely.” (1 Cor 13:12, NIRV) (Mark)

Reflection (Keith)

Song: [Jesus, Remember Me](#) (Taize)

**Jesus, remember me. When you come into your Kingdom
Jesus, remember me. When you come into your Kingdom**

3:35 pm Receiving God’s Light and Darkness

God said, ‘Let there be light.’ And there was light. God saw that the light was good. He separated the light from the darkness. God called the light ‘day.’ He called the darkness ‘night.’ There was evening, and there was morning. It was day one. (Genesis 1:3-5, NIRV) (Maria)

Reflection (Keith)

3:40 *Time to view the art with music*

(Invitation – **Bev.** Bradley Moggach, keyboard, [Greg Stroh](#), flautist)

3:50 *Community response:*

“What did you notice?”

“Where did you see God/beauty?”

Participant response:

“What has it been like to be a part of this process, and this service?”

“What is it like to see your art and your words on the wall?”

4:00 Closing & Benediction

- *Word of thanks (Allen)*
- *Announcements – invitation to refreshments (Bev)*

- *Blessing (Keith)*

“The Lord bless you
and keep you;
the Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you;
the Lord turn his face toward you
and give you peace.” (Numbers 6:24-26, NIV)

Song: [Heaven is singing for joy](#)

Heaven is singing for joy, alleluia,
for in your life and mine is shining the glory of God

Chorus:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia!

- **Peace:** *Peace be with you. We invite you to share a sign of peace with one another in whatever way is comfortable for you. (DL)*