

STITTSVILLE UNITED CHURCH Growing - Together - In Spirit

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WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

Music to Prepare for Worship:

Invitation to Worship:

Prayer: (You embrace all peoples) #525

**Eternal God, whose image lies in the hearts of all people,
we live among peoples whose languages are different from
our own, whose faiths are foreign to us, whose ways we fail
to understand. Help us to remember that you embrace all
people with your love, that all religion is a response to you,
that the yearnings of other hearts are much like our own, and
are known to you. Help us to recognize you in words of
truth, things of beauty, and actions of love about us.
We pray in the name of the One who calls us to be neighbour
and friend. Amen.**

Hymn: "Spirit Open My Heart" More Voices #79

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Chorus:

**Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving,
Spirit, open my heart.**

**1 God, replace my stony heart
with a heart that's kind and tender.
All my coldness and fear to your grace
I now surrender.**

**2 Write your love upon my heart
as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought word and deed,
may my living bring you glory.**

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**3 May I weep with those who weep,
share the joy of sister, brother.
In the welcome of Christ,
may we welcome one another.**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD FOR US

Scripture: Romans 12:1-21
Matthew 16:21-26

Sermon: "Great Expectations."

Musical Offering:

WE RESPOND IN LOVE

Call to Prayer: (Singing Bowl)

Prayers of Thanksgiving & for Healing and Transformation

The Lord's Prayer:

Invitation to Offer our Gifts:

Song of Dedication: "The Doxology" #541
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**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures high and low.
Give thanks to God in love made know,
Creator, Word and Spirit One. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication:

WE GO FORTH IN SERVICE**Hymn: "Take My Life and Let It Be"**

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- 1 Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, all for thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**
- 2 Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet, and let them be
swift and purposeful for thee.**
- 3 Take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee;
take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.**
- 4 Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.**
- 5 Take my love: and I will pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.**

Commissioning & Benediction:**Threefold Amen:**

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Music To Inspire Us As We Go: