PARISH OF WEST MORAY – KINLOSS – SUNDAY – 2nd FEBRUARY 2025

Welcome & Call to Worship

Hymn - MP 88 - Come bless the Lord

Come bless the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord, who stand by night, in the house of the Lord; lift up your hands in the holy place, come bless the Lord.

Hymn - MP 554 - Peace is flowing like a river

- 1. Peace is flowing like a river, flowing out through you and me, spreading out into the desert, setting all the captives free, setting all the captives free.
- Love is flowing like a river, flowing out through you and me, spreading out into the desert, setting all the captives free, setting all the captives free.
- 3. Joy is flowing like a river, flowing out through you and me, spreading out into the desert, setting all the captives free, setting all the captives free.
- 4. Faith is flowing like a river, flowing out through you and me, spreading out into the desert, setting all the captives free, setting all the captives free.
- Hope is flowing like a river, flowing out through you and me, spreading out into the desert, setting all the captives free, setting all the captives free.

Reading: Ephesians 2:11 - 22 - 11 Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called "uncircumcised" by those who call themselves "the circumcision" (which is done in the body by human hands)-¹² remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. 14 For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, 15 by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, 16 and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. ¹⁷ He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit. 19 Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, 20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. ²¹ In him the whole building is joined together and

rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. ²² And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

Hymn - MP 184 - God is building a house

God is building a house,
 God is building a house,
God is building a house that will stand.
He is building by His plan
with the living stones of man,
God is building a house that will stand.

God is building a house,
 God is building a house,
God is building a house that will stand.
With apostles, prophets, pastors,
 with evangelists and teachers,
God is building a house that will stand.

3. Christ is head of this house,
Christ is head of this house,
Christ is head of this house that will stand.
He abides in its praise,
will perfect it in its ways,
Christ is head of this house that will stand.

4. We are part of this house,
we are part of this house,
we are part of this house that will stand.
We are called from every nation
to enjoy His full salvation,
we are part of this house that will stand.

Prayer

Sermon

Prayer

Hymn - MP 186 - God is in His temple

1. God is in His temple, the almighty Father, round his footstool let us gather: Him with adoration serve, the Lord most holy, who has mercy on the lowly let us raise hymns of praise for His great salvation God is in his temple.

Christ comes to His temple:
 We, His word receiving,
 Are made happy in believing.
 Lo! from sin delivered,
 He has turned our sadness,
 our deep gloom, to light and gladness!
 let us raise
 hymns of praise
 for our bonds are severed:
 Christ comes to his temple!

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3. Come and claim Your temple,
Gracious Holy Spirit!
In our hearts Your home inherit:
make in us Your dwelling,
Your high work fulfilling,
into ours Your will instilling,
till we raise
hymns of praise
beyond mortal telling,
in the eternal temple.

Dedication of the Offering

Hymn - MP 404 - Let all the world in every corner sing

1. Lord, the light of Your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness, shining:
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us; set us free by the truth You now bring us—shine on me, shine on me.
Shine, Jesus, shine,
fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze,
set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
flood the nations
with grace and mercy;
send forth Your word,
Lord, and let there be light!

2. Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,
from the shadows
into Your radiance;
by the blood I may enter Your brightness:
search me, try me, consume all my darkness —
shine on me, shine on me.
Shine, Jesus, shine,
fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze,
set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
flood the nations
with grace and mercy;
send forth Your word,
Lord, and let there be light!

3. As we gaze on Your kingly brightness so our faces display Your likeness, ever changing from glory to glory:
mirrored here, may our lives tell your story — shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine,
fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze,
set our hearts on fire.

Flow, river, flow,
flood the nations
with grace and mercy;
send forth Your word,
Lord, and let there be light!

Benediction

Hymn - MP 460 - May God's blessing

May God's blessing surround you each day, as you trust Him and walk in His way. May His presence within guard and keep you from sin, go in peace, go in joy, go in love.