

Minute for Mission February 26, 2017

The Church in China

Our gifts for Mission & Service support global partnership and theological engagement. Let us hear the story of the United Church delegation to the church in China.

We give thanks that The United Church of Canada answered an invitation from Mission & Service partner The China Christian Council to witness together and accompany one another in God's mission. The group of 22 United Church people from across Canada saw first-hand the experience of the Chinese church.

Moderator Jordan Cantwell led the delegation. "This visit opens a window for deepened church-to-church engagement and presents an opportunity for the United Church to understand China through encounters with Chinese Christians," she said. The visit also recognized the existing partnership between our churches, building on a long history of mission and ministry together in China. It was another step in continuing our faithful journeys toward unity, justice, and peace.

Delegates saw the blessings of the church in China and the challenges it is addressing. They shared from their unique perspective the challenges and opportunities of the United Church.

"We return with the friendship and blessing of the Chinese church and a deepened commitment to sharing God's great works in our diverse and varied Canadian contexts," said participant Betsy Anderson.

We sing thanksgiving that Mission & Service helps build relationship and partnership for God's mission of justice and peace.

If Mission & Service is already a regular part of your giving, thank you so much! If you have not given for Mission & Service, please join me in making Mission & Service a regular part of your life of faith. In all our Mission & Service giving, with a willing heart, we sing thanksgiving to God!



Rev. Jenny Carter
February 26, 2017
*Welcome to this place.
We are happy to have you worship with us.*

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle Quiet Reflection

Call to Worship

One: We have seen the light of God;

**All: on high mountains of celebration
and in the warm embrace of love.**

One: We have seen the light of God;

**All: through the bitter scorn of betrayal
and the searing chasm of grief.**

One: We have seen the light of God;

**All: with eyes that have been shaded,
with eyes that have been opened
with eyes that have been blinded.**

One: So let us gather and see the light once more.
Let us worship.

Opening Prayer

Hymn Let All Things Now Living VU 242

Theme Exploration Meeting God in Shadow and Light

Hymn Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness VU 375

Prayer of Reconciliation
Words of Affirmation

Scripture Readings

Exodus 24:12-18
Matthew 17:1-9

Sermon Metamorphoo

Hymn As the Deer Pants for the Water VU 766

Offerings & Tithes

Doxology: Behold, Behold MV 115
Dedication:

Prayers of the People

(K-O Presbytery Prayer Cycle: Golden - St.Andrew's United & Center for Peace, Michele Rowe)

Hymn Oh A Song Must Rise MV 142

Blessing & Sending Forth

Passing of the Peace

May the peace of God be with you.
Response: And also with you.

Hymn Ameni MV 219

**Please join us for coffee
and fellowship after the service**

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This morning we thank
Piano - Jean MacLennan ~
Sight & Sound - Dave Wood~
February Worship Helpers - Finance Team~

Spring Worship Duties

March - *Men's Club*
April - *UCW*

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