

'Coming Home from Conference'
The Way Youth Group from
Coldstream Pastoral Charge

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HYMN MV#115 *Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New*

THE PRAYER OF JESUS

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

BLESSING

As we begin the business of this day
May you be immersed in the light of the Creator
May you know the Love of the one who said "I am the Light
of the World"
And, may the joyful light of the Holy Spirit embrace you
and scatter an openness of minds throughout this space.
In the name of Jesus, the one who leads and teaches, we pray
Amen



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Worship

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Youth Group

GATHERING HYMN

VU# 82 A LIGHT IS GLEAMING

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CALL TO WORSHIP-

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good
and God's love endures forever

In the beginning,
when it was very quiet,
The Word was with God
(place the Bible on the table)
**And What God was,
The Word was**
*(all sing) Gloria, Gloria, Gloria,
in excelsis Deo*

In the beginning when it was very dark,
God said, "Let there be light"

And there was light
(light the Christ candle)
Gloria, Gloria, Gloria,
in excelsis Deo

When the time was right God sent the Son
**He came among us,
He was one of us**
(place the cross on the table)
Gloria, Gloria, Gloria,
in excelsis Deo

RESPONSIVE OPENING:

"There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it." (Edith Wharton)

"We will love the light, for it shows us the way, yet we endure the darkness because it shows us the stars."
(Og Mandino)

"People are like stained-glass windows. They sparkle and shine when the sun is out, but when darkness sets in, their true beauty is revealed only if there is a light from within." (Elisabeth Kubler-Ross)

**"The intellect of the wise is like glass;
it admits the light of heaven and reflects it."**
(Augustus Hare)

ALL: So many wells of inspiration, abundant sources of light all of them. May they guide us through sunshine and shadow, confidence and doubt, death of the familiar and resurrection of what is new.

HYMN VU# 588 *Many Are The Lightbeams*

GOSPEL VERSES:

Matthew 4:15-16 (Living Bible)

"The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, beside the lake, and the countryside beyond the Jordan River, and Upper Galilee where so many foreigners live—there the people who sat in darkness have seen a great Light; they sat in the land of death, and the Light broke through upon them." [a]

Luke 11:33

"No one lights a lamp and hides it! Instead, he puts it on a lampstand to give light to all who enter the room.

A LITTLE DRAMA – adapted from Ian Harrison

Veronica: Ya, well, my light went out years ago.

Ms. Prude: Then put a light bulb in it!!

Ms. D: Thank you, Ms. Newbody. Does that mean you'd be willing to help get this new technology started or help promote some new music?

Ms. Newbody: Oh no, I couldn't do that! I'd be too nervous! But I'm game for anything, you go right ahead!

CHARACTERS:

Ms. Ina ----- Katarina

Ms. Penny----- Aryanna

Ms. D ---- Dyanna

Veronica ----- ---Deandra

Ms. Prude----- Lauren

Ms. Newbody----- Mary

Readers Theatre with The Way Youth Group from Coldstream Pastoral Charge

A Little Drama -*adapted from Ian Harrison's 'Coming Home from Conference'*

Ms. Ina: Oh no here she comes

Ms. Penny: Quick let's hide

Ms. Ina. It's too late she saw us.

Ms. Penny: You know she's going to give us the same old SONG and DANCE about the Conference AGM.

Ms. D: Good Day, ladies! I know you're probably eager to hear all about my experiences at Conference this year, and I must say I'm really excited about all the new ideas I'm able to bring back here to all of you and the Dooflickey Pastoral Charge . I learned a bunch of great new songs, some I didn't realize were even in the hymn book and...

Veronica: Hold on before you go any further D. How many years have you been going to the AGM?

Ms. Prude: I think it's 23!

Veronica: And how many years have you been coming back all excited about new upbeat songs and technology stuff? 2

Ms. Prude: 23, but whose counting?

Veronica: You know how we feel about new music! You know if we start trying new songs, folks will complain they don't know them, it's too high for them to sing, and end up demanding we get out the old black hymnals again! Little do they realize, they're no longer there anymore, since we sent them to the archives last year!

Ms. D: But Veronica, you're in the choir! Surely you could encourage them to introduce these new songs? They have such a catchy beat and...

Veronica: Do you realize how many we now have in the choir? We're down to 7 last time I counted. New songs? That would mean rehearsing!

Ms.D: Anyway, I've been amazed the last few years of Conference how awesome everything looks put up on a screen! All the prayers, the hymns. It would make it a lot easier to see everything and keep us from having to lift those heavy hymn books and search through the pages all the time!

Ms. Penny: Do you realize how much that would cost to put up a screen and install a projector? Who's going to pay for that? 3

Ms. Prude: The church isn't supposed to be an entertainment centre. It's supposed to be about worship!

Ms. Ina: Well we're not going to be playing XBOX

Ms. Penny: On top of that, have you checked out our sanctuary lately? If it's a sunny day, the sun will stream from the windows and nobody will be able to see what's on the screen anyway!

Ms. Ina: And who's going to put all the stuff up on there? I don't know anything about high-tech, nor do any of my friends! It's probably a good idea, but it sounds like way too much work, and I'm too old to learn!

Ms. Newbody: Wait a minute, everybody! For the past 23 years D has come back with some great ideas! We should at least listen to what she has to say! New is good! You know Luke says that we should let our light shine and not hide it under a lampstand!!