

CHARLESWOOD MENNONITE CHURCH

January 4, 2026 ~ Worship Service 10:45 am

Worship Leader: Jonathan Neufeld
Children's Story: Julia Thiessen
Ushers: Jake & Jean Rempel
Technician: Mike Smith

Speaker: James Friesen
Song Leader: Bob Wiebe
Pianist: Verna Wiebe

Epiphany ~ Be Amazed: Come and See

WE GATHER

Prelude

Call to Worship

One: A new day has dawned, a new year begun!
Many: **O Lord, call us so we may hear Your voice.**
One: The world turns to hopes and dreams of the future.
Many: **O Lord, keep us in Your ways and on Your path.**
One: We enter this new year with hope and excitement.
Many: **O Lord, remind us that You lead us.**
 O Lord, guide us as we look to You and worship You.
 Amen.

Prayer of Intention (by Vinita Hampton Wright)

Welcome and Introductions

Candle Lighting Litany

One: We celebrate as we reflect in amazement at what you have done. You muted the flames of our fears with hope.
Many: **Glory to God in the highest! You amaze us!**
One: You resurrected the dry bones of our spirits with peace.
Many: **Glory to God in the highest! You amaze us!**
One: You quenched our thirsty souls with living water of joy.
Many: **Glory to God in the highest! You amaze us!**
One: You came to be among us, to show us the way in love.
Many: **Glory to God in the highest! You amaze us!**
One: You have called us to follow you and walk the path of mercy and grace.
Many: **Glory to God in the highest! You amaze us!**
All: **Lead us forward**
 so that we too may carry your Christ-light into the world!

Hymn: VT 240 *Joy to the World*

WE HEAR

Children's Story

Hymn: VT 283 *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*

Scripture Reading: John 1:35-51

Response to Scripture and a Brief Introduction of Two Images

Discussion of the Images:

1. What do you notice, not infer, but notice?
2. From those observations, what do the images tell you? What words come to mind?
3. After these reflections, how do you see the images in relation to one another? How are they the same? How are they completely different? How might they relate to the scripture passage?

An Account of the Images

WE RESPOND

Hymn: VT 540 *Will You Come and Follow Me*
Offering Prayer and Reflection
Sharing (*livestream paused*) and Prayer

WE ARE SENT

Announcements
Hymn: VT 273 *Arise, Your Light Is Come!*
Benediction

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