



*Louisbourg Lighthouse – Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia, Canada*

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Our one law is love of God and love of neighbor.

Justice matters. Christ is the center.

All identities are celebrated.

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\*You may rise in body or spirit

Gathering Song\*

Call to Worship

Praise & Worship\*

Welcome

*Visitors - We are so excited that you are joining us, in-person and online!  
If this is your first time, please fill out a welcome card in the pew or email  
"hello" to [info@riversidedc.org](mailto:info@riversidedc.org).*

Passing of the Peace\*

By Our Love

*By our love - by our love- They will know that we are Christians by our love...  
We are one in the spirit, We are one in the lord...*

Offering

1. Text "Give" to 202.5194330
2. Go to [RiversideDC.org/giving](http://RiversideDC.org/giving)
3. Offer Cash/check in-person or by mail

Doxology & Prayer of Thanksgiving\*

Amen

*Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.*

Musical Selection

Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:13-16, Luke 14:25-35 (NT 3, NT 59)

Sermon

Do Not Lose Your Essence

Rev. Mia M. McClain

Song\*

The Ordinance of Holy Communion - *Please come to the table as directed by a deacon*

Communion Song

*Draw the circle, draw the circle wide. (2X)  
No one stands alone; we'll stand side by side.  
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.  
Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still.  
Let this be our song; No one stands alone. Standing side by side  
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.*

Prayers of the People

Prayer that Jesus Taught *(Please join in the prayer using the language you prefer)*

*Our God, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy/your name Thy/Your kin-dom  
come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our  
daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass  
against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For  
thine/yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.*

Benediction\*

Sending Song\*

Marching in the Light of God

*We are marching in the light of God, We are marching in the light of God (twice)  
We are marching, Oo! We are marching in the light of God(twice)*

## Praise and Worship

### Here I Am to Worship

Light of the world you stepped down into  
darkness.

Opened my eyes, let me see  
Beauty that made this heart adore you  
Hope of a life spent with you

If I but call your name  
Will you quell the fear inside  
And never be the same  
Will you use the faith you've found  
To reshape the world around  
Through My sight and touch and sound  
In you and you in Me

### **Refrain**

Here I am to worship,  
here I am to bow down,  
Here I am to say that you're my God  
You're altogether lovely;  
all together worthy,  
All together wonderful to me

King of all days oh, so highly exalted  
Glorious in heaven above  
Humbly you came  
to the earth you created  
All for love's sake became poor

### **Refrain**

I'll never know how much it cost  
to see my sin upon that cross  
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### **Refrain**

## Song

### Will You Come and Follow Me

Will you come and follow Me  
If I but call your name  
Will you go where you don't know  
And never be the same  
Will you let My love be shown  
Will you let My name be known  
Will you let My life be grown  
In you and you in Me

Will you leave yourself behind  
If I but call your name  
Will you care for cruel and kind  
And never be the same  
Will you risk the hostile stare  
Should your life attract or scare  
Will you let Me answer prayer  
In you and you in Me

Will you love the "you" you hide

**WEDNESDAY SCHOOL**

**BACK TO THE BASICS**

*Part 2*

**4 WEEK BIBLE STUDY**

Wed. Mar. 4th, 11th, 18th, & 25th | 7:00 PM ET

**Who wrote the bible? How should we read the bible? Is the bible a rule book?**

Join Rev. Mia as we continue our journey through the bible. In March we will focus on the New Testament.

SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER FOR ZOOM EVENT

Rev. Mia M McClain

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Pray for: Annie Abbott; Teena Siggers; Terryn Nelson's cousin, Adrienne Johnson; Phyllis Kemp's son, Nathan Kemp; Brienne Adams; Our community and our world.

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