

## MV 145 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.

God the still-point of the circle,

'round whom all creation turns;  
nothing lost, but held forever,  
in God's gracious arms

Refrain

Let our hearts touch far horizons,  
so encompass great and small;  
let our loving know no borders,  
faithful to God's call.

Refrain

Let the dreams we dream be larger,  
than we've ever dreamed before;  
let the dream of Christ be in us,  
open every door.

Refrain



*Anchored in God's Word...  
Moving into God's Future*

**Celebration of a New Ministry at Streetsville United Church:  
An Act of Covenanting  
November 20, 2022**

**Prelude** *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*  
arr Mark L. Williams

**Words of Welcome & Acknowledgement of Territory**  
Neil Beattie, SUC Council

**Call to Worship** Rev. Kathi Phillips  
One: As we gather in the welcome of God's love, as we gather in the joy of our unity in Christ, as we gather in the power of the Spirit, let us listen for the voice of God.

**Many: Let us worship God, who has spoken and still speaks to those who attend to the roar or the whisper of the Holy One.**

**Opening Prayer** Rev. Kathi Phillips

**Hymn VU 399** *God, Whose Love is Reigning O'er Us*

**Covenanting between Streetsville United Church & Horseshoe Falls  
Regional Council**

**Words of Covenant** Rev. Kathi Phillips

**Congregational Commitment**

**Many: We are committed to working together in positive ways. We commit to a code of conduct that is uplifting and supportive and all take responsibility to stand against bullying and harassment. We recognize that there may be times when, through misunderstanding, inattention, or poor judgement, we may cause harm to the covenant between us. In such moments, we commit to drawing closer even when tempted to create distance and to seeking ways to restore our relationship, using whatever resources might help, until we reach agreement on the way forward.**

**Bible Lesson** *Isaiah 6:1-8* Rev. Mary Jo Patterson

**Sermon** *In the Year 2022, I saw the Lord*  
Rev. Mary Jo Patterson

**Song of Reflection VU 509**

*I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (Here I Am, Lord)*

**Covenant between Streetsville United Church & Rev. Joe Hopkins**

**Presentation of New Minister** Rev. Jeff Werner & Neil Beattie

**Promises of the New Minister** Rev. Jeff Warner & Rev. Joe Hopkins

**Promises of the Community of Faith**

One: Will you join with Rev. Joe Hopkins in a ministry of worship, study, prayer, and action within Streetsville United Church, Horseshoe Falls regional Council and within the wider church?

**Many: We will.**

One: Will you support him as he serves among you in this ministry?

**Many: We will.**

**Presentation of Symbols of Ministry** Gail Boulton

One: Rev. Joe Hopkins and Streetsville United Church, let all these be signs of the ministry that is and that will be in this community. Let the people say,

**Many: Amen.**

**Response to Covenant**

One: Let us rejoice in the covenant we have made.

*The people may express their joy with applause.*

**New Minister's Prayer** Rev. Joe Hopkins

**Closing Hymn MV 145** *Draw the Circle Wide* (see back of bulletin)

**Commissioning and Benediction** Rev. Joe Hopkins

**Postlude** *How Firm a Foundation* arr. Phillip Keveren

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*Inviting and welcoming all people into a growing  
relationship with God through Jesus Christ.  
Serving God and our neighbours in the local community.*