

**More Life**  
**Angels Among Us: Do not be Afraid**  
**January 1st, 2023**

Worship Committee, Presiding

Scripture Reader: Kathy Post

Greeter: Janet Peake

Piano: Marilyn West

PowerPoint, Video/Sound, Carl Bronevitch, Dylan  
Ganzeveld



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS-David Johnson**

### **WORDS OF WELCOME**

**TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT-Kathy Post**

### **THRESHOLD MOMENT-Deb Welechenko**

#### **CHRIST CANDLE-Deb Welechenko**

There are angels among us that may not meet the eye  
There are messages of Life coming from a choir on high  
But don't look up:  
For the way God works  
Is to plant more life right here on earth  
Just like it was with Jesus birth

#### **WE SING TOGETHER**

There are angels among us  
there are angels among us  
there are angels among us  
bringing Life on earth

#### **OPENING PRAYER- Deb Welechenko**

Holy Living God, Blessed Jesus, Guiding Spirit,  
**alight within us your flame of life this day.**  
Grant us openness to hear your message.  
**Grant us courage to be your messengers in the world,  
creating more life in the midst of fear.**

#### **OPENING HYMN: MV 90 "Don't Be Afraid"**

**SCRIPTURE READING: Mathew 2: 13-23 -Kathy Post**

**HYMN: VU 38 Angels We Have Heard On High**

**Reflection/Conversation: More Life - Joan Gasior**

## **Prayers of the People: Kathy Post**

I invite you to respond to the words,  
“We hear the message of God”,  
With: **“Do not be afraid. My love is stronger than your  
fear.”**

## **Lord’s Prayer - Jim Cotter Version**

## **HYMN: VU 82 A Light is Gleaming**

## **Offering Invitation - Frances Colussi**

### **Doxology**

*Tune: O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise God, all Spirit messengers below.  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

## **Prayer of Dedication - Frances Colussi**

**God of hope and possibility,  
we offer these gifts so that they may be transformed into  
your good news  
for the sake of the world. Amen.**

## **Closing Hymn: MV 209 Go Make a Difference**

**Benediction: Frances Colussi**

Let us turn toward the Candle - for Christ is our Life  
In the centre of the sanctuary  
And sing to one another the message  
We must take to the world

**Do not be afraid**  
**Do not be afraid**  
**Do not be afraid**  
**Do not be afraid**

**Postlude**

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For the past 9 years, Summerland United has contributed \$12,000 per year to the Summerland Food Bank and Resource Centre. Each year, the church has successfully applied for a ProVision Grant which provides \$6,000 of that money. The other \$6,000 has been contributed from either fundraisers or from congregation members donating to the church Food Bank fund. If you wish to help the church reach it's \$6,000 share of this donation, simply make your cheque payable to Summerland United Church and, on the envelope or memo line of the cheque, write "Food Bank Fund". Thank you from the Finance Committee.

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