

SEEKING GOD TOGETHER

PRELUDE David Pilkey and Steve Falk

WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Acknowledgment of Territory/Every Child Matters
As we come into worship today, we acknowledge that we reside and worship on the traditional lands of the people of the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation...and acknowledge their stewardship of this land throughout the ages. Laurie Bentolila

CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed is God, who created us
 and loves us beyond measure.
Blessed is God,
who calls us to stop measuring out our love.
 Blessed is God, who speaks
 and tells us stories about ourselves.
Blessed is God,
who reveals to us who we are and who we could be.
 Blessed is God, whose compassion
 is poured out on every single person.
Blessed is God,
who gives us compassion to share with every single person, even people we do not know or care about.

(from Rev. Thom Shuman, Cincinnati OH Presbyterian Church,
<http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com>)

***HYMN** God of Grace and God of Glory VU 686

God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power; now fulfil your church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour.

Lo, the hosts of evil round us scorn your Christ, assail your ways; fears and doubts too long have bound us; free our hearts to work and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days.

Cure your children's warring madness, bend our pride to your control; shame our wanton selfish gladness, rich in goods and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

Set our feet on lofty places, gird our lives that they may be armoured with all Christ-like graces, pledged to set all captives free. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, that we fail not them nor thee.

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

They may not be beaten down or lying by the road, but there are people we pass by, Watching God. Some are family and friends we take so much for granted we cannot see how we have stripped them of our love and compassion. Others are neighbours: who have been left half-dead by crushing work; who have fallen into the hands of despair; who have been abandoned by all those who walked on by them. Many are strangers, people we don't know, but quickly judge: they are weak, or poor, or the enemy or because they remind us of whom we once were, or could become. Rescue us from the power of our sins, Righteous One of all generations. Pour out your justice on us, rather than your judgment, that we would be moved with pity, and spurred to action; that we would hear of the hope that is ours, and share it with our siblings no matter which faith; that we would shower mercy on all we meet, even as we have received forgiveness for our failures through Jesus Christ, the giver of grace and forgiveness. Amen.

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WORDS OF GRACE

SUNG RESPONSE Halle, Halle, Halle (*Iona*) VU 958
Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah! Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah!
Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

FINDING GOD TOGETHER

SCRIPTURE Amos 7: 7-17 Craig Arnold
 (God holds a plumb line in the midst of God's people.)

GIFT OF MUSIC David Pilkey and Steve Falk

SCRIPTURE Luke: 10: 25-37
 (The parable of the Good Samaritan...
 plumb line of the Gospel?)

Come to the quiet...a time for reflection

SERMON The Plumb Line of Compassion
 Rev. Evelyn McLachlan

***HYMN** When I Needed a Neighbour VU 600

When I needed a neighbour, were you there, were you there? When I needed a neighbour, were you there? And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter, were you there?

I was hungry and thirsty, were you there, were you there? I was hungry and thirsty, were you there? And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter, were you there?

I was cold, I was naked, were you there, were you there? I was cold, I was naked, were you there? And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter, were you there?

When I needed a healer, were you there, were you there?
When I needed a healer, were you there? And the creed
and the colour and the name won't matter, were you there?

Wherever you travel I'll be there, I'll be there, wherever
you travel I'll be there. And the creed and the colour and
the name won't matter, I'll be there.

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY Change My Heart, Oh God
(arr. C. Sinclair)
Lisa Kyriakides

***DEDICATION** Grateful MV 182 (Tom Tomaszek)
Grateful for the life you give us, thankful for your
Holy Son, joyful in your Spirit flowing over all, O God
of Love. Grateful for the Bread of Heaven, thankful
for your Holy Word, joyful in your mercy flowing, we
will praise you.

OFFERTORY PRAYER
PRAYER SHAWL BLESSING

PRAYER PRELUDE O God We Call VU 411
O God we call, O God we call,
from deep inside we yearn,
from deep inside we yearn,
from deep inside we yearn for you.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

***HYMN** Love is the Touch MV 89

Love is the touch of intangible joy; love is the force that
no fear can destroy; love is the goodness we gladly
applaud: God is where love is, for love is of God.

Love is the lilt in a lingering voice; love is the hope that
can make us rejoice; love is the cure for the frightened
and flawed: God is where love is, for love is of God.

Love is the light in the tunnel of pain; love is the will to
be whole once again; love is the trust of a friend on the
road: God is where love is, for love is of God.

Love is the Maker and Spirit and Son; love is the kingdom
their will has begun; love is the path which the saints all
have trod: God is where love is, for love is of God.

*** COMMISSIONING**

***SUNG BLESSING** When You Walk from Here VU 298
When you walk from here, when you walk from here,
walk with justice, walk with mercy,
and with God's humble care.

POSTLUDE All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
(arr. V. Labenske)
Lisa Kyriakides

Welcome

Today we welcome Rev. Evelyn McLachlan. Rev. Evelyn
was born and raised in Timmins, the youngest of six. She
has her Honours. BA in Drama and English from the
University Of Windsor; graduated from Queens
Theological Seminary in 1987. She retired at the end of
2017. Rev. Evelyn is looking forward to leading worship
with Rev. Andy and AUC!



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buildings and ministries, from coast to coast to coast,
are on traditional territories of Indigenous Peoples.*

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*Compassion is the basic “colour scheme”, our guide in
our faithful living: the compassionate way must be
followed even when it means breaking cultural taboos or
role expectations*