

SEEKING GOD TOGETHER

PRELUDE Praise to the Lord, The Almighty
(arr. V. Labenske)
Lisa Kyriakides

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

Come, people of God. Here is the door to life.
Bring all you are. God is waiting.
We stand at the door and knock!
(knock on seats)

Come, people of God. Here is the door to justice.
Leave behind all you do not need. God is waiting.
We stand at the door and knock!
(knock on seats)

Come, people of God. Here is the door to truth.
Behind it is a new way of living. God is waiting.
We stand at the door and knock!
(knock on seats)

Come, people of God. The door is opened for all.
Come in and worship. God is waiting.

***HYMN** Seek Ye First the Kingdom VU 356

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and God's righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Hallelu, hallelujah.

Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and you shall find; knock and the door shall be opened unto you.
Hallelu, hallelujah.

We do not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.
Hallelu, hallelujah.

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

God of Salvation, we are grateful for the gift of your love. A love that has no bounds, a love that keeps reaching out to us, calling us to you. We are more than your people ... we are your beloved children. You reiterate throughout scripture your readiness to hear us when we pray to you. God, you are our father. God, you are our mother. God, you are our family. God, you care for us and love us in ways we cannot comprehend. Forgive us when we forget how much you love us. Forgive us for times we are unfaithful to you, times we fail to do as you've called. God, thank you for loving us in the most sacred and scandalous ways. You are God, and we trust that you journey with us in all things. Amen.

(from: Discipleship Ministries, The United Methodist Church,
<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning>)

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

GIFT OF MUSIC My Jesus, I Love thee (*arr. T. Fettke*)
Lisa Kyriakides

SCRIPTURE Luke: 11: 1-13 Laurie Bentolila
(Jesus instructs on how to pray...what do these words mean?)

Come to the quiet...a time for reflection

SERMON Hey God ... Can We Talk?!
Rev. Evelyn McLachlan

***HYMN** God of the Bible MV 28
(Fresh as the Morning)

God of the Bible, God in the Gospel, hope seen in Jesus, hope yet to come, you are our centre, daylight or darkness, freedom or prison, you are our home. **R**

Refrain:

Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise, God always faithful, you do not change. Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise, God always faithful, you do not change.

God in our struggles, God in our hunger, suffering with us, taking our part, still you empower us, mothering Spirit, feeding, sustaining, from your own heart. **R**

Those without status, those who are nothing, you have made royal, gifted with rights, chosen as partners, midwives of justice, birthing new systems, lighting new lights. **R**

Not by your finger, not by your anger will our world order change in a day, but by your people, fearless and faithful, small paper lanterns, lighting the way. **R**

Hope we must carry, shining and certain through all our turmoil, terror and loss, bonding us gladly one to the other, till our world changes facing the Cross. **R**

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY 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

(see insert pages 7-8)

***HYMN** Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive VU 364

Forgive our sins as forgive, you taught us, Christ, to pray;
but you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.

How can your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart that broods on wrongs, and will not let old bitterness depart?



The United Church of Canada acknowledges that its buildings and ministries, from coast to coast to coast, are on traditional territories of Indigenous Peoples.

In blazing light your cross reveals the truth we dimly knew: what trivial debts are owed to us, how great our debt to you!

O cleanse the depths within our souls and bid resentment cease; then, bound to all in bonds of love, our lives will spread your peace.

*** 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 It is Well With My Soul

(arr. V. Labenske)

Lisa Kyriakides

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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Rev. Lorraine Newton-Comar & Rev. Andrew Comar
Music Coordinator—Margaret Heney

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Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
11:00 AM

“Here are the two best prayers I know: ‘Help me, help me, help me’ and ‘Thank-you, thank-you, thank-you’ ”.
(Anne Lamott)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven:

remind us this day that you are not only creation’s Architect, but you are the Babe who cried for food, the teenager who knew loneliness, the adult who felt the rejection of loved ones.

Hallowed by Thy name:

yours is the name spun by the stars; yours is the name whispered by the dying; yours is the name written on our hearts.

Thy Kingdom come:

may it be a kingdom of peace, not prejudice; may it be a kingdom of sharing, not grasping; may it be a kingdom of hope, not hurting.

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven:

may your Word be more than print on a page; may your justice be more than a wish in our hearts; may your will become our deepest desire.

Give us this day our daily bread:

let us taste it in the kisses of loved ones; let it fill us in the empty moments of our lives; let it slip out of our hands to mend the brokenness of our world.

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us:

may those who have hurt us find a welcome in our hearts, even as we have found our home in yours.

And lead us not into temptation:

turn our hearts from the seductions of our world; and the simple pleasures that turn us from you. Keep us from thinking we are so important that we ignore those around us. Help us to always bring others to you in prayer, before we bring ourselves, as we do in these moments:

Time of Silent Prayer

But deliver us from evil:

not just great evils of war and hunger, but from ingratitude, self-love, pride,

all those little evils that do such great harm.

For thine is the kingdom:

our heart’s true longing;

and the power:

which you set aside to serve us in weakness;

and the glory:

which we would mirror in our lives, our bodies, our minds, our souls, this day and every day.

forever and ever. Amen.

(Rev. Thom Shuman, Presbyterian Church US; Cincinnati, Ohio
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