

## **SEEKING GOD TOGETHER**

**PRELUDE** Better is One Day (*M. Redman*)  
John Malarczyk, soloist

## **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.* Joyce Hagarty

## **CALL TO WORSHIP\***

We come to celebrate God's presence  
and God's love revealed through Jesus Christ.  
**We come remembering Christ's life and ministry  
and the life we are called to live.**  
We come as a pilgrim people searching for ways to  
live out our faith.  
**We come seeking strength that we might carry  
on with our journey.**  
Let us rejoice in the gift of strength God offers us!  
**Let us rejoice that we are not alone. We live in  
God's world! Come, let us worship!**

**\*HYMN** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty *VU #220*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, who rules all creation; O  
my soul, praise him, at all times your health and salvation.  
Come, all who hear: brothers and sisters draw near,  
joining in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, above all things so mightily reigning,  
keeping us safe at his side, and so gently sustaining.

Have you not seen how all you needed has been met by  
God's gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord who will prosper our work and defend  
us; surely his goodness and mercy will daily attend us:  
ponder anew what the Almighty can do, who out of love  
will befriend us.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him! All  
that has life and breath come now with praises before  
him! Let the Amen sound from God's people again:  
gladly with praise we adore him.

## **PRAYER FOR RENEWAL**

At the dawn of the day you are with us, O God,  
**filling us with hope, giving us a clear vision of  
the way we should follow.**

In the heart of the day you are with us, O God,  
**strengthening us in the struggle, encouraging  
us when the way is rough and testing.**

In the cool of the evening you are with us, O God,  
**calling us to thanksgiving, enabling us to  
reflect faithfully on our experiences and the  
challenges along our way.**

In this service you are with us, O God,  
**calling us to worship in the name of Jesus who  
is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Amen.**

## **WORDS OF GRACE**

No matter where we are, God is there. No matter what  
we have done, God is ready to forgive. No matter our  
reluctance to accept God, God has accepted us.  
With that assurance, receive forgiveness and live in  
fullness and in hope.

**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** Isaiah 58: 9-14 Pat Innes  
(God cares for us as we are determined to care for others)

**GIFT OF MUSIC** Carry Me (*A. Assad*)  
Mackenzie and John Malarczyk, soloists

**SCRIPTURE** Luke 14: 1, 7-14  
(Those who exalt themselves will be humbled)

*Come to the quiet...a time for reflection*

**SERMON** Better Than First Come First Served  
The Rev. Tim Dayfoot

**\*HYMN** Lord, Speak to Me *VU 589*

Lord, speak to me that I may speak in living echoes of  
your tone; as you have sought, so let me seek your  
straying children lost and lone.

O lead me, so that I may lead the wandering and the  
wavering feet; O feed me, so that I may feed your  
hungering ones with manna sweet.

O teach me, so that I may teach the precious truths which  
you impart; and wing my words, that they may reach the  
hidden depths of many a heart.

O fill me with your fullness, Lord, until my very heart  
o'erflows in kindling thought and glowing word, your  
love to tell, your praise to show.

# SHARING GOD'S LOVE

## OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

**OFFERTORY** Morning Prayer (*Richard Blake*)  
Lisa Kyriakides

**\*DEDICATION** Grateful (*Tom Tomaszek*) MV 182  
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 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** O Jesus, I Have Promised VU 120

O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end, remain for ever near me, my Saviour and my friend:  
I shall not fear the journey if you are by my side, nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.

O let me feel you near me: the world is ever near; I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear; my foes are ever near me, around me and within; but, Jesus, then draw nearer and shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still, above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;

O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control; now speak, and make me listen, O guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you, that where you are in glory your servant shall be too. And Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end; O give me grace to follow, my Saviour and my friend.

## \* COMMISSIONING

Go out into the world in the power of the Spirit. Pursue justice, faith, love, patience, and humility, even as you love and honour your neighbour, for to this you are called.

**\*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** My Jesus, I Love Thee  
(arr. Victor Labenske)  
Lisa Kyriakides

Welcome

*Today we welcome Rev. Tim Dayfoot to the pulpit of Aurora United Church. Tim is currently serving as retired supply at St. Andrew's United Church in Markham. Tim served at AUC in 2009 as supply. Tim and his wife Leta are still attached to our congregation by strong ties.*



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

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**11:00 AM**

*“It is time for human beings, especially those of White colonial backgrounds, to have some humility. The assumption of having dominion over the earth has caused destruction and climate change. Now is the time to be humble and to pay attention to those who can show another way.”*