

SEEKING GOD TOGETHER

PRELUDE Cantilena (*Robert Lau*)
Margaret Heney

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. Paula Hanna

CALL TO WORSHIP*

God is like a potter who shapes and forms our lives.
God calls us to faithfulness as God forms us in love.
God forms us as vessels of compassion and service.
God gives us many chances to serve, give, witness,
and love. Come, let us worship the Creator who has
formed us into life. Let us sing our praises to God
who made us and is making us. AMEN

***HYMN** Maker, in Whom We Live *VU 321*

Maker, in whom we live, in whom we are and move, the
glory, power, and praise receive for your creating love.
Let all the angel throng give thanks to God on high, while
earth repeats the joyful song and echoes to the sky.

Incarnate Deity, let all the ransomed race render in thanks
their lives to you for your redeeming grace. The grace to
sinners shown, you heavenly choirs proclaim, and cry,
"Salvation to our God, salvation to the Lamb!"

Spirit of Holiness, let all your saints adore your sacred
energy, and bless your heart-renewing power. No angel
tongues can tell your love's ecstatic height, the glorious
joy unspeakable, the beatific sight.

Eternal, Triune God, let all the hosts above, let all on earth
below record and dwell upon your love. When heaven and
earth have fled before your glorious face, may all the
saints your love has made sing everlasting praise.

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

God of power and justice,
like Jeremiah you weep over those
who wander from you, turn aside to other gods,
and enter into chaos and destruction.
By your tears and through your mercy,
teach us your ways and write them on our hearts
so that we may follow faithfully
the path you show us. Amen.

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 Jeremiah 18: 1-11 Paula Hanna
(God is like a potter, forming the world like a pot)

GIFT OF MUSIC Jerusalem
(*William Blake, Hubert Parry*)
Bob McRoberts

GOSPEL Luke 14: 25-33
(Jesus speaks about the cost of discipleship)

Come to the quiet...a time for reflection

SERMON Sit Down and Think
Rev. Samuel Needham

***HYMN** Blessed Jesus, at Your Word *VU 500*

Blessèd Jesus, at your word we have come again to
hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred and in
glowing faith be near you. As the promises here given
draw us wholly up to heaven.

All our knowledge, sense, and sight lie in deepest
darkness shrouded till your Spirit breaks the night, filling
us with light unclouded. All good thoughts and all good
living come but by your gracious giving.

Radiance of God's glory bright, Light of light from God
proceeding, Jesus, send your blessèd light; help our
hearing, speaking, heeding, that our prayers and songs
may please you, as with grateful hearts we praise you.

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY Prayer (*Mark Davis*)
Margaret Heney

***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 For a Thousand Tongues to Sing *VU 326*

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great
 Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and
 King, the triumphs of God's grace.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our
 sorrows cease; 'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life
 and health and peace.

He speaks, and listening to his voice, new life the
 dead receive, the mournful broken-hearts rejoice,
 the humble poor believe.

Hear him, you deaf; you voiceless ones, your tongues
 again employ; you blind, behold your Saviour comes,
 and leap, you lame, for joy!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to
 proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad
 the honours of your name.

*** 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 Fanfare on "Soli Deo Gloria"
(Mark D. Himmelman)
 Margaret Heney

Welcome

*Today we welcome Rev. Samuel Needham. Rev. Sam
 Needham is a fifth-year PhD student at Emmanuel
 College. He's a United Methodist minister, originally
 from the United States, and lives in Richmond Hill with
 his wife, daughter, and in-laws.*



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

**AURORA UNITED
 CHURCH**

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

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 11:00 AM**

*"Nothing worth doing is completed in our lifetime;
 therefore we must be saved by hope.
 Nothing true or beautiful makes complete sense in any
 immediate context of history;
 therefore we must be saved by faith.
 Nothing we do, however virtuous, can be accomplished alone;
 therefore, we are saved by love."
 - Reinhold Niebuhr*