

## **SEEKING GOD TOGETHER**

**PRELUDE** Prelude on Mississippi (*Mark D. Himmelman*)  
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.* Frank Pulumbarit

**INTROIT** A Woman and a Coin - The Coin is Lost  
(*Jaroslav J. Vajda, Fred Graham*)

### **CALL TO WORSHIP\***

Is Violence Bred in the Bone?  
A short reflection to commemorate the 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary  
of the 9-11 attack

**\*HYMN** For the Healing of the Nations VU 678

For the healing of the nations, God, we pray with one accord; for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords. To a life of love inaction help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us forward into freedom, from despair your world release; that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace. Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase.

All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned: pride of status, race or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan. In our common quest for justice may we hallow life's brief span.

You, Creator-God, have written your great name on humankind; for our growing in your likeness bring the life of Christ to mind; that, by our response and service, earth its destiny may find.

### **PRAYER FOR RENEWAL**

**Transforming God, may You move us from where we are to where You would like us to be: from our past, into Your future, from our hurts, into Your healing, from our silence, into Your song.**

*Choir: May You move us with Your grace that acknowledges all we are, and longs for who we shall be.*  
**Transforming God, we often hide from You those parts of ourselves we do not like, or that of which we are ashamed. When we hide our pasts from You or bury the burdens we carry hoping You do not see, find us and hold us once more.**

*(silent reflection)*

*Choir: When we hide, we hide ourselves from You; scared of what we could become, the ill words we've spoken, the selfish choices we've made, the unhealthy relationships we've nurtured, hoping You do not see.*

*(silent reflection)*

**May You move us into life, into love, into your divine likeness, in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

### **WORDS OF GRACE**

We cannot hide from You. Your love for us is too great. You are with us in all things, and in such knowledge, may we be shaped, forgiven, renewed, through Your life in this world.

**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**

**READING** 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Helena Barkla  
(These verses tell a story of conversion and of transformation, of a life renewed by the inexhaustible love and grace of God.)

**ANTHEM** In This Time of Grace (*Jane Best*)

**GOSPEL** Luke 15:1-10  
(The parable of the Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin.)

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

**SERMON** Practicing Repentance  
Rev. Ross Carson

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

“Forgive our sins as we 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?

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.

**SHARING GOD'S LOVE**

***OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD***

***OFFERTORY*** Better Than a Hallelujah (*Amy Grant*)  
Frank Pulumbarit, 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** Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life  
VU 681

Where cross the crowded ways of life, where sound the  
cries of race and clan, above the noise of selfish strife,  
we hear your words of life again.

In haunts of wretchedness and need, on shadowed  
thresholds, dark with fears, from paths where hide the  
lures of greed, we catch the vision of your tears.

The cup of water given for you still holds the freshness  
of your grace; yet long these multitudes of view the  
strong compassion of your face.



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

O Jesus, from the mountain side, make haste to heal these  
hearts of pain; among these restless throngs abide, and  
tread the city's streets again,

Till all the world shall learn your love and follow where  
your feet have trod, till glorious from your heaven above  
shall come the city of our 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** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty  
(*Gerald Peterson*)

Welcome

We welcome the Rev. Ross Carson into the pulpit  
today. Currently Rev. Ross is a member of Trinity United  
Church in Newmarket. Ross is known to AUC previously  
serving as pulpit supply and is brother-in-law to Kathie  
Blackman.

**AURORA UNITED  
CHURCH**

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

**Church Office Hours - Monday - Thursday 9am-12pm**  
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**September 11, 2022**  
**11:00 AM**

*Whom shall we trust but thee, O Lord?  
Where rest but on your faithful word.  
None ever called on you in vain,  
Give peace, O God, give peace again.*  
(verse 3, of the hymn, "Give Peace, O God,"  
lyric by Henry. W. Baker, 1821-1877)