

SEEKING GOD TOGETHER

PRELUDE Psalm 149 (All Saints Day) *Emma Lou Diemer*

WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE
PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Acknowledgment of Territory/Every Child Matters
Paula Hanna

INTROIT My Soul is Thirsting For You (*S. Agrisano*)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come and worship.

Greetings to our brothers and sisters in the faith.

We come to celebrate God's presence,
and God's love expressed 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 God's grace to carry on our journey; to celebrate God's gift to us!

***HYMN** Sing Your Praise to God Eternal (see pg 7)

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

When we look over our shoulders at fear shadowing us today, you go before us into tomorrow, making a path through the sea of yesterday's doubts. When our legs tremble from the effort of standing up for what you hope for all creation, you stand at our side, O God, offering your hope for all creation; you stand at our side, O God offering your hope's strength.

When we turn our hearts into deserts of stony bitterness, you transform them into oases of joy. When we come up with all sorts of rules for those who come to us seeking to find you, you tear up the list, stretching your arms in welcome. When we would clasp old worries to our hearts, you open our eyes to that hope which paves the path ahead of us. God in community, Holy in One, as you are all to us, so we would offer all we are to you. Amen.

(Thom Thuman, Lectionary Liturgies)

WORDS OF GRACE

God in the world changes the world, and us.
Thanks be to God!

SUNG RESPONSE Dance With the Spirit (*J.Strathdee*)

MV 156 **Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin',
walk with the Spirit throughout the long day.
work and hope for the new life abornin',
listen to the Spirit to show you the way.**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (see pg 9-10)

We welcome through the Sacrament of Baptism, Maxwell Ethan Yearwood Hwang & Samuel Alastair Yearwood Hwang, sons of Carolyn Yearwood & Junhoe (Wayne) Hwang.

FINDING GOD TOGETHER

RESPONSIVE READING Isaiah 12L1a-6 (see pg.7)
(Make God's deeds known to the nations.) Colleen Abbott

ANTHEM O Day of Peace (*arr.Hal H. Hopson*)
with Joyce Hagarty, Pat Innes, Jennifer Schafer-handbells

GOSPEL Luke 21:5-19 *p.85 Pew Bible*
(Persecution in the days to come; trust God!)

Come to the quiet...a time for reflection

SERMON For Such a Time as This

***HYMN** We Have This Ministry (see pg8)

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY Over the Rainbow (*H.Arlen/E.Y.Harburg*)
What a Wonderful World (*B.Thiele/G.D.Weiss*)
David Pilkey

***DEDICATION** Take, O Take Me as I Am (*Belle/Maule*)MV
85 **Take, O take me as I am;
summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart,
and live in me. (sing twice)**

OFFERTORY PRAYER & Prayer Shawl Blessing

PRAYER PRELUDE Spirit of Life (*C.McDade*) **VU 381**
Spirit of Life, come unto me.
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;
move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER *(see pg 8)*

***HYMN** My Love Colours Outside the Lines (*G.Light*)
MV 138

My love colours outside the lines, exploring paths that few could ever find; and takes me into places where I've never been before, and opens doors to worlds outside the lines.

My Lord colours outside the lines, turns wounds to blessings, water into wine; and takes me into places where I've never been before, and open doors to worlds outside the lines.

We'll never walk on water if we're not prepared to drown, body and soul need a soaking from time to time. And we'll never move the gravestones if we're not prepared to die, and realize there are worlds outside the lines.

My soul longs to colour outside the lines, tear back the curtains, sun, come in and shine; I want to walk beyond the boundaries where I've never been before, throw open doors to worlds outside the lines.
We'll never walk on water...

My soul longs to colour outside the lines, tear back the curtains, sun, come in and shine; I want to walk beyond the boundaries where I've never been before, throw open doors to worlds outside the lines.

* **COMMISSIONING**

May compassion rule our lives;
and generosity, our spirits.
May wisdom guide our minds;
let God's love be our story.

***SUNG BLESSING** Wherever You May Go (MV 216)
Wherever you may go, I will follow,
and your people shall be my people too.
Wherever you may go, I will follow,
for I would be faithful, loyal and true.

POSTLUDE A Mighty Fortress is Our God (G.Young)



Mission and Service

We recently received a wonderful thank-you letter from Bissell Centre, a Mission & Service partner located in Edmonton. We'd like to share it with you with thanks for your generosity.

Jon is one of the community members at Bissell Centre, and has a passion (and talent) for art. In fact, he's been named Bissell's artist in residence. His work has been commissioned by Bissell to provide an authentic, community-made element to our event advertising, our annual impact reports, and several donor thank-you gifts.

His pieces often feature powerful imagery drawn from his Indigenous heritage and always in a spirit of celebration. His art was the focal point of the event poster for Bissell's celebration of National Indigenous Peoples Day this year. Inspired by the love and support he has received, Jon wanted a way to give back.

He designed, organized, and now facilitates a weekly art program called "Good Art." In the workshops he guides people to express themselves in a healthy way through art that means something to them. Folks are encouraged to share about the art they make at the end of each workshop as way to build and strengthen community.

Your support provided a space for this to happen, and your gifts are having a palpable impact in the lives of Edmontonians facing poverty and houselessness. Thanks you very much.
(<https://united-church.ca/stories/artist-residence-gives-back>)

Welcome

We welcome *Maxwell Ethan Yearwood Hwang & Samuel Alastair Yearwood Hwang*, sons of Carolyn Yearwood & Junhoe (Wayne) Hwang, into the Aurora United Church family through the Sacrament of Baptism



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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PENTECOST 23
November 13, 2022
11:00 AM

Called by God, as disciples of Jesus, The United Church of Canada seeks to be a bold, connected, evolving church of diverse, courageous, hope-filled communities united in deep spirituality, inspiring worship, and daring justice.
Vision Statement, General Council of UCC, 2022

VU 244 Sing Your Praise to God Eternal

Sing your praise to God eternal, sing your praise to God the Son, sing your praise to God the Spirit, living and forever One. God has made us, God has blessed us, God has called us to be true. God rules over all creation, daily making all things new.

Join the praise of every creature, sing with singing birds at dawn; when the stars shine forth at nightfall, hear their heavenly antiphon. Praise God for the light of summer, autumn glories, winter snows, for the coming of the springtime and the life of all that grows.

Praise God on our days of gladness for the summons to rejoice; praise God in our times of sadness for the calm, consoling voice. God our Maker, strong and loving, Christ our Saviour, Leader, Lord, living God, Creator Spirit, be your holy name adored!

Responsive Reading: Isaiah 12:1a-6

R: Proclaim God's marvelous deeds to all the nations.

I will praise you, O God,
**for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away,
and you comforted me.**
Surely God is my salvation.
I will trust and not be afraid.
for you, God are my strength and might; you show yourself my saviour. R

With joy we draw water from the wells of salvation.
Give thanks and call on God's name.
Make known God's deeds among the nations;
proclaim that God's name is exalted.
Sing praise to God, whose work is glorious; let it be known in all the earth.
**Shout for joy, you who dwell in Zion, for the Holy One of Israel is majestic
among you. R**

VU 510 We have this Ministry

We have this ministry and we are not discouraged; it is by God's own power that we may live and serve. Openly we share God's word, speaking truth as we believe, praying that the shadowed world may healing light receive. We have this ministry, O God, receive our living.

O Christ, the tree of life, our end and our beginning, we grow to fullest flower when rooted in your love. Brothers, sisters, clergy, lay, called to service by your grace, different cultures, different gifts, the young and old a place. We have this ministry, O God, receive our giving.

The yoke of Christ is ours, the whole world is our parish; we daily take the cross, the burden and the joy. Bearing hurts of those we serve, wounded, bruised and bowed with pain, Holy Spirit, bread and wine, we die and rise again. We have this ministry, O God, receive our loving.

Lords Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen

The Sacrament of Baptism



Statement of Purpose

Brothers and sisters, let us celebrate the gift of grace known to us in the sacrament of baptism.

**There is one body, and
one Spirit, we have one hope in Christ.**

Presentation of Candidate *Nancy Kerswill*

On behalf of the congregation of Aurora United Church,
I present, ***Maxwell Ethan Yearwood Hwang &
Samuel Alastair Yearwood Hwang***, for initiation into the
family of Christ through baptism.

Questions of Parents, Sponsors

*Do you believe in God, who has created and is creating, who
has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make
new, and who works in us and others by the Spirit?*

I do, by the grace of God.

*Will you join together with your brothers and sisters in this
community of faith to celebrate God's presence, and work
And minister to a world in need of God's love?*

I will, God being my helper.

*Will you grow together with your sons and offer to teach them
the Christian faith, and help them to take their place in the
Christian family?*

I will, God being my helper.

The Congregation makes a promise: *Nancy Kerswill*

Let us pledge to this family, our support and care.

**As a church following in the way of Jesus, we commit
ourselves to support and uphold you within this community
of faith. May God grant us all the grace to live out our
baptism.**

The Blessing of the Baptism Water

The water we use in baptism is a symbol of the grace of God—
free-flowing, awakening, refreshing, renewing. It is a symbol of the
unconditional love that names us and claims us as God's own.
It is also a symbol of the faith that we share in common as
people of Christ.

***Let us pray...Loving God, bless now this water that we will use in baptism.
May it be a sign and promise of new life, not only for Maxwell and Alastair,
but also for all who have passed through the waters of baptism.
In the Spirit of Christ, who was himself baptized, we pray. Amen.***

The Baptism *(What is the name of this child?)*

Maxwell Ethan Yearwood/Samuel Alastair Yearwood,
*I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

Maxwell Ethan Yearwood/Samuel Alastair Yearwood,
*child of God, with the sign of the cross, you become one
with Christ Jesus in the family of God. Amen.*

Maxwell Ethan Yearwood/Samuel Alastair Yearwood, ,
*may the blessing of the one God, Mother and Father of us all,
be with you today and always. Amen.*

Presentation of Certificate and Cross/Candlelighting

Sung Blessing *MV 214*

**May God's sheltering wings,
God's gathering wings protect you.
May God's nurturing arms,
God's cradling arms sustain you,
and hold you in God's love,
and hold you in God's love.**