

**SEEKING GOD TOGETHER**

**PRELUDE** Prelude on ‘Bryn Calfaria’ (E. Landin)

**WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE**

**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

*Lighting of the Christ Candle*

**Acknowledgment of Territory/Every Child Matters**

Bill Newman

**INTROIT** Bathe Me in Your Light (Oldham/Klusmeier)

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

God’s love has no exceptions.

**We are the body of Christ!**

Justice seeking, bread breaking,

hymn singing, risk taking:

**Body of Christ!**

Baptized by one Spirit, we are members

of one body: **many and varied in culture, sexuality,**

**age, class and ability, we are members of Christ’s**

**body in the world.**

None of us can say, ‘I have no need of you.’

**For only together can we find wholeness.**

None of us can say to another, ‘I will not care for you.’

**For we are connected like muscle and bone.**

**If one suffers, we all suffer. If one rejoices,**

**we all rejoice!**

Come into worship, wherever you are!

**We come with our dream of a better day,**

**and with dignity and safety for all!**

Thanks be to God who in Jesus has made us one!

**Let us worship God! Alleluia!**

**\*HYMN** Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation (pg 7)

**PRAYER FOR RENEWAL**

Creator God, we offer this time of worship as an outpouring of gratitude and awe for the 98 years of the United Church of Canada. As a community of broken but hopeful believers, we seek to love what Christ loves. We seek to live what he taught. We strive to be your faithful followers, embodying Christ’s presence in our time and place. As children of the Timeless One, we long for healing and reconciliation in our country and in the world, so all might have abundant life. In the meantime, we embrace the present: embodying hope, loving both neighbour and enemy, caring for the earth, and choosing abundant life. Meet us in this time, O God. Strengthen and equip us as we continue to be the church you would have us be. **God in Community-Holy in One, we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

**WORDS OF GRACE**

In God we are known and loved!

**Thanks be to God!**

**SUNG RESPONSE** Dance With the Spirit (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 a-bornin’,  
listen to the Spirit to show you the way.**

**FINDING GOD TOGETHER**

**RESPONSIVE READING** Psalm 33 (insert p.8)

(Sing a new song to God.) Bill Newman

**ANTHEM** Simple Gifts (Adapted A.Copland trans. I.Fine)

The Aurora Choralis

**GOSPEL** Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26 *p.9 Pew Bible NT*  
(The call of Matthew; healing and restoration to life.)

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

**SERMON** A Moment in Time

**\*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.

**SHARING GOD'S LOVE**

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

**OFFERTORY** God is My Shepherd (*Antonin Dvorak*)

**\*DEDICATION** We Are An Offering (*D. Liles*)  
We lift our voices, we lift our hands,  
we lift our lives up to you; we are an offering.  
Lord, use our voices, Lord use our hands,  
Lord, use our lives, they are yours;  
we are an offering, we are an offering.

**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**  
VU p.910

**HYMN** One More Step (pg 7)

**\* COMMISSIONING**

And now, touched by God's Spirit  
which makes us free,  
**held in God's love, which gives us strength,**  
befriended by God's Son, who breaks down walls,  
let us live with open hearts  
**to all the adventure, all the pain, all the joy,**  
**of being God's people—in every place life calls**  
**us to be.** (*Bob Root, Peterborough, Ont.*)

**\*SUNG BLESSING** VU 962 (*M.T. Winter*)  
May the blessing of God go before you. May God's  
grace and peace abound. May God's Spirit live  
within you. May God's love wrap you 'round.  
May God's blessing remain with you always.  
May you walk on holy ground.

**POSTLUDE** Festive Voluntary (*Valeriy Antonyuk*)





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**PRIDE/UCC 98th Anniversary  
Pride/Indigenous History Month  
June 11, 2023  
11:00 AM**

*We sing of a church seeking to continue the story of  
Jesus by embodying Christ's presence in the world.  
(A Song of Faith. UCC 2006)*



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

### **Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation**

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone, chosen of the Lord, and precious, binding all the church in one, holy Zion's help for ever, and its confidence alone.

To this temple where we call you, come, O Lord of hosts, today; with your faithful loving-kindness hear your servants as they pray, and your fullest benediction shed within its walls alway.

Here bestow on all your servants what they ask of you to gain, what they gain from you for ever with the blessed to retain, and hereafter in your glory evermore with you to reign.

Laud and honour to the Father, laud and honour to the Son, laud and honour to the Spirit, ever three and ever one, one in might, and one in glory, while unending ages run.

### **One More Step**

One more step along the world I go, one more step along the world I go, from the old things to the new, keep me travelling along with you:

**And it's from the old I travel to the new; keep me travelling along with you.**

Round the corner of the world I turn, more and more about the world I learn; all the new things that I see you'll be looking at along with me: **R**

As I travel through the bad and good, keep me travelling the way I should; where I see no way to go you'll be telling me the way, I know: **R**

Give me courage when the world is rough, keep me loving though the world is tough, leap and sing in all I do, keep me travelling along with you: **R**

You are older than the world can be, you are younger than the life in me, ever old and ever new, keep me travelling along with you: And it's from the old I travel to the new; keep me travelling along with you.

### **RESPONSIVE READING** Psalm 33

**R A new song to our God proclaim,  
from age to age rejoice!**

Shout to God for joy, you righteous! Praise is fitting from loyal hearts.

**Give thanks to God with the harp;  
sing praise to God with the ten-stringed lute.**

Sing a new song to God; play skillfully and with shouts of joy.

**For the word of God is true;  
God's every deed is faithful. R**

You love what is right and just; the earth is full of your constant love.

**By your word the heavens were made,  
the countless stars by the breath of your mouth.**

You gather the waters of the sea as in a goatskin;

**you stored the deep in cisterns.**

Let all the earth fear you, O God,

**let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe.**

For you spoke and it came to be; you commanded and it stood firm.

**You foil the plans of the nations,  
and frustrated the schemes of the peoples.**

Your counsel, O God shall stand forever, the purposes of your heart through all generations.

**Happy the nation who has you as God.  
Happy the people you choose as your own**

Our heart rejoices in you, O God, because our hope is in your holy name.

**Let your steadfast love be upon us  
as we put our trust in you. R**