

SEEKING GOD TOGETHER

PRELUDE Intermezzo in A, Op.118, No.2
(Johannes Brahms)

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Lighting of the Christ Candle

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Brian Walter

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come with us, Loving God,
into the relaxation and warmth of summer.

Enable us to find the peace we seek.

In the joy of gathered friends,
we discover you.

In the reunion of family,
we experience you.

In inspiring encounters with strangers,
we realize you are with us.

In the fresh ideas that engage us,
we sense your leading.

You are with us, Loving God,
in all the summer days.

Let us worship!

(D.Sparks, Summerland, B.C. adapted)

***HYMN** Morning Has Broken *(insert pg 7)*

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

God of the seasons, your Creator's touch grows more evident with each passing day and we marvel at the variety of your expressions. Summer warmth has us languid and reflecting on other summer days and the people who shared those times with us. And so, our

energies are directed towards our relationships in this time and we promise ourselves that we will use some of this set-apart time for healing. Set our paths in this way, loving God—that we would always seek to mend what is broken and bind that which we might gather up, in You. God in Community—Holy in One, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

WORDS OF GRACE

God's love washes over us.
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

SCRIPTURE Psalm 146 VU p. 868
(Give praise to God, O my soul.) Myles Heney

GIFT OF MUSIC The Lord Is My Shepherd *(Samuel Liddle)*
Bob McRoberts

GOSPEL Matthew 10:40-42 p. 11 *Pew Bible NT*
(Welcoming and offering a cup of water.)

Come to the quiet...a time for reflection

SERMON Charter of Compassion

***HYMN** The Servant Song (We Are Pilgrims) *(insert pg 7)*

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY Gottes Zeit ist die allerbeste Zeit
(Cantata 106) *(J.S.Bach arr. Harrison Oxley)*

***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
(insert pg 8)

HYMN Soil of God, You and I *(Hannah/Melhorn-Boe)*
 Soil of God, you and I, stand ready to bear
 seeds of faith nourished by God's tender care.
 Growing in everyone for here God is found.
 All stand together, we are...Holy ground.

Soil of God, you and I, now ready to be
 part of God's promise, for others to see.
 Open to everyone for here God is found.
 All stand together, we are...Holy Ground.

Soil of God, you and I, now called to rebirth,
 joining as partners with all of the earth.
 Living in harmony for here God is found.
 All stand together, this is...Holy ground.

***COMMISSIONING**

And now, may the places where you walk,
become sacred places of the Holy...
 The places where you make your stand,
be signposts to the love of Christ...
 The places where you rest,
be filled with the renewing grace
of the Spirit.

***SUNG BLESSING** Wherever You May Go *(D.Kai)*
 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 Recessional on 'Lasst uns erfreuen'
(Alan Smith)



**Vicki Nelson writes about sharing
 life's lessons of generosity with
 children this summer**

I don't know about you, but the end of the school year always feels like a fresh start; a chance to leave behind the busyness and expectations of the school year, and find space and time to learn something new. This summer, why not build some generosity practices into your family's summer days and see how it can impact you. Below are a few ideas.

Practice gratitude: The days are long, we are eating fresh produce from our gardens or nearby, and we may get to go camping or visit a cottage—summer's bounty makes it impossible not to feel blessed and grateful. Talk to the children in your life about what you saw that day. Reflect on what was special, delicious, or beautiful. Say grace before meals or a prayer of thanksgiving around the campfire. For school-aged children, encourage them to journal about their summer adventures, so they can look back and feel grateful (plus some literacy practice doesn't hurt).

Volunteer with your child: Find some time during the busy eight weeks off school to give back to your community. Help in a community garden growing food for the food bank. See if help is needed at a local summer camp. Mow the lawns and weed the gardens at your church. Check with local agencies that are feeding, hydrating, or housing people—are there ways your family can help?

Encourage your child to share their money: Whether they set up a lemonade stand, mow lawns, or simply receive an allowance for helping out around the house, talk to your child about sharing their abundance. Consider proportional giving (maybe they share a third of what they earn) or set a monthly amount that they allocate to their church, Mission and Service, or another cause they care about.

Practice kindness: Spend time helping others. Hold the door open for other people. Let someone go ahead of you in line. Have cash available to those with outstretched hands. Help a neighbour by mowing their lawn. Give your child the chance to talk about the experience of helping others. Ask your child, "Why do you think it's important for us to help others?" Or, "How did it make you feel to help others?" These questions will help them understand why their help makes a difference to other people.

Finally, a reminder that helping other people won't always earn praise. Explain that sometimes people won't thank them for their help. Even if your child's kindness isn't acknowledged, it's still meaningful. If you end up trying any of these things or something different, and have a story to share, [please email us @ called@united-church.ca](mailto:called@united-church.ca)

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*"I see trees of green, red roses too. I see them
 bloom for me and for you. And I think to myself,
 what a wonderful world." (Louis Armstrong)*

