

**SEEKING GOD TOGETHER**

**PRELUDE** Morning Has Broken (Arr by T. Wilhelmi)

**WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE  
PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

*Lighting of the Christ Candle*

**Acknowledgment of Territory/Every Child Matters**  
Martha Bailkowski

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Creator God, we give you thanks  
that you are among us.

**We thank you for the gift  
of your Creation;**

for the gifts of friends and family;

**for the gift of stories;**

for the gifts of learning and knowledge;

**for the gifts of question and doubt;**

for the fire of enthusiasm;

**for the wind of reason.**

For all we understand and for all

that remains a mystery;

**for your loving presence**

**in and through it all—**

we give you thanks

**and praise!**

**\*HYMN** Come, Let Us Sing VU 222

**PRAYER FOR RENEWAL**

**Loving God, let the peace of this sanctuary surround us. Let the hurry and worry of our everyday lives fall away. You are here with us now. You are our still point. We are where we are supposed to be. For in this place, on this day we are at the centre of our beginnings. Still us and draw us into your silence.**

**Divine weaver, you who gather the broken fibres of our being, make us whole again. Embrace us, God. Encircle us with your love; splash summertime epiphanies on our paths, so that we may be aware of your Spirit alive in the world. God, you are here. We are here. Grace us with new beginnings; God in Community—Holy in One, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.** (G. Corbett, *Gathering, Adapted*)

**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**

**RESPONSIVE READING** Psalm 34 VU p. 761

(Taste and see the goodness of our God.)

Martha Bailkowski

**GIFT OF MUSIC** It Is Well With My Soul

(Arr. by G. Austin)

**GOSPEL** Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 p. 11 Pew Bible NT

(My yoke is easy; my burden is light.)

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

**SERMON** Yoked

**HYMN** Love Is the Touch (A. Robertson/J. Bell) MV 89

Love is the touch of intangible joy;

love is the force that no fear can destroy;

love is the goodness we gladly applaud:

God is where love is, for love is of God.

Love is the lilt in a lingering voice;

love is the hope that can make us rejoice;

love is the cure for the frightened and flawed:

God is where love is, for love is of God.

Love is the light in the tunnel of pain;

love is the will to be whole once again;

love is the trust of a friend on the road:

God is where love is, for love is of God.

Love is the Maker and Spirit and Son;

love is the kingdom their will has begun;

love is the path which the saints all have trod:

God is where love is, for love is of God.

**SHARING GOD'S LOVE**

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

**OFFERTORY** Praise To The Lord The Almighty

(Arr. by T. Wilhelmi)

**\*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** We Have This Ministry VU 510

**\*COMMISSIONING**

As we go into the sweetness of this summer day,  
**may we be refreshed by our worship together,**  
inspired to be a blessing to all whom we meet,  
**and sustained by the ever-flowing Spirit who  
blesses us with every breath.**

**\*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** A Mighty Fortress Is Our God  
(Arr. by T. Wilhelmi)



**Visiting Musician**

We welcome to AUC this morning, Rebecca Loo...  
Rebecca is an accomplished teacher, musician, accompanist,  
arranger, clinician, choral conductor, pianist, organist and  
harpichordist in the GTA. She completed her ARCT for  
Piano Performance at the age of 16, and completed her ARCT  
for Organ Performance just a few years later (obtaining the  
highest mark in Ontario). She also has associateship Diplomas  
in the Royal Schools of Music (London, UK— ABRSM) and  
from the Royal Canadian College of Organists (ARCCO).

Rebecca holds a Bachelor of Music Degree  
(Theory, Composition) from the University of Toronto. As a  
performer, she has won prestigious awards in Music Festivals,  
National Competitions, received scholarships, facilitated and  
participated in various Masterclasses in North America and  
Europe, and studied with distinguished artists. Rebecca has  
also been an RCM Piano/Organ Teacher for 30 years,  
Ensemble Coordinator for numerous Music Festivals,  
Children's Camp Director and Youth volunteer, Director of  
Music in various local churches for over 20 years,  
accompanist for orchestras, choirs, singers, auditioning  
students and solo instrumentalists.

Rebecca will be filling in for our Music Coordinator,  
Margaret Heney— Sunday, July 9th and 30th

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for summer and fall programming, ministers and staff  
holidays-news from around the Shining Waters Region and  
U.C.C. Rev's Lorraine & Andy will be checking email/voice  
messages throughout the summer.*



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**PENTECOST 6**  
**July 9, 2023**  
**11:00 AM**

*The yoke is hard because the teachings of Jesus are  
radical: enemy love, unconditional forgiveness,  
extreme generosity. The yoke is easy because it is  
accessible to all—the studied and the ignorant, the  
rich and the poor, the religious and the unreligious.*  
(Rachel Held Evans 1981-2019)