

**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** All the Way My Saviour Leads Me pg 6

**\*COMMISSIONING**

**\*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** All Things Bright and Beautiful (arr. Dale Wood)

[Welcome](#)

*Today we welcome the Rev. Linda Levin...originally from South Africa, of Jewish heritage, she taught Latin and remedial English in South Africa and London (England), and then studied for ministry at Emmanuel College in Toronto. Ordained in 1979, she served for two years in northern Ontario and 29 years at Runnymede United, Toronto. Linda retired in June, 2011 to form a fundraising group in support of Kenyan women in the slum community of Kibera who, out of the love of their hearts, care for AIDS-orphaned children.*

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## **SUMMER WORSHIP**

August 6, 2023

11:00 am

*May you enjoy time alone this summer: beside the wide sea,  
beneath the far stars, in the sun's warm rays, in the gentle rain.  
And may God who is in the spaces bless your walking on the  
good earth. (Joy Mead)*

**SEEKING GOD TOGETHER**

**PRELUDE** This is God's Wondrous World  
(arr. Gilbert M. Martin)

**WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE**  
**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

*Lighting of the Christ Candle*

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

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

\***HYMN** Come Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love *pg 5*

**OPENING PRAYER**

We come to you with hungry hearts,  
seeking to be filled:  
**with the power of your presence,**  
**with the light of your Spirit,**  
**with new energy for service.**

Come to us we pray.  
**Be with us, fill us,**  
**empower us,**  
**bind us together in love**  
**to be your servant people in the world.**  
Amen.

**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** Philippians 2:1-11 *p.197 Pew Bible NT*  
(At the name of Jesus every knee shall bend.) Paula Hanna

**GIFT OF MUSIC** Come to Us, Lord Jesus! (Paul K. McKay)

**GOSPEL** Luke 18: 9-14 *p. 81 Pew Bible*  
(The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector.)

**SERMON** How the Light Gets In  
Rev. Linda Levin

\***HYMN** There's a Wideness in God's Mercy *pg 5*

**SHARING GOD'S LOVE**

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

**OFFERTORY** O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee  
(arr. Paul Karvonen)

\***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**

### **Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love**

Come, let us sing of a wonderful love, tender and true, tender and true, out of the heart of the Father above, streaming to me and to you: wonderful love, wonderful love dwells in the heart of the Father above.

Jesus the Saviour this gospel to tell joyfully came, joyfully came, came with the helpless and hopeless to dwell, sharing their sorrow and shame, seeking the lost, seeking the lost, saving, redeeming at measureless cost.

Jesus is seeking the wanderers yet; why do they roam? why do they roam? Love only waits to forgive and forget; home, weary wanderers, home! Wonderful love, wonderful love dwells in the heart of the Father above.

Come to my heart, O thou wonderful love! Come and abide, come and abide, lifting my life till it rises above envy and falsehood and pride: seeking to be, seeking to be lowly and humble, a learner of thee.

### **There's a Wideness in God's Mercy**

There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea; there's a kindness in God's justice which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven; there is no place where earth's failings have such gracious judgement given.

There is plentiful redemption in the blood that Christ has shed; there is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head.

Troubled souls, why will you scatter like a crowd of frightened sheep? Foolish hearts, why will you wander from a love so true and deep?

For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind, and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

### **All the Way My Saviour Leads Me**

All the way my Saviour leads me; what have I to ask beside? Can I doubt his tender mercy who through life has been my guide? Heavenly peace, divinest comfort, here by faith in him to dwell, for I know, whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well.

All the way my Saviour leads me, cheers each winding path I tread, gives me grace for every trial, feeds me with the living bread. Though my weary steps may falter, and my soul athirst may be, gushing from the rock before me, lo, a spring of joy I see!

All the way my Saviour leads me; O the fullness of his love! Perfect rest to me is promised in my Father's house above. When my spirit, clothed, immortal, wings its flight to realms of day, this my song through endless ages, 'Jesus led me all the way!'