

SEEKING GOD TOGETHER

PRELUDE Meditation on Julion (*Mark D. Himmelman*)

WELCOME AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP *Lighting of the Christ Candle*

Acknowledgement of Territory/Every Child Matters
Helena Barkla

CALL TO WORSHIP

You call to us Lord,

and in worship we answer.

We wrestle with life and love, with faith and doubt,

and in worship you help us with these struggles.

Gather us in, Lord, every part of us:

the joyful and the sincere, the resistant and the eager,

the champion and the underdog, the empty and the full.

Gather us into your presence, your family, your realm,

**so that in worship we may find your peace. Come, let us
worship God!**

***HYMN** God Who Gives to Life its Goodness *pg. 5*

OPENING PRAYER

O God of hot summer days, you call us to rejoice. In the beauty of this season, we see your presence and your love.

We come into your sanctuary today, here and at home,

to give you thanks for your presence with us,

and to learn anew how best to be your people.

May we be open to your spirit, even when it urges us to walk on water, like it did with Peter.

**May we be bold, trusting in your loving embrace and your
steady hand to guide us and to save. In your great love we pray,
Amen.**

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

FINDING GOD TOGETHER

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 6:1-8 *p.635 Pew Bible NT* Helena Barkla
(Isaiah is called by God.)

GIFT OF MUSIC Here I Am, Lord (*Daniel L. Schutte*)
Tracey Keffer-Lyon

GOSPEL Matthew 14:22-33 *p.16 Pew Bible NT*
(Peter walks on water)

SERMON *Getting Out of the Boat*
Rev. Tim Dayfoot

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

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

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SHARING GOD'S LOVE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY Within God's Little Children (*Richard D. Hall*)
Rev. Tim and Leta Dayfoot

***DEDICATION** We Are An Offering (*D. Liles*)
We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you; you 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 PRELUDE Spirit of Life (*C. McDade*)
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. (*VU 381*)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER (*VU p.910*)

***HYMN** Eternal Father, Strong to Save *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 Ricarcare on "St. Anne" (*Gordon Young*)

Welcome

Today we welcome the Rev. Tim Dayfoot to the pulpit
of Aurora United Church. Tim is a retired United Church minister
who served several congregations in Ontario after his ordination in
1985, including a year and half at AUC in 2008-2009 as supply.
Tim and his wife Leta live in Aurora and call AUC home now that
Tim is once again, fully retired.



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SUMMER WORSHIP

August 13, 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)*

God Who Gives to Life its Goodness

God who gives to life its goodness,
God creator of all joy,
God who gives to us our freedom,
God who blesses tool and toy:
teach us now to laugh and praise you,
deep within your praises sing,
till the whole creation dances
for the goodness of its King.

God who fills the earth with beauty,
God who binds each friend to friend,
God who names us co-creators
God who wills that chaos end:
grant us now creative spirits,
minds responsive to your mind,
hearts and wills your rule extending
all our acts by Love refined.



Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm has bound the restless wave,
who bade the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

O Christ, whose voice the waters heard,
and hushed their raging at thy word,
who walked upon the foaming deep,
and calm amid the storm did sleep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

O Holy Spirit, who didst brood
upon the chaos dark and rude,
and bade its angry tumult cease,
and gave for wild confusion, peace:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power,
all travellers guard in danger's hour.
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
protect them wheresoe'er they go:
thus evermore shall rise to thee
glad hymns of praise from land and sea.