

**SEEKING GOD TOGETHER**

**PRELUDE** Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling  
*(arr. Tom Fettke)*

**WELCOME AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE**  
**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP** *Lighting of the  
Christ Candle*

*Acknowledgement of Territory/Every Child Matters*  
Helena Barkla

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Tell them that I need it," says Christ. "I need humble  
ones to carry my life to bring hope to the people

**We will be Love!**

Who will be Hope to the People?

**We will be full of Grace!**

Stay beside me now as I travel, for tomorrow the way  
may not be so welcoming

**We will be Forgiving!**

**HYMN** Come In, Come In and Sit Down *VU 395*

**OPENING PRAYER**

Dear God we gather in response to Jesus' invi-  
tation. As a family with unique and differing mem-  
bers, we gather as one people, aware of our dif-  
ferences yet not divided by them. We hold in com-  
mon a longing for our spiritual home. Be with us as  
we worship with you. Amen

**SUNG RESPONSE** Dance With the Spirit *MV 156*  
*(J. Strathdee)*

**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.**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God it is much easier to look back and long for  
what is past than it is to look forward with vision  
and hope. It is more comforting to credit ourselves  
with great success than to acknowledge that all we  
have achieved has come from you and your work  
through us.**

**Our consciences aren't troubled when we only  
consider our needs and wants and not those of  
others.**

**Stir us up, help us swim in troubled waters, help  
us to take the more difficult way.**

*(in silence, let us each make our confession to God)*

Forgive us God

**Set us again on your path of right relationship  
with you and all of your creation. Amen**

**ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE**

God's love and mercy is timeless. The past is re-  
leased, and the future stands open. In this present  
moment we are assured that God forgives and guides

us toward the way of new beginnings. A way filled  
with Grace and Love.

**Praise be to God for unceasing love, grace and  
enduring mercy. We are a forgiven people, ready to  
start again. Amen**

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**FINDING GOD TOGETHER**

**SCRIPTURE** Jeremiah 33: 14-16 *p.738 Pew Bible NT*  
Anne Ella-Arnold

**GIFT OF MUSIC** I Thank You, Lord *(Joseph Martin)*  
George Collins, tenor

**GOSPEL** Luke 21: 25-36 *p.85 Pew Bible NT*

**REFLECTION** *Signs of Hope*  
Phil Mannell

**\*HYMN** Tell Me The Stories of Jesus *VU357*

**SHARING GOD'S LOVE**

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

**OFFERTORY** Meditation *(Anthony Giamanco)*

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**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**

God, our Creator, through your love you have given us these gifts to share. We graciously return these offerings as an expression of our deep thanks and signs of our concern for those in need. By your Grace: Faith will counter unbelief, Hope will counter despair, Fellowship will counter loneliness and Mission will counter self-serving. Bless these gifts O God, for action in the Spirit of Jesus Christ. Amen

**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** Walk With Me *VU* 649

**BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH**

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**\*SUNG BLESSING** Take Up His Song *MV* 213  
*(L Herman, R. King)*

Take up his song of peace and go into the world.  
 Take up his song of peace in every moment. In every moment of the journey, we're laying down our lives; lay them down, in peace, lay them down, and take up his song.

Take up his song of hope and go into the world.  
 Take up his song of hope in every moment. In every moment of the journey, we're laying down our lives; lay them down, in hope, lay them down, and take up his song.

Take up his song of faith and go into the world.  
 Take up his song of faith in every moment. In every moment of the journey, we're laying down our lives; lay them down, in faith, lay them down, and take up his song.

Take up his song of love and go into the world.  
 Take up his song of love in every moment. In every moment of the journey, we're laying down our lives; lay them down, in love, lay them down, and take up his song.

**POSTLUDE** A Mighty Fortress Is our God (*Martin Luther*)

Welcome

Today we welcome *Phil Mannell* to the pulpit of Aurora United Church. Phil worships at Sharon Hope United Church and has been a licensed lay leader for 15 plus years. He retired from Enbridge 10yrs ago after 35yrs and resides in Sharon, is married and has two children.



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**SUMMER WORSHIP**

August 20, 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)*

### **Come In, Come In and Sit Down**

**Refrain: Come in, come in and sit down, you are a part of the family. We are lost and we are found, and we are part of the family.**

You know the reason why you come, yet no reason can explain; so share in the laughter and cry in the pain, for we are a part of the family. **R**

God is with us in this place, like a mother's warm embrace. We're all forgiven by God's grace, for we are a part of the family. **R**

There's life to be shared in the bread and the wine; we are the branches, Christ is the vine. This is God's temple, it's not yours or mine, but we are a part of the family. **R**

There's rest for the weary and health for us all; there's a yoke that is easy, and a burden that's small. So come in and worship and answer the call, for we are a part of the family **R**

### **Tell Me the Stories of Jesus**

Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear, things I would ask him to tell me if he were here: scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea, stories of Jesus, tell them to me.

First let me hear how the children stood round his knee and I shall fancy his blessing resting on me; words full of kindness, deeds full of grace, all in the lovelight of Jesus' face.

Tell me, in accents of wonder, how rolled the sea tossing the boat in a tempest on Galilee! And how the Master, ready and kind, chided the billows and hushed the wind.

Into the city I'd follow the children's band, waving a branch of the palm tree high in my hand; one of his heralds, yes, I would sing loudest hosannas! Jesus is king!

Show me that scene in the garden of bitter pain; and of the cross where my Saviour for me was slain. Sad ones or bright ones, so that they be stories of Jesus, tell them to me.

### **Walk with Me**

**Refrain: Walk with me, I will walk with you and build the land that God has planned where love shines through.**

When Moses heard the call of God he said, 'Lord, don't send me.' But God told Moses, 'You're the one to set my people free.' **R**

Now Peter was a most unlikely man to lead the flock; but Jesus knew his holiness and he became the Rock. **R**

Young Mary Magdalene was sure her life could be much more, and by her faith she dared to let God's love unlock the door. **R**

And when you share your faith with me and work for life made new, the witness of your faithfulness calls me to walk with you. **R**

