

SEEKING GOD TOGETHER

PRELUDE For the Beauty of the Earth
(arr. Alec Wyton)

**WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE
PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Acknowledgment of Territory/Every Child Matters
Paula Hanna

CALL TO WORSHIP

The peace of Christ be with you.
and also with you.

We come to celebrate God's presence,
and the love of God expressed through Jesus Christ.

We come remembering Christ's life and ministry,
and the life we are called to live.

**We come as a pilgrim people
searching for ways to live out our faith.**

We come seeking the strength to carry on our journey.

Let us rejoice in God's gifts to us!

Come, let us worship God!

***HYMN** New Every Morning (*John Keble, Samuel Webbe*) p 5

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, who in your wisdom and power
makes all things new, confirm your promises and renew our hopes.

**Draw near to us in this hour of worship
that we may be refreshed by your Spirit
and assured of your loving care.**

**Open our minds to the guidance of your word
and let our hearts sing of your goodness.**

**May this time of praise and laughter and reflection
prepare us to go out into the world that needs your love.
In your courageous spirit we pray. 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 Romans 12:1-8 p 161 *Pew Bible NT*
(We all have gifts that differ.) Paula Hanna

GIFT OF MUSIC Grace Abounds for All
(*Adam M. L. Tice, Thomas Keesecker*)
Wesley Bells, violin, & Margaret Heney, Soprano

GOSPEL Matthew 16:13-20 p.18 *Pew Bible NT*
(Peter calls Jesus the Messiah, Jesus calls Peter
the rock)

Come to the quiet...a time for reflection

SERMON Who do you think you are?

HYMN Bring Many Names p 5

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY An Eriskay Love Lilt (*Marjory Kennedy-Fraser*)
Wesley Bells, violin

***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 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 Forth in Your Name, O Christ p 6
(Charles Wesley, Robert Schumann)

*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 Tango (Por Una Cabeza)
(Carlos Gardel, arr. John Willisams)
Wesley Bells, violin

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 27, 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)

New Every Morning

New every morning is the love our wakening and uprising prove; through sleep and darkness safely brought, restored to life, and power, and thought.

New mercies each returning day hover around us while we pray; new perils past, new sins forgiven, new thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven.

If on our daily course our mind be set to hallow all we find, new treasures still of countless price God will provide for sacrifice.

The trivial round, the common task, will furnish all we ought to ask, room to deny ourselves, a road to bring us daily nearer God.

Only, O God, in your dear love fit us for perfect rest above; and help us, this and every day, to live more nearly as we pray.

Bring Many Names

Bring many names, beautiful and good, celebrate, in parable and story, holiness in glory, living, loving God. Hail and hosanna! Bring many names!

Strong mother God, working night and day, planning all the wonders of creation, setting each equation, genius at play: Hail and hosanna, strong mother God!

Warm father God, hugging every child, feeling all the strains of human living, caring and forgiving till we're reconciled: Hail and hosanna, warm father God!

Old, aching God, grey with endless care, calmly piercing evil's new disguises, glad of good surprises, wiser than despair: Hail and hosanna, old, aching God!

Young, growing God, eager, on the move, saying no to falsehood and unkindness, crying out for justice, giving all you have; Hail and hosanna, young, growing God!

Great, living God, never fully known, jovful darkness far beyond our seeing, closer yet than breathing, everlasting home; Hail and hosanna, great, living God!

Forth in Your Name, O Christ

Forth in your name, O Christ, we go, our daily labour to pursue, you, only you, resolved to know in all we think, or speak, or do.

The task your wisdom has assigned here let us cheerfully fulfil; in all our works your presence find, and prove your good and perfect will.

You may we set at our right hand, whose eyes our inmost secrets view, and labour on at your command and offer all our works to you.

Help us to bear your easy yoke, in every moment watch and pray, and still to things eternal look, and hasten to that glorious day.

Then with delight may we employ all that your bounteous grace has given, and run our earthly course with joy, and closely walk with you to heaven.