

**SEEKING GOD TOGETHER**

**PRELUDE** Largo (G.F. Handel, arr. Noel Rawsthorne)

**WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE**

**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

*Lighting of the Christ Candle*

**Acknowledgment of Territory/Every Child Matters**

Joyce Hagarty

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*HYMN** Joyful, Joyful We Adore You (pg 5)

**OPENING PRAYER**

Come to us, holy God,  
as we gather before you

**Encircle us with your love.**

Bless us with your sustaining presence;

**Surround us with your grace**

Draw us 'round your living Word,

**And bind us to one another**

**as disciples of Christ**

whose Spirit is in our midst.

**Amen.**

**SUNG RESPONSE** Dance With the Spirit (J. 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** Psalm 25:1-7 p 502 Pew Bible NT Pat Innes

**GIFT OF MUSIC** The Water is Wide (arr. Brant Adams)

Tim Birtch, trumpet

**SCRIPTURE** Proverbs 8:1-4; 22-36 p.590-591 Pew Bible NT

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

**SERMON** God's Cheering Section

**HYMN** Teach Me, God, to Wonder (pg 5-6)

**SHARING GOD'S LOVE**

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

**OFFERTORY** Brother James' Air (arr. Gilbert M. Martin)

**\*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.**

**PRAYER:**

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

**HYMN** God of Grace and God of Glory (*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** Praise to the Lord! (*arr. Brant Adams*)  
Tim Birtch, Trumpet

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

September 3, 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)*

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### **Joyful, Joyful We Adore You**

Joyful, joyful we adore you, God of glory, life and love; hearts unfold like flowers before you, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away; giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All your works with joy surround you, earth and heaven reflect your rays, stars and angels sing around you, centre of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain, sound their praise eternally.

You are giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest! Source of grace and fount of blessing, let your light upon us shine; teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began; God's own love is reigning o'er us, joining people hand in hand. Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife; joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

### **Teach Me, God, to Wonder**

Teach me, God, to wonder, teach me, God, to see; let your world of beauty capture me.

**Praise to you be given, love for you be lived, life be celebrated, joy you give.**

Let me, God, be open, let me loving be; let your world of people speak to me. **R**

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Let me, God, be ready, let me be awake, in your world of loving my place take. **R**

Teach me, God, to know you, hear you when you speak, see you in my neighbour when we meet. **R**

### **God of Grace and God of Glory**

God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power; now fulfil your church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour.

Lo, the hosts of evil round us scorn your Christ, assail your ways; fears and doubts too long have bound us; free our hearts to work and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days.

Cure your children's warring madness, bend our pride to your control; shame our wanton selfish gladness, rich in goods and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

Set our feet on lofty places, gird our lives that they may be armoured with all Christ like graces, pledged to set all captives free. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, that we fail not them nor thee.

