

SEEKING GOD TOGETHER



PRELUDE The Long and Winding Road
David Pilkey/Steve Falk/David Price (Lennon/McCartney)

WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Tribute to Holly & Bruce Williamson

**Acknowledgment of Territory/Every Child Matters/
Rainbow Candle of Inclusion** Martha Bailkowski

INTROIT Long Before My Journey's Start
(Steven C. Warner/Leslie Palmer Barnhart)

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather in the presence of the One
who breathes life into all of Creation.

**We sing God's praises,
breathing in God's glory.**

All are welcome in the presence
of the Most High.

**We come, seeking the goodness
in the hands of God.**

We gather as God's beloved people,
leaving no one outside.

**Together we reflect the fullness of God's
love; together we bring God's love into
the world.**

Let us worship the Living God
whose breath gives us life!

***HYMN** Come Touch Our Hearts (MV 12)

Come touch our hearts that we may know compassion,
from failing embers build a blazing fire; love strong
enough to overturn injustice, to seek a world more
gracious, come touch and bless our hearts.

Come touch our souls that we may know and love you,
your quiet presence all our fears dispel; create a space for
spirit to grow in us, let life and beauty fill us, come touch
and bless our souls.

Come touch our minds and teach us how to reason,
set free our thoughts to wonder and to dream; help us
to open doors of understanding, to welcome truth and
wisdom, come touch and bless our minds.

Come touch us in the moments we are fragile, and in our
weakness your great strength reveal; that we may rise to
follow and to serve, steady now our nerve, come touch
and bless our wills.

Come touch us now, this people who are gathered,
to break the bread and share the cup of peace; that we may
love you with our heart, our soul, our mind, our strength,
our all, come touch us with your grace.

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

**Eternal God, whose promise is the gift of life to those
touched and changed by your Word, renew the breath
of your Spirit within us that we may find your
presence in our hearts and your courage and love
in our lives. Re-member us and bring us to the place of
your intention, where dry land becomes fertile, dead
water flows clear again and the bleak future comes
alive with hope in the Risen Christ. God in
Community-Holy in One, we pray in Jesus' name.
Amen. (Fire and Bread, adapted; Iona)**

WORDS OF GRACE

As Creation's newness fills our landscape,
we are reborn in hope.
Thanks be to God!

SUNG RESPONSE Halle, Halle, Halle (VU 958)
**Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah! Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah!
Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**
(sing twice)

FINDING GOD TOGETHER

SCRIPTURE 1 John 4:7-16 p.241 Pew Bible NT
(Everyone who loves is born of God.) Nancy Kerswill

ANTHEM All Things Bright and Beautiful (J.Rutter)

GOSPEL John 15:1-8 p.109 Pew Bible NT
(Jesus is the true vine.)

Come to the quiet...a time for reflection

SERMON Tangled

***HYMN** We Have This Ministry pg 7

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY I Can See Clearly Now (Johnny Nash)
David Pilkey/Steve Falk/David Price

***DEDICATION** Take, O Take Me as I Am (J.L.Bell)
MV85

**Take, O take me as I am;
summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart
and live in me. (sing twice)**

***OFFERTORY PRAYER & Prayer Shawl Blessing**

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION (on insert)

HYMN I Am the Dream (S.C. Tufts/R. Gunn) MV 106
I am the dream and you the dreamer.
I am the song and you are the rhyme.
You are the tune sung in every silence.
You are the now in the endless stream of time.

I am the bell and you the silence.
You are the yearning I cannot curtail.
I am the blest and you the blessing.
You are the wilds in which I lose my trail.

You are the word and I the echo.
You are the leader and I am the led.
You are the joy and I the laughter.
You are the Rock on which I lay my head.

***COMMISSIONING**

And now, we venture on—
to all the places that give our lives meaning.
Back into the world—
**bringing with us, all we have experienced
and expressed in this place.**

***SUNG BLESSING** Go and Tell the World (Brian Wren)

**Go and tell the world how Jesus lived and died.
Go and tell the love of Christ, the Crucified.
Many have not heard the liberating word,
then, go and tell, and show how God is glorified.**

POSTLUDE Trumpet Tune on ‘Gather Us In’
(Mark D. Himmelman)

Mission and Service



United Church Camps -- but make them year round

On a windy weekday morning in February, you might expect a camp to be quiet, anxiously awaiting the hustle and bustle that summertime will bring. But on the escarpment in Lincoln, ON, Cave Springs Camp is anything but quiet. A Nature School for youth operates daily on the lower floor of the new Conference Centre. Staff take bookings for weddings, corporate events, and birthdays, and in the afternoon a youth group will arrive to enjoy the year-round facilities.

Cave Springs Camp hasn't always been this way. Not so long ago, programming would only run in the summertime, with some bookings into the fall if weather permitted. Program Director Lance Wright enthusiastically expresses his deep gratitude for the people who have made year-round facilities and programs possible. Looking outside on a February weekday, Lance can see children at the Nature School experimenting with the wind instead of hiding from it indoors on a phone or computer. Lance's passion for creating lifelong memories and inspiring faith and self-confidence shines through his work to build a caring and dynamic community atmosphere.

From the vibrant colours of spring to the warm sunshine of summer, the crisp air of fall, and the magical snow-covered landscapes of winter, Cave Springs Camp provides an ever-changing backdrop for people of all ages to appreciate outdoor activities and adventures.

Your generosity through [Mission and Service](#) is helping children, teens, and adults to reconnect with nature at any time of the year. Thank you.



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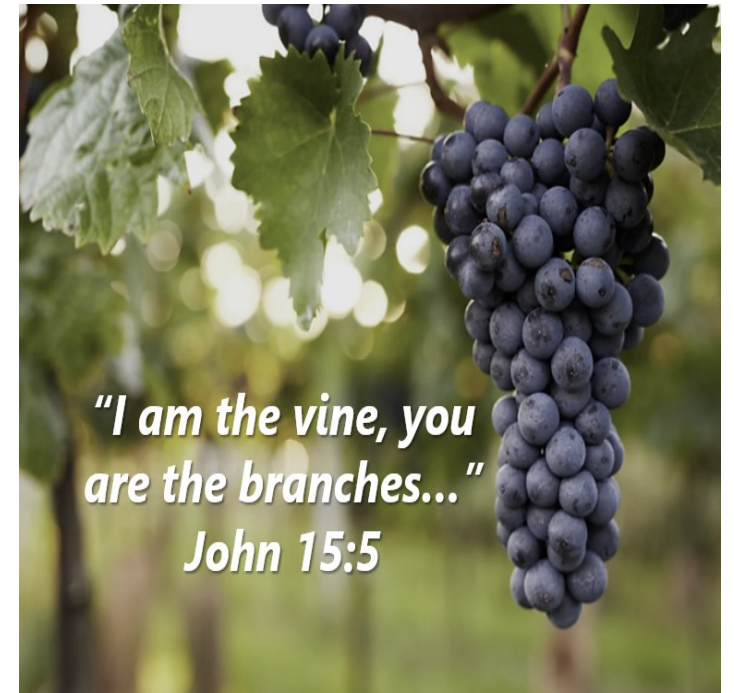
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**EASTER 5
(Communion)
April 28, 2024
11:00 am**

We have this Ministry

We have this ministry and we are not discouraged; it is by God's own power that we may live and serve. Openly we share God's word, speaking truth as we believe, praying that the shadowed world may healing light receive. We have this ministry, O God, receive our living.

O Christ, the tree of life, our end and our beginning, we grow to fullest flower when rooted in your love. Brothers, sisters, clergy, lay, called to service by your grace, different cultures, different gifts, the young and old a place. We have this ministry, O God, receive our giving.

The yoke of Christ is ours, the whole world is our parish; we daily take the cross, the burden and the joy. Bearing hurts of those we serve, wounded, bruised and bowed with pain, Holy Spirit, bread and wine, we die and rise again. We have this ministry, O God, receive our loving.

