

SEEKING GOD TOGETHER



PRELUDE Variations on 'Merton' (R. Lau)

WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Lighting of the Christ Candle

**Acknowledgment of Territory/Every Child Matters/
Rainbow Candle of Inclusion** Brian Walter

INTROIT O Holy Spirit, Root of Life
(J. Janson/15 century, adapt. M.Praetorius, harm.G.Woodward)

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the presence of the Creator, we gather
this day in a spirit of gratitude.

**Gratitude for all the gifts of Creation -
the air, the water, the land, the change of
seasons as we move into summer.**

Gratitude for all the creatures that walk, swim,
fly, and crawl on this earth.

**We gather seeking wisdom to help us live
a generous and compassionate life.**

**We gather seeking wisdom to help us live
together with respect and humility.**

**We gather seeking hearts and minds that
are open to new possibilities and new beginnings.**

Let us come in worship!

***HYMN** Let Us Build a House (Haugen/Fines) MV 1
Let us build a house where all can dwell and all can
safely live, a place where saints and children tell how
hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and
visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love
of Christ shall end divisions: All are welcome, all are
welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words
are strong and true, where all God's children dare to
seek to dream God's reign anew. Here the cross shall
stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace; here as
one we claim the faith of Jesus: All are welcome,
all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where hands will reach, beyond the
wood and stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known. Here the outcast and
the stranger bear the image of God's face; let us bring
an end to fear and danger: All are welcome, all are
welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs
and visions heard and loved and treasured, taught and
claimed as words within the Word. Built of tears and
cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: All are
welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this
place.

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL (To the four directions.)

We give thanks for the knowledge you give to us
through all the traditions of the world. Help us to
honour the gifts that each tradition offers.

We seek to take the path of love.

We give thanks for the east, for the sun that rises to
begin each new day. We give thanks for new life,
for youth.

We give thanks for new learning and new experiences.

We seek to take the path of love.

We give thanks for the south, for the growth of the
summertime in our lives, for the teachings to be kind
to ourselves and others. Help us, who are elders, love
and respect children and youth, Help us to care for the

elderly and those who cannot care for themselves.

We seek the path of love.

We give thanks for the west, for the understanding of
how to care for the earth. Creator, help us to use this
understanding to bring joy and new life to the world.

We seek to take the path of love.

We give thanks for the north. Help us to receive gifts of
wisdom and new perspectives from all peoples. Help us
to grow our roots of compassion deeper as we journey.

**Together we will take the path of love for ourselves
and for each other. Amen.**

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WORDS OF GRACE

God's love is multiplied throughout the earth
when we love one another.

Thanks be to God!

SUNG RESPONSE Sing, Sing Out! (MV 180)

Sing, sing out! Sing a new song.

Sing oh people as one voice! Sing, sing out!

Sing a new song. Sing of God. Each heart rejoice!

Repeat

FINDING GOD TOGETHER

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 8 VU p.732

(How glorious is God's name.) Joan Brownlow

ANTHEM Thou Art Holy (Craig Courtney)

SCRIPTURE John 16:12-15 p.110 Pew Bible NT
(The Spirit of truth.)

Come to the quiet...a time for reflection

SERMON **Threeness**

***HYMN** Love Is the Touch *(Robertson/Bell) MV 89*
Love is the touch of intangible joy;
love is the force that no fear can destroy;
love is the goodness we gladly applaud:
God is where love is, for love is of God.

Love is the lilt in a lingering voice;
love is the hope that can make us rejoice;
love is the cure for the frightened and flawed:
God is where love is, for love is of God.

Love is the light in the tunnel of pain;
love is the will to be whole once again;
love is the trust of a friend on the road:
God is where love is, for love is of God.

Love is the Maker and Spirit and Son;
love is the kingdom their will has begun;
love is the path which the saints all have trod

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY Walther's Prize Song *(Wagner/Wilhelm)*
Mehraeen Safari, 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 Shawl Blessing**

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** To Show by Touch and Word **VU 427**

***COMMISSIONING**

And now, may God bless the roads we travel—
**and may we, in turn, bless all those we meet
along the way.**

***SUNG BLESSING** Wherever You May Go *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 Sinfonia from the Lord is My Light
(G.F.Handel) Mehraeen Safari



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Peoples.



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TRINITY SUNDAY/PRIDE MONTH INDIGENOUS DAY OF PRAYER FATHER'S DAY

**June 15, 2025
11:00 AM**

*Indigenous Day of Prayer is an opportunity to
celebrate First Nations, Inuit, and Metis people's
values, customs, languages and cultures.
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Psalm 8

R O God, our God, how glorious is your name in all the earth!

O God, our God, how glorious is your name in all the earth! From the lips of infants and children your praises reach up to the heavens.

**You have set up a stronghold against your foes,
to quell the enemy and the avenger. R**

When I look to the heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their places,

**what are we mortals that you should be mindful of us, mere human
beings that you should care for us? R**

You have made us little less than divine, and crowned us with glory and honour.

**You have made us rulers over all creations, and put all things under our
feet,
all sheep and cattle, all creatures of the wild,
the birds of the air and the fish in the sea,
and all that make their way through the waters. R**

To Show by Touch and Word

To show by touch and word devotion to the earth, to hold in full regard all life that comes to birth, we need, O God, the will to find the good you had of old in mind.

Renew our minds to choose the things that matter most, our hearts to long for truth till ride of self is lost. For every challenge that we face we need your guidance and your grace.

Let love from day to day be yardstick, rule, and norm, and let our lives portray your word in human form. Now come with us that we may have your wits about us where we live.

