



SEEKING GOD TOGETHER



PRELUDE Menuet (*J.Hook*), Siciliana (*G.F.Handel*)
Susan Guido, trumpet

WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Lighting of the Christ Candle

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

As we approach Canada Day, God invites us
into the complexities of relationship.

**We come to grow as a family of faith,
cherishing the ways of Love.**

Come to sing, to pray, to listen, to dance,
and to deepen the journey of faith.

**We come in trust, though we are never sure
where God will lead us.**

Come together in prayer....

**Loving God, we long to follow in Jesus' footsteps,
journeying the path of self-giving and of ever-
growing wisdom, seeking out reconciliation and
right relationship with First Nations, Inuit and
Metis peoples of this land. Lead us by the power
of your Spirit, that together, each supporting one
another equally, we may follow. Let us celebrate
together. Amen.**

(Gord Dunbar, Kincardine P.C., Kincardine, Ont.)

HYMN Come, Let Us Sing *p* 7

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

God of Love, down the passing days of Spring into
summer; as days lengthen with deepening warmth,
thoughts of life and living press on our thinking and
we look back. The value of our days are highlighted
and we bring to memory other days, other years.
Thoughts of family and friends, colleagues and those
who have passed through our lives, even for a short
time, flicker in and out again. We are thankful for
the love we have received and given. Although we
regret missed opportunities for love and change and
growth, we are mindful now that no matter where
we are on our life's journey, the potential for love
and change and growth are always present. God of
Community—Holy in One, we pray in Jesus' name.
Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

In every aspect of our living, God is there.
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 77 *p* 7

(I cry that God may hear me.) Marcia Thompson

GIFT OF MUSIC Aria (*Georg Goltermann*)

Susan Guido, trumpet

SCRIPTURE Luke 9:51-62 *p. 70-71 Pew Bible NT*
(The Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.)

Come to the quiet...a time for reflection

SERMON Along the Way

***HYMN** Creator God You Gave Us Life (*J.Snowdon*) *MV 30*
Creator God you gave us life, your image formed
within our souls, yet through the mist of time and space,
we search for that which makes us whole.
*Through hands that paint majestic skies, and voices
chanting melody, with words that reach beyond the page,
we comprehend your mystery.*

In every flow'r and every tree, we see your great diversity,
yet greater still we see your love, expressed in our
humanity. *Through hands that paint...*

When with our hearts, our hands and minds, we share our
gifts with all the world, our spirits soar beyond the veil,
to touch the very face of God. *Through hands that paint
majestic skies, and voices chanting melody, with words
that reach beyond the page, we comprehend your mystery.*

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY Andantino (*G. Concone*) Susan Guido

***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** Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song p8

***COMMISSIONING**

And now, may the God of creation create in you
new hope for the future.

**May the Christ of the common road
guide your every step.**

***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 Trumpet Voluntary (Jeremiah Clarke)
Susan Guido, trumpet

Summer Thanks & Blessings

Simple words cannot fully express our deep love and
appreciation to our AUC family for the wonderful
celebration following the 'Returning Ministry Symbols'
service. To all who participated in worship in some way,
and to those who ensured that folks were welcomed and fed,
thank you for your dedication to the congregation and for your
support of our ministry.

Thank you, Nancy Kerswill and Joyce Hagarty for
overseeing our amazing day, working for weeks to ensure
a seamless celebration experience.

For your gifts of friendship—for the 'anonymous' gift of
the Dorothy Clark McClure woodcut print of the AUC church
building; for your very generous monetary gifts,
cards, well wishes, and the gift of your presence with us,
Thank you –Bless you!

Lorraine & Andy



Thank you to Margaret Heney and the Chancel Choir
for your exceptional worship leadership throughout this year
and throughout our years of ministry with AUC.
The congregation will look forward to your return in
September after a well-earned rest!

Thank you to Lisa Kyriakides and the many bell ringers
which make up the bell ensembles of EmBellished,
Faith-A-Peal, and Bellissimo. We have enjoyed your
excellence in bell ringing and wish you many years of music
ministry ahead! Have a great summer!

To all singers, ringers, music-makers and those who love
music; keep on singing, ringing and making music!



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from coast to coast to coast, are on traditional territories of Indigenous
Peoples.



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PENTECOST 3
PRIDE/INDIGENOUS HISTORY MONTH
June 29, 2025 11:00 AM

*"Summer is a period of luxurious growth.
To be in harmony with the atmosphere of summer,
awaken early in the morning and reach to the sun
for nourishment to flourish as the gardens do.
Work, play, travel, be joyful, and grow into selfless
service. The bounty of the outside world enters and
enlivens us." (Paul Pitchford)*

Come, Let Us Sing

Come, let us sing to the Lord our song, we have stood silently too long; surely the Lord deserves our praise, so joyfully thank God for our days.

O thirsty soul, come drink at the well; God's living waters will never fail. Surely the Lord will help you to stand, strengthened and comforted by God's hand.

You dwell among us and cause us to pray, and walk with each other following your way; our precious brothers and sisters will grow in the fulfilling love they know.

Deserts shall bloom and mountains shall sing to the desire of all living things. Come, all you creatures, high and low, let your praises endlessly flow.

Psalm 77

R God, bend your ear and hear my prayer.

I cry aloud to God, I cry that God may hear me.

In my time of distress I have turned to God; with hands uplifted I have prayed all night, but my soul refuses all comfort. R

Then I recall your deeds, O God! I remember your wonders of old. I recount all your works and ponder the things you have done.

O God, your ways are holy. What god is as great as you!

You are the one who works wonders; you have shown your strength among nations.

By your arm you redeemed your people, the children of Jacob and Joseph. R

The waters saw you, O God, the waters saw you and churned in fear;

the seas trembled to their depths.

Clouds streamed water, the heavens rumbled;

your arrows bolted on every side.

The voice of your thunder was heard in the whirlwind;

lightning lit up the world, the earth quaked and shuddered.

Your way was through the sea;

your path, through mighty waters;

your footprints could not be seen;

but by the hand of Moses and Aaron, you led your people like a flock. R

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey, I'll tell everybody about you wherever I go: for our life and our peace and our love is yourself. Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.

Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey. May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you. May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song. Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.

As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant to carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears, for you saved me by giving your body and blood. As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.

I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey, but courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side; and with all of my brothers you saved by your love, we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.