

SEEKING GOD TOGETHER

PRELUDE Prelude on “Carlisle”

(Stand Up and Bless the Lord) *(Raymond H. Haan)*

WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Lighting of the Christ Candle

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Greetings to you, companions in the faith.

**We come to celebrate God’s presence,
and God’s love 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 the gift of strength God gives to us!

Come, let us worship God!

****HYMN*** Make a Joyful Noise *p 7*

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

Eternal God,

open us to see your hand at work

in the splendour of creation

and in the beauty of human life.

Touched by your hand, our world is holy.

Help us to cherish the gifts that surround us,

to share our blessings with our sisters and brothers,

and to experience the joy of life in your presence.

May this time of worship lift us up in courage,

in understanding, and in joy.

And may we be reassured by the sense of your

presence now, in all of life. Amen.

WORDS OF GRACE

Believe the good news! God is at work in the world –
renewing, guiding, waiting. We are more than our old
selves. Renewal is ours through God’s forgiving love.
Thanks be to God for the gifts that give us new life!

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 42-43 ref. 2,

Debra Hilliard

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GIFT OF MUSIC “As Long As There Is Time,”

Walter Farquharson/Richard D. Hall)

Rev Tim and Leta Dayfoot

SCRIPTURE 1 Kings 19:1-15 *p 326 Pew Bible NT*

Come to the quiet...a time for reflection

SERMON God’s Gift of Pride

The Rev. Tim Dayfoot

****HYMN*** Dear God, Who Loves All Humankind

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SHARING GOD’S LOVE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY A River Flows in You *(Yiruma)*

****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

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HYMN All Things Bright and Beautiful *p 8*

****COMMISSIONING***

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 The Spirit of Joy *(Lani Smith)*



Welcome

Today we welcome the Rev. Tim Dayfoot to the pulpit of Aurora United Church. Rev. Tim was engaged in full or part-time United Church ministry for thirty-eight years before his full retirement in April 2023. Rev. Tim and his wife, Leta, are now a part of the Aurora United Church community of faith, and they have enjoyed singing in the choir these past two years.



MISSION AND SERVICE 100 Years of Spirit and Song

On Sunday, June 8th, Gower Street United Church in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, was alive with joyful celebration. The sanctuary buzzed with warm greetings, laughter, and the unmistakable hum of love and connection as people gathered to mark The United Church of Canada's 100th anniversary. Many more joined the festivities via livestream (<https://www.youtube.com/live/bh4sW1kdpWo>), sharing in the spirit of the day from near and far.

It was a celebration of history, community, and hope. Guests admired the church's beautiful historic architecture, an ideal setting for such a milestone. The choir, along with the Gower Community Band Bell Choir, filled the space with soul-stirring music that brought both tears and smiles. Liturgical dancers brought Pentecost flames to life, their movements echoing the Spirit's energy and presence.

Moderator The Right Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne and General Secretary Rev. Michael Blair presided at the service, and The Rev. Prof. Dr. Jerry Pillay, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches, offered a stirring message calling the church to remain rooted in deep spirituality, bold discipleship, and daring justice.

Thanks to your gifts to Mission and Service, vibrant ministries continue to thrive, offering not only worship and music, but hospitality, outreach, and a strong voice for love and justice in their communities.

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**Pentecost 4
July 6, 2025
11:00 AM**

Long, warm days...the pace of life slows...a time for picnics and rest in the shade...God, help us to rest awhile in the cooling shade of your presence. Slow down our restless hearts and fill us with gentle compassion for all your people.

Make a Joyful Noise

**Make a joyful noise all the earth! Worship your God with gladness.
Make a joyful noise all the earth. Come to this place with a song! R**

Know that your God has made you. Know it's to God we belong. And come to this place with joyfulness and praise. Worship your God with a song! **R**

Enter these gates, thanks giving. Enter these courts with praise. Sing thanks to your God and bless the holy Name. Worship your God with a song! **R**

Ages through endless ages, seasons of endless years, the love of our Maker ever shall endure. worship your God with a song! **R**

Psalm 42-43

R I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy.

Like a deer that longs for life-giving waters, so longs my soul for you, O God.

My soul thirsts for you, the source of my life.

When shall I come and behold your face?

Day and night I taste only tears, while they steadily belittle me, saying "Where is your God?"

But I remember -- though my soul is distressed --

how I went with the crowds to the house of God,

our voices joyful and filled with praise, a multitude keeping festival. **R**

My soul is overwhelmed within me; therefore I remember you in this land of Jordan, in Hermon, and on Mount Mizar

**Like the turbulent roar of your waterfalls, all your waves and currents
wash over me.**

With loving kindness you bless my days, and by night your songs is with me, a prayer to you, Giver of life.

**I say to God, my rock, "Why have you forgotten me? Why must I go like a
mourner because my foes oppress me?"**

I am like one whose bones are broken to pieces through the taunting of my enemies.

They steadily belittle me, saying "Where is your God?" R

Vindicate me, O God, and plead my cause against faithless ones. Save me from those who are deceitful and unjust

**You are the God in whom I take refuge. Why have you rejected me? Why must
I go like a mourner because my foes oppress me?**

O send your light and your truth to lead me. Let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling!

Then I will go the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy. I will praise you with the harp, O god, my God. R

Dear God, Who Loves All Humankind

Dear God, who loves all humankind, forgive our foolish ways; reclothe us in our rightful mind; in purer lives thy service find, in deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard, beside the Syrian sea, the gracious calling of the Lord, let us, like them, without a word rise up, and follow thee.

O sabbath rest by Galilee! O calm of hills above, where Jesus knelt to share with thee the silence of eternity, interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dew of quietness till all our strivings cease; take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire thy coolness and thy balm; let sense be dumb, let flesh retire: speak through the earthquake, wind and fire, O still small voice of calm!

All Things Bright and Beautiful

R All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful: in love, God made them all.

Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings, God made their glowing colours, God made their tiny wings. **R**

The purple headed mountains, the river running by, the sunset and the morning that brightens up the sky; **R**

The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun, the ripe fruits in the garden: God made them every one. **R**

The rocky mountain splendour, the lone wolf's haunting call, the great lakes and the prairies, the forest in the fall; **R**

God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell how great is God our maker, who has made all things well. **R**