

SEEKING GOD TOGETHER

PRELUDE Seasons of Life *(M. Hayes)*

WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Lighting of the Christ Candle

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

No matter where we are,
God is with us.
On the highest peaks,
in the deepest oceans.
Wrapped in cool shadows,
or in the bright summer sun.
No matter where we are,
God is with us.
No matter where we are,
We are in God.

****HYMN*** God, We Praise You for the Morning **VU 415**

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

**In the stillness of this sacred space we are held in
this moment together—with eyes to see beauty,
ears to hear distant sounds, feet to touch the ground
beneath us. In this time of the year when creation is
bursting all around us we delight in the tastes of the
season—when this year’s strawberries are today’s
big news; when thoughts of all that is to come has us
giddy with anticipation. Gentle God of gentle earth,**

**you invite us to behold your wonders and to live
with respect within them. As your gifts to us in
creation fill us with wonder, we pray that your good
earth might know our care and preservation so that
all your people will come to know its generosity and
its beauty. Amen.**

WORDS OF GRACE

God calls us to be partners in creation.
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

SCRIPTURE Colossians 1:1-14 *p.199-200 Pew Bible NT*
(The word of God is bearing fruit in you.) Kathie Blackman

GIFT OF MUSIC Thanks Be To God *(S. Dickson)*
Tracey Keffer Lyon, soloist

GOSPEL Luke 10:25-37 *p 71-72 . Pew Bible NT*
(The Parable of the Good Samaritan.)

Come to the quiet...a time for reflection

SERMON Likewise

****HYMN*** When We Are Living **VU 581**

SHARING GOD’S LOVE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY Shall We Gather at the River *(arr. G.Austin)*

****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*** Called by Earth and Sky *(Mayberry/Fines) MV 135*

Called by earth and sky, promise of hope held high.
This is our sacred living trust, treasure of life
sanctified, called by earth and sky.

Precious these waters, endless seas, deep ocean's dream,
waters of healing, rivers of rain, the wash of love again.
Called by earth and sky...

Precious this gift, the air we breathe; wind born and
free. Breath of the Spirit, blow through this place, our
gathering and our grace. ***Called by earth and sky...***

Precious these mountains, ancient sands; vast fragile
land. Seeds of our wakening, rooted and strong,
creation's faithful song. ***Called by earth and sky...***

Precious the fire that lights our way, bright dawning
day. Fire of passion, sorrows undone, our faith and
justice one.
***Called by earth and sky, promise of hope held high.
This is our sacred living trust, treasure of life
sanctified, called by earth and sky. Called by earth
and sky.***

***COMMISSIONING**

May the Creator within us, and around us,
above us and below us,
bless us and keep us—
both now and forevermore.

(Gathering, S/A Year A, 2011)

***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 Higher Ground *(arr. M.Hayes)*

Welcome

A warm AUC welcome to **Rebecca Loo...**

Rebecca is an accomplished teacher, musician, accompanist,
arranger, clinician, choral conductor, pianist, organist and
harpsichordist in the GTA. She completed her ARCT for
Piano Performance at the age of 16, and completed her ARCT
for Organ Performance just a few years later (obtaining the
highest mark in Ontario). She also has associateship Diplomas
in the Royal Schools of Music (London, UK— ABRSM) and
from the Royal Canadian College of Organists (ARCCO).

Rebecca holds a Bachelor of Music Degree (Theory,
Composition) from the University of Toronto. As a performer,
she has won prestigious awards in Music Festivals, National
Competitions, received scholarships, facilitated and
participated in various masterclasses in North America and
Europe, and studied with distinguished artists. Rebecca has
also been an RCM Piano/Organ Teacher for 30 years,
Ensemble Coordinator for numerous Music Festivals,
Children's Camp Director and Youth volunteer, Director of
Music in various local churches for over 20 years, accompanist
for orchestras, choirs, singers, auditioning students and solo
instrumentalists.

Rebecca will be filling in for Margaret Heney again next
Sunday—July 20th.



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holidays-news from around the Shining Waters Region and
U.C.C. Rev's Lorraine & Andy will be checking email/voice mes-
sages throughout the summer.*



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Peoples.



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July 13, 2025
11:00 AM

*Finding a sanctuary, a place apart from time, is not
so different from finding a faith. (Pico Iyer)*