

SEEKING GOD TOGETHER

PRELUDE What Wondrous Love Is This
(arr. T. Wilhelmi)

WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Lighting of the Christ Candle

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the heart of the community
we gather to worship God—
**open to the rhythm of life
that surrounds us;**
eager to participate in the joys of life
that uplift us;
**prepared to face the challenges of life
that await us.**
May our openness to the way of Christ,
**allow us to find peace and wholeness,
this day and always.**
Let us worship.

***HYMN** Morning Has Broken p 7

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

God of Creation, you speak, and when we listen we
are moved to act and to be who you know we can be.
You put a song of freedom and love and life deep
within us. Sometimes we sing that song with

confidence and courage and at other times it's as
though we have forgotten the words. Sing to us
again, O God, in ways that move us and inspire us.
Help us to discern the rhythms and cadences of your
way in the world that we might sing along. God in
Community—Holy in One, we pray in Jesus' name.
Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God's grace washes over us,
and we are refreshed in the presence of the Holy.
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 1:15-28 p.200 Pew Bible OT
(Paul, the servant of the gospel.) Rev. Linda Wheeler

GIFT OF MUSIC Deep River (S. Coleridge-Taylor)
Traumerei (R. Schumann) Mehraeen Safari, Violin

GOSPEL Luke 10:38-42 p.72 Pew Bible NT
(Jesus visits Mary and Martha.)

Come to the quiet...a time for reflection

SERMON The Better Part

***HYMN** Spirit God, Be Our Breath (Bruce Harding)

MV 150
Spirit God: be our breath, be our song. Blow through us,
bringing strength to move on. Our world seems inward,
defensive, withdrawn...Spirit God, be our song.

Patient God: soothe our pride, calm our fear. Comfort us.
When we know you are near we grow more certain,
our vision is clear. Patient God, calm our fear.

Loving God: be our voice, be our prayer. Reaching out,
joining hands as we share, we seek your guidance through
friendship and care. Loving God, be our prayer.

Spirit God: be our breath, be our song. Blow through us,
bringing strength to move on. Through change, through
challenge, we'll greet the new dawn...Spirit God, be our
song.

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY O, The Deep Love of Jesus
(arr. T. Wilhelmi)

***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 p 7

***COMMISSIONING**

Go now into the warmth of this summer day
to live what you know to be true;
that God goes with us in all things.

***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

Lord, Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace
(J. Rutter)

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 has been filling in for Margaret Heney who is currently taking her much-deserved vacation!



Be sure to check out our AUC website, auroraunitedchurch.ca
for summer and fall programming, ministers and staff
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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from coast to coast to coast, are on traditional territories of Indigenous
Peoples.



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*There shall be eternal summer
in the grateful heart.*
(Celia Thaxter)

Morning Has Broken

Morning has broken like the first morning, blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from
the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where God's feet
pass.

Ours is the sunlight! Ours is the morning born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning, God's recreation of the new day!

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.

