

## SEEKING GOD TOGETHER

**PRELUDE** Be Thou My Vision (*arr. Victor Labenske*)

### WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

*Lighting of the Christ Candle*

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

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Creator God, we give you thanks  
that you are among us.

**We thank you for the gift  
of your Creation;**

for the gift of friends and family;  
**for the gift of stories—  
for music and dance;**

for the gifts of learning and knowledge;  
**for the gifts of question and doubt;**  
for the energy of enthusiasm;  
**for the wind of reason.**

For all we understand and for all  
that remains a mystery.

**For your loving presence  
in and through it all—  
we give you thanks**

**\*HYMN** Let Us With a Gladsome Mind *p. 7*

### PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

God of the seasons, your Creator's touch grows  
more evident with each passing day and we marvel  
at the variety of your expressions. Summer warmth  
has us languid and reflecting on other summer days

and the people who shared those times with us.  
And so, our energies are directed towards our  
relationships in this time and we promise ourselves  
that we will use some of this set-apart time for  
healing. Set our paths in this way, loving God—that  
we would always seek to mend what is broken and  
bind that which we might gather up, in You. God in  
community, Holy in One...we pray in Jesus' name.  
Amen.

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God's love washes over us.  
**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*

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**RESPONSIVE READING** Psalm 24 *p. 7-8*

(The earth is God's, and all that is in it.) Janice Nolan

**GIFT OF MUSIC** I'm Just a Poor Wayfaring Stranger  
(*arr. Tammy Waldrop*) Jennifer Schafer –Bell Tree

**GOSPEL** Luke 11:1-13 *p. 72 Pew Bible NT*  
(Jesus teaches the disciples to pray.)

*Come to the quiet...a time for reflection*

## SERMON Walking the Good Road

**HYMN** Like a Healing Stream (*B. Harding*) *MV 144*

Like a healing stream in a barren desert, Spirit water  
bringing life to dusty earth. God is trickling through our  
lives as in a dream unfolding, promising revival and  
rebirth...like a healing stream.

Like a gentle rain on a thirsty garden, Spirit water come  
to nourish tiny seed, God is bubbling through the soil to  
coax a new creation, yearning for an end to want and  
need...like a gentle rain.

Like a river strong with a restless current, Spirit water  
rushing on to distant shore, God is carving out a channel  
in a new direction, calling for an end to hate and war...  
like a river strong.

Like a mighty sea reaching far horizons, Spirit water with  
a love both deep and wide, God is working in our hearts  
to shape a new tomorrow: God will always challenge and  
provide! Like a mighty sea, like a river strong, like a  
gentle rain, like a healing stream.

## SHARING GOD'S LOVE

### OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

**OFFERTORY** Jesus Loves Me (*arr. Victor Labenske*)

**\*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** I Heard the Voice of Jesus p. 8

**\*COMMISSIONING**

And now, may the light and power of God—  
**lead and hold us;**  
the joy and grace of God—  
**heal and bless us.**  
So may the love of God—  
**enfold us and infuse our living-**  
**today and always.**

**\*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** All Things Bright and Beautiful  
(Victor Labenske)

Welcome...

**Lisa Kyriakides** is an experienced soloist, educator, musical director, conductor and adjudicator. Lisa holds a Bachelor of Music (Music Education) and a Bachelor of Education from the University of Western Ontario as well as certificates in Voice, Piano, Theory, Counterpoint and History from the Royal Conservatory of Music. She is the director of the handbell program at Aurora United Church, is a member of the EmBellished handbell quartet, and has been a ringer in *The Bronze Foundation Ensemble*, an auditioned handbell ensemble, since 2015.

Lisa was a guest conductor at the 2019 and 2023 and 2025 Ontario Guild of English Handbell Ringers (OGEHR) Festivals. Lisa was chosen to be the Canadian Conductor at the 2022 International Handbell Symposium in Nashville. Lisa is the Past-President of OGEHR and is on the Board of the Handbell Musicians of Canada.

Lisa has conducted the Ballantrae Adult Choir since 2008 and was also the conductor of the Encore Choir in 2023. Lisa has musically conducted many shows including, most recently, *Fun Home*, for Theatre Aurora. Lisa and her family are longtime members of Aurora United Church.



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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  
messages throughout the summer.*



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**PENTECOST 7**  
**July 27, 2025**  
**11:00 AM**

*I believe that God is in me as the sun is in the colour  
and fragrance of a flower—the Light in my darkness,  
the Voice in my silence. (Helen Keller)*

## Let Us with a Gladsome Mind

Let us with a gladsome mind praise God forever kind; whose great mercies still endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

God, with all-commanding might, filled the new made world with light; for God's mercies still endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

God has with a gracious eye looked upon our misery; for God's mercies still endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

All things living God does feed, with full measure meets their need; for God's mercies still endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

Let us then with gladsome mind, praise our God, forever kind; whose great mercies still endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

## Psalm 24

**R    R Lift up your heads, that God who rules in glory enter may.**

The earth is God's and all that is in it; the world, and those who live upon it.

**For God founded it upon the seas, planted it firm over the waters beneath    R**

Who may ascend the mountain of God? Who may stand in God's holy place?

**Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, who have not set their minds on deceit, nor made false promises;**

they shall receive God's blessing, righteousness from the God who will save them.

**Such are those who seek God, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.    R**

Lift up your heads, you gates!

**Lift yourselves up, you everlasting doors, that the One who rules in glory may enter.**

Who rules in glory?

**It is God, valiant and strong, God, who is mighty in battle.**

Lft up your heads, you gates?

**Lift yourselves up, you everlasting doors, that the One who rules in glory may enter.**

Who rules in glory?

**It is God of Hosts, God who rules in glory.    R**

## I heard the Voice of Jesus

I heard the voice of Jesus say, 'Come unto me and rest; lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast.' I came to Jesus as I was, weary and worn and sad; I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, 'Behold, I freely give the living water; thirsty one, stoop down, and drink, and live.' I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream; my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, 'I am this dark world's light; look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright.' I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and in that light of life I'll walk till travelling days are done.