

SEEKING GOD TOGETHER

PRELUDE His Eye is on the Sparrow (*arr. V.Labenske*)

WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Lighting of the Christ Candle

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

People of God, look upon and see
the faces of those we know and love —
**neighbours and friends, sisters and brothers --
a community of kindred hearts.**

People of God, look and see the faces
of those we hardly know —
**strangers and sojourners,
the ones who need an outstretched hand.**

People of God, look and see
all the images of God assembled here.

**In me, in each of us, God's Spirit
shines for all to see.**

People of God, come. Let us worship together.

***HYMN** Sing Your Praise to God Eternal **p. 7**

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

**In this summer season of warmth, O God, we
acknowledge those times when we have been cool in
relationships and distant in our friendships. In this
summer season of relaxation, we realize that we
have held on to attitudes that have cut others off**

**and have not kept to ourselves, words that we knew
would be hurtful or wounding. In this summer
season of plenty, we recognize that there have been
many times when we hoarded our gifts and turned
away from those we knew to be desperate for bare
necessities. In this summer season of growth—God
of creation's evolving newness —coax us into
wholeness —into life. God in Community, Holy in
One, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

WORDS OF GRACE

God's love floods our senses.
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 107 Pt.1 **p. 7**
(Give thanks to God for steadfast love.) Paula Hanna

GIFT OF MUSIC Waltz from 'Serenade for Strings'
(*Pyotr Illyich Tchaikovsky*) Joanne Banfill –Violin

GOSPEL Luke 12:13-21 *p. 74 Pew Bible NT*
(The Parable of the Rich Fool.)

Come to the quiet...a time for reflection

SERMON Treasured

HYMN You, God, Are My Firmament **p. 8**

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY What a Friend We Have in Jesus
(*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** Soil of God, You and I (*j.hannah*) MV 174

Soil of God, you and I, stand ready to bear seeds of faith
Nourished by God's tender care. Growing in everyone
for here God is found. All stand together, we are...
Holy ground.

Soil of God, you and I, now ready to be part of God's
promise for others to see. Open to everyone for here God
is found. All stand together, we are...Holy Ground.

Soil of God, you and I, now called to rebirth, joining as
Partners with all of the earth. Living in harmony for here
God is found. All stand together, this is...Holy Ground.

***COMMISSIONING**

Dance us to edge of your calling O God-
and set us loose to be your people in the world.
In the name of the Three-
we go.

***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 I Need Thee Every Hour
(arr. 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, 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
Nasville. 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 musical 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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11:00 AM

*We walk together, you and I, talking sometimes,
often in awesome silence. Wandering and wondering
with you, Holy Spirit, unrestrained as the wild winds,
ever-moving as the tides. Fire of passion.
Still small voice. (F.Hawkey)*

Sing Your Praise to God Eternal

Sing your praise to God eternal, sing your praise to God the Son, sing your praise to God the Spirit, living and forever One. God has made us, God has blessed us, God has called us to be true. God rules over all creation, daily making all things new.

Join the praise of every creature, sing with singing birds at dawn; when the stars shine forth at nightfall, hear their heavenly antiphon. Praise God for the light of summer, autumn glories, winter snows, for the coming of the springtime and the life of all that grows.

Praise God on our days of gladness for the summons to rejoice; praise God in our times of sadness for the calm, consoling voice. God our Maker, strong and loving, Christ our Saviour, Leader, Lord, living God, Creator Spirit, be your holy name adored!

PSALM 107 pt 1

R O give thanks to God for steadfast love.

O give thanks, for God is gracious.

God's steadfast love endures for ever.

Let the redeemed of God say so, those redeemed from trouble,

whom God gathered in from the lands,

from the east and the west,

from the north and the south. R

Some lost their way in desert wastes, finding no place to settle;

hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.

Then they cried to you, God, in their trouble; you rescued them from their distress.

You led them by a straight path, till they reached a place to settle.

Let them thank you, O God, for your steadfast love, for the wonders you do for us.

For you satisfy the thirsty, and fill the hungry with good things. R

You, God, Are My Firmament

You, God, are my firmament, roof for my head, shelter from storm, nourishing bread, tender and warm. I will give thanks, I will sing praise with all of my heart, all of my days.

You, God, are a tower of strength. I shall not fear, I shall not fall, knowing you're near, guardian of all. I will give thanks, I will sing praise with all of my heart, all of my days.

You, God, are my guiding light, beacon from birth, helping to see, lighting the earth, enlightening me. I will give thanks, I will sing praise with all of my heart, all of my days.

