

SEEKING GOD TOGETHER

PRELUDE Psalm 42 (*A.Fedak*)

WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Lighting of the Christ Candle

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come in worship, people of God,
into the small wonders of these summer days.

We breathe in the goodness of God.

**This is a time for summer blessings
and the day's gifts of beauty.**

Come, for a time of rest in the Sabbath's words
of reassurance and hope.

**We welcome scripture and story,
ancient friends, and new ways
of understanding.**

Come, share the treasure God creates here and now.

This is our day of Sabbath;

let us worship! (*adapted. W. McLean, Christ U.C.*)

***HYMN** This Is God's Wondrous World *p. 7*

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

Creator God, you have gathered us together in this
summer season of warmth—warmth of community,
And warmth of new life, seen in the abundance of
your creation all around us. We come in worship
with worry, uncertainty, loneliness, and fear of

change. Yet, with all we bring, we give thanks for
new beginnings and fresh starts, familiarity and
comfort, and your love that helps us to know we are
not alone. Welcome us and all that we bring to this
time of worship. Help us to open ourselves to you so
that we may find peace in you. God of Community -
Holy in One, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

WORDS OF GRACE

In God, we are met, embraced, and loved!
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 Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 *p.225-6 Pew Bible*
(Faith is the assurance of things hoped for.) Colleen Abbott

GIFT OF MUSIC From a Distance (*J.Gold*)
George Collins, tenor

GOSPEL Luke 12:32-40 *p. 75 Pew Bible NT*
(Be ready; be dressed for action.)

Come to the quiet...a time for reflection

SERMON Hope & Substance

HYMN I Have Called You by Your Name

(*Damon/Fines*) *MV 161*

I have called you by your name, you are mine;

I have gifted you and ask you now to shine. I will not
abandon you; all my promises are true. You are gifted,
called and chosen; you are mine.

I will help you learn my name as you go; read it written
in my people, help them grow. Pour the water in my name,
speak the word your soul can claim, offer Jesus' body
given long ago.

I know you will need my touch as you go; feel it pulsing
in creation's ebb and flow. Like the woman reaching out,
choosing faith in spite of doubt, hold the hem of Jesus'
robe, then let it go.

I have given you a name, it is mine; I have given you my
Spirit as a sign. With my wonder in your soul, make my
wounded children whole; go and tell my precious people
they are mine.

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY Marche De Triomphe (*R.H. McIver*)

***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 Feel the Winds of God p 7

***COMMISSIONING**

May the places where you walk,
become sacred places of the Holy...
the places where you make your stand,
be signposts to the love of Christ...
the places where you rest,
be filled with the renewing grace of the Spirit.

***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 Sing Hallelujah (Arr. by 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 has been filling in for Margaret Heney who is currently taking her much-deserved vacation!



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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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Music Coordinator—Margaret Heney



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*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.*

This is God's Wondrous World

This is God's wondrous world, and to my listening ears all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres. This is God's wondrous world; I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, God's hand the wonders wrought.

This is God's wondrous world: the birds their carols raise; the morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise. This is God's wondrous world: God shines in all that's fair; in the rustling grass or mountain pass, God's voice speaks everywhere.

This is God's wondrous world: O let me ne'er forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet. This is God's wondrous world: why should my heart be sad? Let voices sing, let the heavens ring: God reigns, let earth be glad!

I Feel the Winds of God

I feel the winds of God today; today my sail I lift, though heavy oft with drenching spray and torn with many a rift; if hope but light the water's crest, and Christ my bark will use, I'll seek the seas at his behest, and brave another cruise.

It is the wind of God that dries my vain regretful tears, until with braver thoughts shall rise the purer, brighter years; if cast on shores of selfish ease or pleasure I should be, O let me feel your freshening breeze, and I'll put back to sea.

If ever I forget your love and how that love was shown, lift high the blood-red flag above; it bears your name alone. Great pilot of my onward way, you will not let me drift. I feel the winds of God today; today my sail I lift.

