

SEEKING GOD TOGETHER

PRELUDE Turn, Turn, Turn (*Pete Seeger/arr. The Byrds*)
David Pilkey and friends...

WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Lighting of the Christ Candle

**Acknowledgment of Territory/Every Child Matters/
Rainbow Candle of Inclusion** Mary Munro

INTROIT For the Faithful Who Have Answered
(*S. Dunstan/T. Gesangbuch*)

CALL TO WORSHIP

People of God, look about 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 about and see the faces
of those we hardly know—

**strangers, sojourners, forgotten friends,
the ones who need an outstretched hand.**

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

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

People of God, come...
and let us worship!

***HYMN** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty **p 7**

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

Loving God, we are mindful in these days of
Transition—days of beginnings and of endings, of
the gratitude we bear for the beauty and power of
Relationship. On the cusp of return to the routines
that order this time in the year, comforted now by
what ‘the usual’ can bring to us. In these changing
days, approaching summer’s end we look now to
what will unfold for our church community with
full hearts, bringing excitement and hope for the
future. We pray that your presence here within and
around us may bring us to care for one another in
this time so that we might naturally reach out
beyond ourselves to share what we have come to
know in you. Open our hearts and hands, O God.
Pour us out into your world so that your love will
be known in and through us. God in Community,
Holy in One, we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

WORDS OF GRACE

The love of God in us transforms the world.
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 139 **p 7-8**

(O God, you have searched me and known me.)

Nancy Kerswill

ANTHEM Love Never Leaves (*M.Shimer/J.Narverud*)

SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 12:12-27 *p.174 Pew Bible*
(You are the body of Christ and individually members of it.)

STORYTELLING

The Story of the Mushroom

by Mem Fox

*** HYMN** Draw the Circle Wide (*G.Light*) *MV 145*

*Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still. Let this be our
song, no one stands alone, standing side by side, draw
the circle wide.*

God the still-point of the circle, ‘round whom all
Creation turns; nothing lost, but held forever, in God’s
gracious arms. *Draw the circle wide...*

Let our hearts touch far horizons, so encompass great
and small; let our loving know no borders, faithful to
God’s call. *Draw the circle wide...*

Let the dreams we dream be larger, than we’ve ever
dreamed before; let the dream of Christ be in us, open
every door. *Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still.
Let this be our song, no one stands alone, standing
side by side, draw the circle wide.*

SHARING GOD’S LOVE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY For Good (*Stephen Schwartz*)

Margaret Heney & Rev. Lorraine

***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**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION *(on insert)*

***HYMN** We Shall Go Out With Hope of Resurrection
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Last Things...

***COMMISSIONING**

And so, we journey on.

We journey on.

May the blessings of God—

Creator, Christ and Spirit,

go with us now...and always.

***SUNG BLESSING** Go Now In Peace *(Price/Besig)*

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.

God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.

Know God will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe.

Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there surrounding us with love.

Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen.

POSTLUDE Put a Little Love in Your Heart

Jackie DeShannon/Jimmy Holiday/Randy Myers

David Pilkey and friends...

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Sing Along!

*If you would like to sing along with David Pilkey today,
use your camera phone to hover over and click on to the
QR code which will take you to the words for both songs.*



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PENTECOST 12

August 31, 2025

11:00 AM

*We sing of a church seeking to continue the story of
Jesus by embodying Christ's presence in the world.*

*We are called together by Christ as a community of
broken but hopeful believers, loving what he loved,
living what he taught, striving to be faithful servants
of God in our time and place.*

(A Song of Faith. U.C.C.. 2006)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, who rules all creation;
O my soul, praise him, at all times your health and salvation.
Come, all who hear: brothers and sisters draw near, joining
in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, above all things so mightily reigning,
keeping us safe at his side, and so gently sustaining.
Have you not seen how all you needed has been met by
God's gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord who will prosper our work and defend us;
surely his goodness and mercy will daily attend us:ponder
anew what the Almighty can do, who out of love will befriend us.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him! All that has
life and breath come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen sound from God's people again: gladly with
praise we adore him.

Responsive Reading Psalm 139

R God, you have searched me, you know me through and through.

O God, you have searched me and known me.
You know when I sit down and rise up, you discern my thoughts from afar.

You discern my path and the places I rest; you are familiar with all my ways

Before a word is on my tongue, you know it O God, completely. You guard me from
behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

It is beyond my knowledge; it is a mystery, I cannot fathom it R

Where can I escape from your spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I lie down in the grave, you are even there.

If I take wing with the dawn and alight at the sea's farthest limits,

There also your hand will be guiding me your powerful hand

holding me fast.

If I say, "Let the darkness cover me and my day be turned to night,"

even darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is

a light to you. R

It was you who formed my inward parts; you fashioned me in my mother's womb.

I praise you, for I am fearfully, wonderfully made.

Wondrous are your works; that I know very well.

My frame was not hidden from you when I was being fashioned in secret, intricately
woven in the mystery of clay.

Your eyes saw my substance taking shape; in your book my every day was recorded;

all my days were fashioned, even before they came to be. R

How deep your designs are to me, O God! How great their number!

I try to count them but they are more than the sand.

I come to the end – I am still with you.

Search me, O god, and know my heart;

test me and know my thoughts.

Watch closely, lest I follow a path of error

and guide me in the everlasting way. R

We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection

We shall go out with hope of resurrection; we shall go out, from strength to strength
go on; we shall go out and tell our stories boldly; tales of a love that will not let us go.
We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted; we'll dream our dreams of hurts
that can be healed; we'll weave a cloth of all the world united within the vision of new
life in Christ.

We'll give a voice to those who have not spoken; we'll find the words for those whose
lips are sealed; we'll make the tunes for those who sing no longer, expressive love
alive in every heart. We'll share our joy with those who still are weeping, raise hymns
of strength for hearts that break in grief, we'll leap and dance the resurrection story,
including all in circles of our love.