

SEEKING GOD TOGETHER

PRELUDE Prelude on "King of Love"
(Raymond H. Haan)

WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE
Lighting of the Christ Candle

**Acknowledgment of Territory/Every Child Matters/
Rainbow Candle of Inclusion** Brian Walter

INTROIT A Woman and a Coin – The Coin Is Lost
(Jaroslav J. Vajda/ Fred Kimball Graham)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, gather around! Know that God welcomes you here.

**We are ready to see the face of Christ
in each other.**

Come, enjoy the wonder and the blessing of the
Spirit's presence.

We see God's love at work in all gathered here.

Come, bring your questions and bring your convictions.

**We rejoice in the beauty and grace of
this celebration.**

Come, let us worship God!

***HYMN** Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love **p 7**

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

Creating God, as a potter shapes the bowl, as the farmer
ploughs the field, as the cook folds the whipped cream, so it
is that you make us as your own. Bless, O God, all bodies,
minds and souls gathered here.

Guide us with wisdom, shape us with gentleness, and
hold us in love. Inspire us to give our praise that we may
become your joyful servants. Hear us in Jesus' name.
Amen.

WORDS OF GRACE

Believe the good news! God is at work in the world –
renewing, guiding, waiting. We are more than our old
selves. Renewal is ours through God's forgiving love.
Thanks be to God for the gifts that give us new life!

SUNG RESPONSE Dance with the Spirit *MV 156*

**Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin', walk
with the Spirit through-out the long day, Work and
hope for the new life a-born-in', listen to the Spirit
to show you the way.**

A TIME FOR ALL AGES

CHILDRENS SUNDAY SCHOOL

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FIRST READING 1 Timothy 1:12-17
p.210-211 Pew Bible NT Bill Newman
(Paul is grateful for God's grace and mercy.)

ANTHEM Be Thou My Vision (Bob Chilcott)

GOSPEL Luke 15:1-10 *p. 78 Pew Bible NT*
(The sheep and the coin are found.)

SERMON Lost and Found
The Rev. Tim Dayfoot

HYMN The King of Love **p 7**

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY Creation's Hymn
(Ludwig van Beethoven) *Bob McRoberts, Bass*

***DEDICATION** Take, O Take Me as I Am (*John L. Bell*)
**Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart,
and live in me. (repeat)**

***OFFERTORY PRAYER & Prayer Shawl Blessing**

PRAYER PRELUDE Lord, Listen to Your Children
(*Ken Medema*) *VU 400*

**Lord, listen to your children, praying, Lord,
send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your
children praying, send us love, send us power,
send us grace!**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER
VU p.910

***HYMN** O God, How We Have Wandered **VUp 8**

***COMMISSIONING**

***SUNG BLESSING** May the Blessing of God *VU p.962*
(*Miriam Therese Winter*)
**May the blessing of God go before you. May her
grace and peace abound. May her spirit live within
you. May her love wrap you 'round. May her blessing
remain with you always. May you walk on holy
ground.**

POSTLUDE Fanfare on "Soli Deo Gloria"
(Mark D. Himmelman)

Welcome

The worship leader today is the **Rev. Tim Dayfoot**. Tim and his wife, Leta, are happy to call Aurora United Church home now that they have been singing in the chancel choir for the last two years. Tim will be filling in as one of AUC's pulpit supply ministers during the current period of transition.

Worship Schedule

Sunday September 14 - Rev. Tim Dayfoot
Sunday September 21 - Rev. Linda Levin
Sunday September 28 - Rev. Tim Dayfoot
Sunday October 5 - Rev. Tim Dayfoot
Sunday October 12 - Rev. Tim Dayfoot
Sunday October 19- Rev. Ross Carson
Sunday October 29 - Rev. Linda Levin



MISSION AND SERVICE Taking Kids to School

How do you make the world a better place?
You can start by taking kids to school.

Around the world, 57 million children cannot attend school. They may never learn to read, to add or subtract, or to write. These are the skills they need to succeed. Even more importantly, they never learn about their basic human rights. It's a complicated problem, says Patti Talbot, the United Church's Global Partnership Team Leader. "The work we do isn't going to lead to immediate societal change," she says, "but it will make a big difference down the road." When children can't go to school, society suffers. And that is why Mission and Service is in partnership with 74 organizations that work to increase access to education across the globe. Each partner has their own approach to education and skills training, each supported by your gifts to [Mission and Service](#). Colombia's Center for Communication uses arts and media to teach children about their rights. Women for Change in Zambia creates educational groups where participants share agricultural knowledge and awareness of their rights. At Japan's Asian Rural Institute, local leaders gather to learn sustainable agriculture techniques they can take home and transform their communities. "How can we make the world a better place?" asks Talbot before responding, "We can't do that by ourselves; our partners know best what the challenges are." Talbot, a child of missionaries who was raised in Japan and Korea, knows that educational partnerships are critical. "In our partnerships, we learn from and teach each other," she says. "The United Church's focus is more than just sharing resources, but really sharing life together." It's an approach that Talbot knows works, even if results take time. "Our partners are very grateful that the United Church of Canada has demonstrated over and over again that we are there for the long term," Talbot says. "Partners say to us 'It makes such a difference to us to know that the United Church is with us, walking with us in prayer, supporting us, remembering us in their lives.'"



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PENTECOST 14
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11:00 AM

Come, Let Us Sing Of A Wonderful Love

Come, let us sing of a wonderful love, tender and true, tender and true, out of the heart of the Father above, streaming to me and to you: wonderful love, wonderful love dwells in the heart of the Father above.

Jesus the Saviour this gospel to tell joyfully came, joyfully came, came with the helpless and hopeless to dwell, sharing their sorrow and shame, seeking the lost, seeking the lost, saving, redeeming at measureless cost.

Jesus is seeking the wanderers yet; why do they roam? why do they roam? Love only waits to forgive and forget; home, weary wanderers, home! Wonderful love, wonderful love dwells in the heart of the Father above.

Come to my heart, O thou wonderful love! Come and abide, come and abide, lifting my life till it rises above envy and falsehood and pride: seeking to be, seeking to be lowly and humble, a learner of thee.

The King of Love

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow my ransomed soul he leadeth, and where the verdant pastures grow with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed; but yet in love he sought me, and on his shoulder gently laid, and home rejoicing brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me; thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth; and O what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never: Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever!

O God, How We Have Wandered

O God, how we have wandered and hidden from your face; in foolishness have squandered your legacy of grace. But how, in exile dwelling, we turn with fear and shame, as distant but compelling, you call us each by name.

And now at length discerning the evil that we do, by faith we are returning with hope and trust in you. In haste you come to meet us, and home rejoicing bring, in gladness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.

O God of all the living, both banished and restored, compassionate, forgiving, our peace and hope assured. Grant now that our transgressing, our faithlessness may cease. Stretch out your hand in blessing, in pardon, and in peace.

