

SEEKING GOD TOGETHER

PRELUDE Prelude on Mississippi (Mark D. Himmelman)

WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Lighting of the Christ Candle

***Acknowledgment of Territory/Every Child Matters/
Rainbow Candle of Inclusion*** Alison Heffer

INTROIT Creator God (Pat Mayberry)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Everyone who thirsts; come to the waters;

**And you who have no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and
without price.**

Why do you spend your money for that which is not
bread and your earnings for that which does not satisfy?

**Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and
delight yourselves in rich food**

Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you
may live.

**We come today to seek this life that God offers us so
freely, Let us worship God! (Isaiah 55: 1 – 3a)**

***HYMN** The Church of Christ in Every Age *p 7*

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

**Merciful God, You have fashioned us from dust and
you know all our weaknesses.**

**You know how prone we are to follow in the world's
way, rather than the way Christ shows us, the way
of humility, generosity and servanthood;**

**Have mercy on us, we pray. Forgive us. Turn us
again to Jesus' way. Make us true servants of your
kingdom. Amen.**

WORDS OF GRACE

Jesus Christ comes into this world
**to teach us the way of Life, to show us that way, and
when we stumble, to be the way for us.**
Thanks be to God.

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.**

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FIRST READING James 4: 1-10 (*Good News Testament*)
(A call to humility.) Lisa Kyriakides

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 1 *p 7*
Lisa Kyriakides

ANTHEM You'll Never Walk Alone
(Rogers/Hammerstein, arr. Mac Huff)

GOSPEL Mark 9:30-37 *p. 50-51 Pew Bible NT*
(Jesus' definition of "greatness" as being a servant of all.)

SERMON "To Be Great..."
The Rev. Linda Levin

HYMN Let Us Build a House (vss 1,2,4,5) **MV 1**

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can
safely live, a place where saints and children tell how
hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and
visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
Christ shall end divisions.

**All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in
this place.**

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words
are strong and true, where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew. Here the cross shall stand as
witness and as symbol of God's grace; here as one we
claim the faith of Jesus: **R**

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the
wood and stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known. Here the outcast and
the stranger bear the image of God's face; let us bring
an end to fear and danger: **R**

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs
and visions heard and loved and treasured, taught and
claimed as words within the Word. Built of tears and
cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from the floor to rafter: **R**

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY Pajaro triste (Federico Mompou)

***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** God of Grace and God of Glory *p 8*

***COMMISSIONING**

May the Christ who walks on wounded feet walk with you
on the road. May the Christ who serves with wounded
hands stretch out your hands to serve. May the Christ who
loves with a wounded heart open your hearts to love. May
you see the face of Christ in everyone you meet, And may
everyone you meet see the face of Christ in you.
Amen.

***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 All Things Bright and Beautiful
(arr. Dale Wood)

Welcome

The worship leader today is the **Rev. Linda Levin**. Linda grew up in a Jewish home, in apartheid South Africa. Her first career was teaching Latin and Remedial English, first in South Africa and then in London (England). She met and married a Canadian and came to Canada in 1976, where she began studies for ministry at Emmanuel College in Toronto. Ordained in 1979, she served for two years in Northern Ontario, and then 29 years at Runnymede United, Toronto. Linda officially retired from ministry in June of 2011 to start on her third career - to head **Village of Love Canada**, an organization she founded to support a group of Kenyan women in the slum community of Kibera. Big-hearted women who, despite their extreme poverty, take in and raise AIDS-orphaned children along with their own families. See www.villageoflovecanada.org. When not supply preaching and volunteering for **Village of Love Canada**, Linda likes to read or listen to audiobooks (ranging from science fiction to historical novels). She lawn bowls, swims, walks and takes joy in watching the birds and bugs in her garden.

Worship Schedule

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 26 - Rev. Linda Levin



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PENTECOST 15
September 21, 2025
11:00 AM

The Church of Christ in Every Age

The church of Christ in every age beset by change but Spirit led, must claim and test its heritage and keep on rising from the dead.

Across the world, across the street the victims of injustice cry for shelter and for bread to eat, and never live until they die.

Then let the servant church arise, a caring church that longs to be a partner in Christ's sacrifice, and clothed in Christ's humanity.

For Christ alone, whose blood was shed, can cure the fever in our blood, and teach us how to share our bread and feed the starving multitude.

We have no mission but to serve in full obedience to our Lord: to care for all without reserve and spread Christ's liberating word.

Psalm 1

R Blessed are those who follow the law of God

Blessed are those who do not follow the counsel of the wicked, or linger in the way of sinners, or sit down among those who mock.

But their delight is in the law of God, and on that law they meditate day and night.

They are like trees planted beside streams of water, yielding their fruit in due season.

Their leaves do not wither, and whatever they produce shall prosper. R

As for the wicked, it is not so with them,

But they are like the chaff, driven away by the wind.

Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand when judgement comes, nor sinners in the assemble of the righteous.

For God watches over the way of the righteous, but they way of the wicked will perish.

God of Grace and God of Glory

God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power; now fulfil your church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour.

Lo, the hosts of evil round us scorn your Christ, assail your ways; fears and doubts too long have bound us; free our hearts to work and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days.

Cure your children's warring madness, bend our pride to your control; shame our wanton selfish gladness, rich in goods and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

Set our feet on lofty places, gird our lives that they may be armoured with all Christ like graces, pledged to set all captives free. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, that we fail not them nor thee.

