

SEEKING GOD TOGETHER

PRELUDE Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones
(arr. Gerhard Krapf)

WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE
Lighting of the Christ Candle

**Acknowledgment of Territory/Every Child Matters/
Rainbow Candle of Inclusion** Josh Szakal

INTROIT My Soul is Thirsting for You
(ICEL, Steve Agrisano)

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather together seeking God's guidance for our lives.

We gather seeking wisdom that we may walk in God's way.

We gather seeking hope for a broken world.

We gather seeking justice for all people.

Come, let us worship God in whose word we find abundant life.

***HYMN** For the Beauty of the Earth *p. 7*
(sung to tune of VU 81)

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

Loving God, we give thanks that you have gathered us together here this morning. We give thanks that you welcome us with our fears and our dreams and embrace us with healing love. Open our ears that we may hear your word, open our mouths that we may speak your truth, open our hands that we might do your will, for we long to be your people in our words and in our deeds. 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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RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 91 *p. 7*
Joyce Hagarty

ANTHEM 10 000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)
(Myrin, Redman, arr. Larson)

GOSPEL Luke 16:19-31 *p. 89 Pew Bible NT*
(The rich man and Lazarus.)

SERMON "Closing the Gap"
The Rev. Tim Dayfoot

***HYMN** When Pain of the World *p. 8*

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY Morning Song (Jason W. Krug)
EmBellished Handbell Ensemble

***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** Blest Be the Tie That Binds *p. 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 Exuberant Praise (Jason W. Krug)
EmBellished Handbell Ensemble

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 October 5 - Rev. Tim Dayfoot
Sunday October 12 - Rev. Tim Dayfoot
Sunday October 19- Rev. Ross Carson
Sunday October 26 - Rev. Linda Levin



MISSION AND SERVICE The Path Towards Healing Murray Pruden's Work

Healing begins with truth and reconciliation.

In late October 2022, the federal government recognized the residential school system as an act of genocide against Canada's Indigenous Peoples. It was a reminder that we are still very much on the path to reconciliation and healing.

"We know that we have an impact as The United Church of Canada," says the Rev. Murray Pruden. He is Nehiyaw, Cree First Nations, from the Goodfish Lake and Saddle Lake First Nations and is the current Executive Minister for Indigenous Ministries and Justice for The United Church of Canada.

Supported by [Mission & Service](#), Pruden has made significant gains in building relationships of trust and healing between the church and Indigenous communities.

After unmarked graves were discovered in Kamloops, BC, in 2021, the United Church gave an additional \$3 million to help Indigenous communities respond, mourn, heal, and potentially find other unmarked graves.

Because we believe every child matters!

The funds also supported the dedication of memorials to lost children, like one for a BC community that raised a totem pole funded in part by Mission & Service.

Other healing initiatives include the translation of the Mohawk Language Bible, the Food for the North program, healing circles, and programs for Indigenous youth to learn and reclaim their languages. Pruden stresses the need for patience.

"Ever since Kamloops, we had many non-Indigenous church communities and people ask what they can do or how can they contribute in different ways," he says. "And we at the time really kind of put our hands up and said, 'Whoa, we need to pause for a minute because we need to mourn.' "I think that we still have so much to give, to teach, and to be in relationship with. And as long as we have a greater understanding within the church and the supports, we can do it." Relationships, friendships, understanding, and trust—these are the foundations of the work Mission & Service is doing across Turtle Island. **Thank You!**



The United Church of Canada acknowledges that its buildings and ministries, from coast to coast to coast, are on traditional territories of Indigenous Peoples.



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PENTECOST 16
September 28, 2025
11:00 AM

National Day of Truth and Reconciliation
September 30

For the Beauty of the Earth

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies,

R God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light, **R**

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild, **R**

For each perfect gift sublime to our race so freely given, graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven, **R**

Psalm 91

R And I will raise you up on eagles wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of my hand.

You who dwell in the shelter of your God, who abide in God's shadow for life,
say to your God: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear;
under God's wings your refuge, God's faithfulness your shield. R

You need not fear the terror of the night, not the arrow that flies by day,
though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come.

For to the angels is given a command to guard you in all your ways;
upon their hand they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone R

"Because they have set their love upon me I will deliver them,
I will uphold them because they know my name.

When they call to me I will answer,
I will be with them in trouble;

I will rescue and bring them to honour.

With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my saving power." R

When Pain of the World

When pain of the world surrounds us with darkness and despair, when searching just confounds us with false hopes everywhere, when lives are starved for meaning and destiny is bare, we are called to follow Jesus and let God's healing flow through us.

We see with fear and trembling our aching world in need, confessing to each other our wastefulness and greed. May we with steadfast caring the hungry children feed. We are called to follow Jesus and let God's justice flow through us.

The church is a holy vessel the living waters fill to nourish all its people, God's purpose to fulfill. May we with humble courage be open to God's will. We are called to follow Jesus and let God's spirit flow through us.

We praise you for our journey and your abundant grace, your saving word that guided a struggling human race. O God, with all creation, your future we embrace. We are called to follow Jesus and let God's changes flow through us.

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; the unity of heart and mind is like to that above.

Before our Maker's throne we pour our ardent prayers; our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

We share each other's woes, each other's burdens bear; and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

This glorious hope revives our courage on the way; that we shall live in perfect love in God's eternal day.