SEEKING GOD TOGETHER

PRELUDE Thee We Adore (Robert Hebble)

WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Lighting of the Christ Candle

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

INTROIT You Are My Body (Brian Wren/Judith Snowdon)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Around the world, God's people gather this day.

On World Communion Sunday we gather around the table.

We gather speaking different languages.

We gather with differences too numerous to count. Yet we are more the same than different.

Created in the image of God, we are all named good and treasured by our creator.

Come, let us worship in unity, peace and joy!

*HYMN Jesus Shall Reign p 7

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

Nurturing God, you are the one who nourishes us for the journey. May we be strengthened as we gather at your table today. May we be mindful of the praise and thanksgiving that is being given by people in all parts of the world as they gather around your table. May the mystery of your presence, experienced in our worship, bind us together into one worldwide community. Amen.

WORDS OF GRACE

Take comfort in the assurance that even those things that are hidden from memory, or are too deep for our words, are not beyond God's forgiving love. God knows us completely and bestows pardon and peace.

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
CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

FINDING GOD TOGETHER

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 137 p 7

(How can we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?)

Marcia Thompson

ANTHEM Bread of the World (Reginald Heber, Ron Klusmeier)

GOSPEL Luke 17:5-10 p. 89 Pew Bible NT (Faith the size of a mustard seed.)

SERMON Enough and Not Enough
The Rev. Tim Dayfoot

*HYMN As We Gather at Your Table p 7

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

THE NEW CREED VU p.918

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY Come Just As You Are (arr. Bill Ingram) Faith-a-Peal 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

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (insert)

*HYMN The Day You Gave Us, God, Is Ended 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 In Christ There is No East or West (Gilbert M. Martin)

MISSION AND SERVICE

Bread for the Journey

Bread shows up often in the Bible in important ways—manna in the wilderness, Jesus feeding the crowds, and the bread broken at the Last Supper. Again and again, bread is a sign of God's care and provision.

That care continues today, through the hands of people willing to share what they have. And yet, hunger is still a daily reality for far too many people. Here in Canada, millions struggle to put food on the table. Around the world, nearly a third of the global population faces food insecurity. These aren't just numbers—these are our neighbours, here and far away, who are making impossible choices between paying rent or buying groceries, between keeping the lights on or feeding their families.

Through Mission and Service, we are part of the response. Together, we're helping farmers in India care for their livestock so they can keep their animals and their livelihoods healthy. We're helping families in Zimbabwe use climate-smart farming techniques so they can grow food even in drought conditions. We're supporting Indigenous Elders in Alberta with grocery cards, and helping offset the high cost of groceries in Northern Canada through the Food for the North program.

As we give thanks for the food we share in our own homes, may we also remember those for whom a full plate is never certain. And may our gratitude move us to action—so that bread is not just a symbol of God's promise, but a daily reality for all. Thank you for the difference you make through Mission and Service.

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

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



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Jesus Shall Reign

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run; his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song, and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns; and prisoners leap to lose their chains; the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring peculiar honours to our King, angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud Amen!

Psalm 137

R By the rivers of Babylon, there we wept.

By the rivers of Babylon we sat down and wept when we remembered Zion.

There on the willows we hung up our harps when our captors asked us for songs.

Our tormentors called for entertainment, saying

"Sing us one of the songs of Zion!" R

How could we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?

If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my hands wither!

Let my tongue stick to the roof of my mouth if I do not remember you,

if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy. R

As We Gather at Your Table

As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word, help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred. Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own; teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's victory known.

Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life; send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife. Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave; may we still behold your image in the world you died to save.

Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least. There no more will envy blind us nor will pride our peace destroy, as we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.

The Day You Gave Us, God, Is Ended

The day you gave us, God, is ended, the sun is sinking in the west; to you our morning hymns ascended, your praise shall sanctify our rest.

We thank you that your church unsleeping, while earth rolls onward into light, through all the world a watch is keeping, and rests not now by day or night.

As o'er each continent and island, the dawn leads on another day, the voice of prayer is never silent, nor dies the strain of praise away.

The sun that bids us rest is waking your church beneath the western sky, and hour by hour fresh lips are making your wondrous doings heard on high.

So be it, God! Your throne shall never, like earth's proud empires, pass away; your rule remains and grows forever, until there dawns that glorious day.

