

SEEKING GOD TOGETHER

PRELUDE Panis Angelicus (*César Franck arr. D. Marlatt*)
Tim and Maggie Birtch, trumpets

WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE
Lighting of the Christ Candle

**Acknowledgment of Territory/Every Child Matters/
Rainbow Candle of Inclusion** Debra Hilliard

INTROIT God of Creation (*Pat Mayberry arr. David Kai*)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Shout to the Lord with joy and thanksgiving; worship
God with a glad heart!

**Let us come before the Lord with hymns of praise.
We give thanks and praise to God for the goodness
we have known and for the love that we have
shared.**

We give thanks and praise to God for the faithfulness
that has sustained us and for the hope that renews our
spirits.

**We give thanks and praise to God when we are
together here and when we are out in the world
in all other places.**

May our time together in worship transform our
whole lives.

Come, let us worship God!

***HYMN** Come, You Thankful People, Come *p. 7*

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

(From Gathering, written by Rev. Jean Leckie)

**Loving God, we praise you for the richness of your
blessings, the abundance of your creation, the
potential for goodness in each of us, and the love you**

**have shown us in Jesus. Open our spirits to your
wisdom, our hearts to your love, and our wills to your
service so that our lives might reflect your glory and
our world reflect kindness and gratitude. Amen.**

WORDS OF GRACE

God is the love that over and around us lies;
the grace that is totally unearned;
and the healing that makes the earth whole.
Give thanks to God; we are forgiven!

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

FINDING GOD TOGETHER

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 66 *p. 7*
Parts 1&2 Refrain 2 Debra Hilliard
(Make a joyful noise to God)

ANTHEM A Thanksgiving Canticle (*arr. Mark Hayes*)
Tim and Maggie Birtch, trumpets

GOSPEL Luke 17:11-19
(Jesus heals the ten lepers.)

SERMON The Gift of Unexpected Gratitude
The Rev. Tim Dayfoot

***HYMN** We Praise You, O God *p. 8*

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY Come With Thanksgiving (*Lloyd Larson*)
Tim and Maggie Birtch, trumpets

***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 and THE LORD'S PRAYER

***HYMN** We Plough the Fields *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 Trumpet Tune and Air
(Henry Purcell, arr. D. Marlatt)
Tim and Maggie Birtch, trumpets

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 19- Rev. Ross Carson
Sunday October 26 - Rev. Linda Levin



MISSION AND SERVICE

Setting More Tables Together

At Thanksgiving, many of us gather around tables filled with food, and share familiar traditions and prayers of gratitude. In the Bible, food is more than just sustenance: it's manna in the wilderness, a feast shared among thousands, and a table where all are welcome. Again and again, food is a sign of God's care and abundance.

But we know that not everyone has the blessing of a full table or loved ones to gather with. Hunger remains a painful reality for far too many. These are not just numbers or statistics: these are our neighbours, making impossible choices between heat and dinner.

Through Mission and Service partners, your generosity is part of God's response. Together, we are helping farmers in India care for their livestock, families in Zimbabwe grow food in drought conditions, and communities in Northern Canada access nutritious food despite high costs. Across Canada, ecumenical campus ministries and community centres serve weekly dinners where everyone is welcome. These meals don't just ease hunger, they help reduce stress, support learning, and bring people together where everyone has a place at the table.

This Thanksgiving, may gratitude fill our hearts. May that gratitude ripple outward, becoming generosity that helps set more tables, share more bread, and create more moments of joy. Because when we share what we have, God's promise of abundance comes to life, not just as a symbol, but as a feast of hope and possibility for all.

Thank you for the difference you make through [Mission and Service](#).



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PENTECOST 18
Thanksgiving Sunday

October 12, 2025
11:00 AM

Come, You Thankful People, Come

Come, you thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home! All is safely gathered in, safe before the storms begin; God, our maker, does provide for our needs to be supplied: come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home!

All the world is God's own field, harvests for God's praise to yield; wheat and weeds together sown, here for joy or sorrow grown; first the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear: Harvest-giver, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

For God, one day, shall come, and shall take this harvest home; from the field shall in that day all offences purge away; giving angels charge at last in the fire the weeds to cast; but the fruitful ears to store in the garner evermore.

Even so, God, quickly come to your final harvest home! Gather all your people in, free from sorrow, free from sin; there for ever purified, in your presence to abide; come, with all your angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.

Psalm 66

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;
sing to the honour of God's name; make glorious the praise of God.
How awesome are your deeds! So Great is your strength, your foes wilt Before you.
For all the world shall worship you, shall sing to you and praise your name. R

O Come and see what God has done, a work that is awesome to all earth's children.
God turned the sea into dry land; they crossed the river on foot.
There we rejoiced in God, who rules in power forever,
whose eyes keep watch on the nations. Let not the rebellious lift up their heads. R

Bless our God, all peoples, and let the sound of praise be heard.
God has preserved us among the living, and kept our feet from stumbling.
For you, O God, have tested us, you have tried us as silver is tried.
You led us into the desert, you laid a burden upon our back,
you let sickness furrow our Brow, we passed through fire and water;
but you Brought us out to a land of plenty. R

We Praise You, O God

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator; in grateful devotion our tribute we bring. We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you; we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.

We worship you, God of our mothers and fathers, through trial and tempest, companion and guide. When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us, but faithful to your promise, you walk by our side.

With voices united our praises we offer and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise. Our sins now confessing, we pray for your blessing, to you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

We Plough the Fields

We plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land, but it is fed and watered by your almighty hand; you send the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain, the breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.

All Good gifts around us are sent from heaven above; we thank you, God, O holy God, for all your love.

You only are the maker of all things near and far; you paint the wayside flower, you light the evening star; the winds and waves obey you, by you the birds are fed; much more to us, your children, you give us daily bread. **R**

We thank you then, O Maker, for all things bright and good, the seed-time and the harvest, our life, our health, our food; accept the gifts we offer for all your love imparts, and, what from us you long for, our humble, thankful hearts **R**

