

SEEKING GOD TOGETHER

PRELUDE Now Thank We All Our God (Variation II and Chorale) *(Johann Crüger arr. George E. Beverst)*

WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE
Lighting of the Christ Candle

**Acknowledgment of Territory/Every Child Matters/
Rainbow Candle of Inclusion** Martha Bailkowski

INTROIT God of Still Waiting
(Carl P. Daw Jr., Alfred V. Fedak)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

We set aside our preoccupations, for example the distraction of cheering on, or crying about the Blue Jays, and set our minds and hearts on approaching the throne of grace.

Remain in me and I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit, unless it remains part of the vine, neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

Graft us afresh into your life, O God. In seeking to be united with you, we will practice the obedience of faith.

***HYMN** Now Thank We All Our God **VU 236**

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

Faithful God, awaken our ears so that we may welcome what you want to say to us today. We do not want

simply to hear you but to listen in such a way that your life becomes our life. You are our God; we are yours.

Christ Jesus, like the branches firmly attached to the vine and which hold firm even in storms, you invite us to remain in you as you remain in us. All that is yours is ours in a communion through the Holy Spirit who dwells in our hearts.

WORDS OF GRACE

Take comfort in the assurance that Christ does open our eyes to the immense love that God, who loved us first, has for each one of us. This love draws us and leads us on the way of seeking justice and resisting evil, on which you go ahead of us.

Yes, you will bring us back to life with you! Amen.

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL

FINDING GOD TOGETHER

SCRIPTURE: Daniel 10:1-14 *p 931-932Pew Bible OT*
Janice Nolan

ANTHEM Kyrie Canon *(Andy Beck)*
Myles Heney, trombone

GOSPEL Luke 18:1-8

Rev. Ross Carson

SERMON Finding Your Prayer Voice
The Rev. Ross Carson

***HYMN** For the Faithful Who Have Answered **VU 707**

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD AN INVITATION

OFFERTORY Lovely Day *(Bill Withers)*

Just The Three of Us Myles Heney & Brian and Jules Pastoor

***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** O Day of God Draw Nigh **VU 688**

***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 Now Thank We All Our God (Variation I)
(*Johann Crüger, arr. George E. Beverst*)

Welcome

The worship leader today is the **Rev. Ross Carson.**

Ross has served congregations in Saskatchewan Conference, Montreal and Ottawa Conference (2), Bay of Quinte Conference and Toronto Conference. Ross was ordained to the Ministry of Word, Sacrament and Pastoral Care in Sarnia on May 19, 1977. His education included two semesters at the Ecumenical Institute of the World Council of Churches at Geneva, Switzerland, studying the theme, "How Does God Act in a World Planned by Man," October, 1973 to March 1974. Ross and Ann Blackman were married on October 8, 1994 and they are active members of Trinity United in Newmarket. Ann is the daughter of Walter and Jean Blackman, former members of Aurora United Church, and sister to Kathie Blackman, who is an active member at AUC.

Worship Schedule

Sunday October 26 - Rev. Linda Levin
Following services will be lead by
Rev. Tim Dayfoot and Rev. Linda Wheler



MISSION AND SERVICE

40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism

The 40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism are underway, and now is the best time to join in. Wherever you are on the journey, today is the right day to take the next step. Across Canada and beyond, people are gathering in faith and courage to confront racism, to listen deeply, and to act for justice.

This is not a quick or easy process. The conversations can be uncomfortable. They reveal where racism lives—in systems, in communities, and within ourselves—and they push us to ask: *What does justice look like in real life?*

Every day in this program offers tools to walk this path: prayers that ground us, reflections that shift perspectives, stories and videos that bring lived experiences into focus, and action steps that help turn awareness into change. These resources are created by ministers, lay leaders, educators, and community members—people who bring lived experience, wisdom, and hope. This work is not just about understanding racism. It's about dismantling it.

From October 14 to November 28, 2025, the 40 Days include:

- Live online events with dynamic speakers every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. ET
- Weekly short videos with accompanying reflections and action items
- Downloadable resources designed for both groups and individuals

Your Mission and Service gifts make this vital work possible, not just for 40 days, but every day. Through your generosity, the United Church of Canada continues to live into its commitment to becoming an anti-racist church, and to work toward a world where every person is treated with dignity, equity, and love. Thank you.

For more information see: <https://united-church.ca/social-action/justice-initiatives/anti-racism/40-days-engagement-anti-racism>



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PENTECOST 19

**October 19, 2025
11:00 AM**

Now Thank We All Our God

Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voices, who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices; who from our mother's arms has blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us, and keep us strong in grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all ill in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God for all that has been given, the Son, and Spirit blest who dwell in highest heaven, the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore; for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

For the Faithful Who Have Answered

For the faithful who have answered when they heard your call to serve, for the many ways you led them testing will and stretching nerve, for their work and for their witness as they strove against the odds, for their courage and obedience we give thanks and praise, O God.

Many eyes have glimpsed the promise, many hearts have yearned to see. Many ears have heard you calling us to greater liberty. Some have fallen in the struggle, others still are fighting on. You are not ashamed to own us. We give thanks and praise, O God.

For this cloud of faithful witness, for the common life we share, for the work of peace and justice, for the gospel that we bear, for the vision that our homeland is your love - deep, high, and broad - for the different roads we travel we give thanks and praise, O God.

O Day of God, Draw Nigh

O day of God, draw nigh in beauty and in power, come with your timeless judgement now to match our present hour.

Bring to our troubled minds, uncertain and afraid, the quiet of a steadfast faith, calm of a call obeyed.

Bring justice to our land, that all may dwell secure, and finely build for days to come foundations that endure.

Bring to our world of strife your sovereign word of peace, that war may haunt the earth no more and desolation cease.

O day of God, draw nigh as at creation's birth; let there be light again, and set your judgements in the earth.

