

SEEKING GOD TOGETHER

PRELUDE Prelude on "Converse" (Raymond. H. Haan)

WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Lighting of the Christ Candle

***Acknowledgment of Territory/Every Child Matters/
Rainbow Candle of Inclusion*** Louise Procter Maio

INTROIT Over My Head
(African-American spiritual arr. Stephen Lee)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him
while he is near;
**let the wicked forsake their way and the unrighteous
their thoughts;
let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy
on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly
pardon.**

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your
ways my ways, says the Lord.

**For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are
my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts
than your thoughts**

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there until they have watered the
earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to
the sower and bread to the eater,

**so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it
shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose**

and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

We gather here today so God can speak God's word into
our lives, and accomplish God's will in us.

Let us open our hearts and worship God! (*Isaiah
55: 6 – 11*)

***HYMN** Praise to the Lord the Almighty **VU 220**

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

**God of love and grace, Through Jesus, you say to us,
“Come to me, you who are weary and heavy laden
and I will give you peace.”**

But we are weak in faith and doubt your power, Anxious
and fearful, we cling to control. Blind to your presence
with us, we fail to trust to your everlasting love and
goodness. Forgive us in our weakness. Open our eyes to
see your love at work. Renew and strengthen our faith
today. Grant us grace to surrender our life and work to
you. In Jesus' strong name we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF GRACE

God the Creator brings you new life: Forgives and
redeems you. Take hold of this forgiveness, and live your
life in the Spirit of Jesus.
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.**

A TIME FOR ALL AGES

SUNDAY SCHOOL

FINDING GOD TOGETHER

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 116 **VU p. 836**

ANTHEM Look at the World (John Rutter)

GOSPEL Mark 4:35-41 p 39 Pew Bible NT

SERMON “And Jesus Woke Up”
The Rev. Linda Levin

***HYMN** Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah **VU 651**

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY Spirit Song (Cynthia Dobrinski)
Bellissimo 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 and THE LORD'S PRAYER

***HYMN** Great is Thy Faithfulness VU 288

***COMMISSIONING**

Be of good courage. Do not be afraid. It is the Lord God who goes with you. And God will not fail you or forsake 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 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
(Gordon Young)

Welcome

Today we welcome the Rev. Linda Levin...originally from South Africa, of Jewish heritage, she taught Latin and remedial English in South Africa and London (England), and then studied for ministry at Emmanuel College in Toronto. Ordained in 1979, she served for two years in northern Ontario and 29 years at Runnymede United, Toronto. Linda retired in June, 2011 to form a fundraising group in support of Kenyan women in the slum community of Kibera who, out of the love of their hearts, care for AIDS-orphaned children. www.villageoflovecanada.org

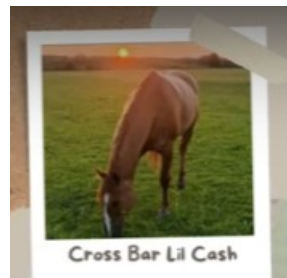


MISSION AND SERVICE

Healing With Horses: Transforming Through Trust

In Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory, the Healing with Horses program brings people together to share, listen, and connect with each other, the land, and the gentle strength of the horses guiding the healing journey. Among them are four Ojibwe Spirit Horses, a rare and sacred breed. At one point in history, they were stolen from the community, but in an act of resilience and reconciliation, they have been returned to the land and the people who have always known and cherished them. Their presence is a living reminder of survival, restoration, and hope. Supported by your Mission and Service gifts, the program blends equine therapy with Anishinaabe ways of knowing, the Medicine Wheel, and traditional teachings to support emotional, spiritual, and cultural healing. Children learn emotional regulation, adults reconnect with their inner strength, and participants find the courage to speak and be heard. Watch the video to see how these horses, and the people who work alongside them, are changing lives. Thank you for supporting the Healing Fund through Mission and Service.

Your generosity makes this life-changing work possible.



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PENTECOST 20

**October 26, 2025
11:00 AM**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, who rules all creation;
O my soul, praise him, at all times your health and salvation.
Come, all who hear: brothers and sisters draw near, joining
in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, above all things so mightily reigning,
keeping us safe at his side, and so gently sustaining.
Have you not seen how all you needed has been met by
God's gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord who will prosper our work and defend us;
surely his goodness and mercy will daily attend us: ponder
anew what the Almighty can do, who out of love will befriend us.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him! All that has
life and breath come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen sound from God's people again: gladly with
praise we adore him.

Psalm 116

R How can I repay you, God, for all the goodness you show to me?

I love you, God, because you heard my voice when I made supplication,
because you turned your ear to me, when I called upon your name.
The cords of death entangled me, and the pangs of the Grave laid hold on me;
I suffered distress and anguish.

Then I called upon the name of God:

“O God, I pray, saved my life.”

How can I repay you, God for all the good things you have done for me?

**I will take up the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of God. I will pay my
vows in the presence of all God's people. R**

Precious in the sight of God is the death of the saints.

O God, I am your servant;

I am your servant, the child of your maidservant.

You have freed me from my bonds.

I will offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving,
and will call upon the name of God.

I will pay my vows to God in the presence of all God's people,
in the courts of the house of God, in your midst, O Jerusalem. R

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but
thou art mighty, hold me with thy powerful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow; let the fire and
cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be
thou still my strength and shield, be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside; death of death, and
hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side: songs of praises, songs of praises I
will ever give to thee, I will ever give to thee.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness, God our Creator; there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou hast been thou forever wilt
be.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath
provided great is thy faithfulness, ever to me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses
above join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and
love. **R**

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to
guide, strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow wondrous the portion thy
blessings provide. **R**