

SEEKING GOD TOGETHER

PRELUDE Largo from Concerto in d minor
(Antonio Vivaldi)

**WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE
LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

**Acknowledgment of Territory/Every Child Matters/
Rainbow Candle of Inclusion** Heather Collins

INTROIT Yonder Come Day (arr. Adam & Matt Podd)
Dave Whitton, electric bass; Steve Falk, sticks;
David Pilkey, shaker

CALL TO WORSHIP

Gathered together in God’s presence, let us lift up our voices in praise and worship.
Let us clear our minds and prepare our hearts with prayer and song.

Let us open our eyes and ears to all that surrounds us,
for God is with us, embracing us, loving us and guiding us.

May the songs we sing fill us with the life-giving breath of God.

And may the music of our faith lift us above the places in our lives where we are stuck.

Sound the trumpet, raise your voices!

Come, let us worship God in song and praise!

***HYMN** Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet p.7

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL & THE LORD’S PRAYER

Loving God, as we gather for worship we give thanks for your gracious gift of life, and for the power by which our lives are revived and renewed. As we sing, pray, meditate, share silence, and listen to others, may your sustaining presence fill us with new meaning and renewed joy. Grant this day that in our praising we may be sincere, that in our hearing we may be attentive, that in our praying we may be heard and healed. And may our worship remind us of who we are—children of God, precious and beloved. Our Father, who art in heaven....

WORDS OF HOPEFUL ASSURANCE

Let us sing our words of hopeful assurance —
Arise, be clothed in the light!

SUNG RESPONSE Arise, Be Clothed in the Light (VU 886) **Arise, be clothed in the light. Arise, be clothed in the light. Your light has come, your light has come. Hallelujah!** (repeat)

HANDBELLS Simplicity (Matthew Compton)
Faith-a-Peal Handbell Ensemble

TIME FOR ALL AGES

***HYMN** Like a Rock MV 92 (K. K. Wehlander/ L. Good)

Like a rock, like a rock, God is under our feet.
Like the starry night sky, God is over our head.
Like the sun on the horizon God is ever before. Like the river runs to ocean, our home is in God evermore.

FINDING GOD TOGETHER

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 98 p.7
Lisa Kyriakides

ANTHEM You Will Be Found (Benj Pasek/Justin Paul)
David Pilkey, Steve Falk & Janice Nolan, soloists,
Dave Whitton, electric bass

GOSPEL READING Matthew 11: 16-17

REFLECTION When Music Makes You Move
The Rev. Tim Dayfoot

***HYMN** On Eagle’s Wings p.8

SHARING GOD’S LOVE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY Joyful Proclamation (Kurt Meyer)
EmBellished Handbell Ensemble

***DEDICATION** What Can We Bring? (Mayberry/Kai)

What can we bring, what can we offer, what gifts from heaven sent, to light Creation? We bring respect, we bring compassion, we breathe into the life that teaches all is holy. And justice shall be our heart’s delight, an open door. We bring this Love, we bring this One Love. We bring this Love, we bring this One Love.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER & Prayer Shawl Blessing**

PRAYER PRELUDE Let My Spirit Always Sing (MV 83)

Let my spirit always sing, though my heart be wintering, though the season of despair give no sign that you are there, God to whom my days belong, let there always be a song.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN** I, the Lord of Sea and Sky p. 8

HANDBELLS Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho
(arr. Martha Lynn Thompson) *Bellissimo Handbell Ensemble*

***COMMISSIONING**

***SUNG BLESSING**
Go Now in Peace, Guided by the Light (MV 211)

Go now in peace, guided by the light of Christ, so you may be nourished by the Word of Life. (repeat)

POSTLUDE Everything is Beautiful (Ray Stevens)
David Pilkey & Steve Falk

**Mission and Service
Shared Healing and Cultural Renewal**



At Mamawe Ota Askihk, the land is more than a backdrop. It's a sacred space where Indigenous children, youth, and families reconnect with culture, language, and one another.

Hosted by Sandy-Saulteaux Spiritual Centre and supported by your Mission and Service gifts, the 2023 summer gathering brought together 31 participants, supported by a team of staff, Knowledge Keepers, and

youth leaders. From the first day, participants began building a community grounded in sharing, learning, and ceremony. Workshops throughout the week included cultural teachings, hands-on skills like soapmaking and meat smoking, and powerful ceremonies, such as sweat lodges led by Knowledge Keeper Melody. Youth helped prepare medicines, served as firekeepers, and took part in every element of the lodge, deepening their understanding of tradition while finding a place of belonging. Each evening, the group gathered around the sacred fire, where Knowledge Keeper Carla led drum songs and stories. The sound of the grandfather drum carried through the air as learning and healing wove through the circle. The presence and engagement of the Neechi Youth Camp was central to the week's success. These young leaders, many of whom returned in mentorship roles, participated in every activity and helped shape the program itself. Their voices, ideas, and enthusiasm brought energy and vision to the gathering. One participant reflected on how meaningful it was to feel part of something so connected: "Yes, in a way it reminds me that I am connected to people and not alone."

The gathering was also deeply intergenerational. One participant, a Sixties Scoop survivor and niece of residential school survivors, joined with her great-niece to reconnect with culture and family. She found the experience, particularly the sweat lodge, to be profoundly healing. There were many stories of transformation. Participants spoke of feeling safe, learning in hands-on ways that resonated deeply, and experiencing a sense of community that stayed with them long after the week ended.

Thank you for supporting the Healing Fund through Mission and Service. Your generosity makes gatherings like Mamawe Ota Askihk possible, creating space for cultural renewal, healing, and deep connection across generations.



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



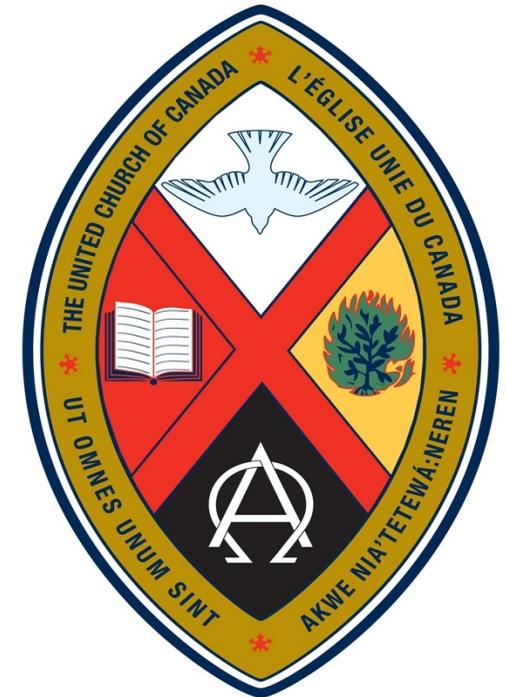
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***Epiphany 5
Music Sunday***

**February 8, 2026
11:00 AM**

Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet **VU 245**

Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet, praise the Lord with the harp and lute, praise the Lord with the gentle-sounding flute. Praise the Lord in the field and forest, praise the Lord in the city square, praise the Lord anytime and anywhere. Praise the Lord in the wind and sunshine, praise the Lord in the dark of night, praise the Lord in the rain or snow or in the morning light. Praise the Lord in the deepest valley, praise the Lord on the highest hill, praise the Lord, never let your voice be still.

Praise the Lord with the crashing cymbal, praise the Lord with the pipe and string, praise the Lord with the joyful songs you sing. Praise the Lord on a weekday morning, praise the Lord on a Sunday noon, praise the Lord by the light of sun or moon. Praise the Lord in the time of sorrow, praise the Lord in the time of joy, praise the Lord every moment, nothing let your praise destroy. Praise the Lord in the peace and quiet, praise the Lord in your work or play, praise the Lord everywhere in every way!

Psalm 98 (Refrain 1) **VU p. 818**

R Sing a new song unto God, who has done such marvellous things.

Sing to God a new song, **for God has done marvellous things.**

Your right hand and your holy arm have brought victory.

You have made known your salvation,

and revealed before the nations your saving power.

You have remembered your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;

all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. R

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; **break into joyous praise, sing psalms.**

Sing psalms to God with the harp, **with the harp and melodious voice.**

With trumpets, and the sound of the horn

make a joyful noise before our sovereign God. R

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,

the world, and its inhabitants.

Let the rivers clap their hands,

the hills sing together for joy before God.

You come to judge the earth, O God,

to judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity. R

Psalm 91 (On Eagle's Wings) **VU 808**

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

Refrain: "And I will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of my hand."

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. **R**

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**

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (Here I am, Lord) **VU 509**

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save. I who made the stars of night,

I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them?

Whom shall I send?

Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain,

I have wept for love of them; they turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? **Refrain**

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,

I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them.

Whom shall I send? **Refrain**