

SEEKING GOD TOGETHER

PRELUDE Perhaps Love (John Denver)
Ursula Ivonoffski & David Pilkey

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

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

INTROIT As We Walked Home at Close of Day
(The Iona Community, Georg Joseph)

CALL TO WORSHIP

This morning we come into God’s house.

**Yahweh delights in our faithfulness and desire to be
in relationship with God and each other.**

We bring our whole selves into the presence of God’s
Holy Spirit.

**God meets us here as we worship together and is with
us at all time.**

We bring our cares, concerns, worries and doubts. We
come feeling unworthy of God’s amazing grace.

**We are worthy and loved by God. Let us sing and
give praise for the love and acceptance we share in
God’s sight, in our time of worship here today and
every day of our lives.**

Come let us worship God.

Welcome to worship.

(S. Richmond, Emmanuel College)

***HYMN** It’s a Song of Praise to the Maker **MV 30**

It’s a song of praise to the Maker, the thrush sings high in
the tree. It’s a song of praise to the Maker, the gray whale
sings in the sea, And by the Spirit you and I can join our
voice to the holy cry and sing, sing, sing to the
Maker too.

It’s a call of life to the Giver when waves and waterfalls
roar. It’s a call of life to the Giver when high tides break
on the shore, And by the Spirit you and I can join our
voice to the holy cry and sing, sing, sing to the
Maker too.

It’s a hymn of love to the Lover; the bumblebees hum
along. It’s a hymn of love to the Lover; the summer
breeze joins the song, And by the Spirit you and I can
join our voice to the holy cry and sing, sing, sing to the
Maker too.

It’s the chorus of all creation; it’s sung by all living
things. It’s the chorus of all creation; a song the universe
sings, And by the Spirit you and I can join our voice to
the holy cry and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL & LORD’S PRAYER

WORDS OF GRACE

In believing and in doubting we come to worship
and God accepts us.

In wondering and in affirming we come to pray
and God embraces us.

As individuals, as a faith community we come to listen
and God’s Word speaks to us.

With rejoicing, with sorrow we come to this place
**and the Risen Christ is eternal hope for us and meets
us in this place and every place, each and every day.
Amen.**

SUNG RESPONSE Halle, Halle, Halle (VU 958)

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! (repeat)

TIME FOR ALL AGES

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RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 111 **p. 7**
Colleen Abbott

ANTHEM Kneel Always (Eleanor Daley)
The Aurora Chorealis

GOSPEL READING John 21: 1-17

SERMON Making a Statement
Reverend Linda Wheler & Brian Pastoor

***HYMN** Jesus Loves Me **p.8**

SHARING GOD’S LOVE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY Climb Ev’ry Mountain
(Rogers & Hammerstein) *David Pilkey & Ursula Ivonoffski*

***DEDICATION** Grateful (MV 182)

Grateful for the life you give us, thankful for your Holy
Son, joyful in your Spirit flowing over all, O God of
Love. Grateful for the Bread of Heaven, thankful for
your Holy Word, joyful in your mercy flowing,
we will praise you.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER & Prayer Shawl Blessing**

PRAYER PRELUDE Spirit of Life (VU 381)

Spirit of Life, come unto me. Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion. Blow in the wind, rise in the sea; move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice. Roots hold me close; wings set me free; Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN** I Heard the Voice of Jesus p. 8

***COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION**

***SUNG BLESSING** Go Now in Peace (Besig/Price)

Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day. God now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know God will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there surrounding us with love. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

POSTLUDE Sortie on 'The Strife is O'er'
(Noel Rawsthorne)



**Mission and Service
Flowing Beyond the Banks**



In Chipman, New Brunswick, along the Salmon River, community isn't just an idea—it's how life flows. For over 126 years, Chipman United Church has been woven into the heart of the town.

The congregation is small—mostly seniors with a handful of youth, four of whom now help lead worship—and the choir is modest. But the impact is anything but small. Each month, about sixty meals are prepared and delivered through the LIFT program, feeding children, seniors, and neighbours who can't leave home. The church hall hosts community groups and sports programs, and members pour hot chocolate at the Christmas parade. Service here isn't occasional; it's a habit. When some members could no longer attend in person, the church brought worship online. What was expected to reach twenty people drew thousands. Prayer requests now arrive by email, and a painting of the sanctuary is being turned into cards to remind those who feel alone that they belong.

This is rural ministry: rooted, connected, and alive. Mission and Service helps sustain communities like Chipman, keeping churches at the centre of town life. We can make a difference together. When we give to Mission and Service, we help ensure that churches like Chipman continue to feed, care for, and connect their communities. Donate today and be part of keeping this heart of the town alive.



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Easter 3

**April 19, 2026
11:00 AM**

Psalm 111 VU 833

Refrain: Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

I will thank you, God, with my whole heart, in the company of the upright,
in their assembly.

Great are your works, O God, studied by all who delight in them.

Honour and majesty are your work; your righteousness endures forever.

You have won renown for your wonders; you are gracious and full of compassion.

R

You give food to those who fear you; you keep your covenant always in mind.

You have shown your power in action, giving your people the heritage of nations.

The works of your hands are faithful and just, all your precepts trustworthy.

They stand fast forever and ever; grounded in justice and truth.

You sent redemption to your people;

you decreed your covenant forever. Holy and awesome is your name. R

The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom;

those who practice it have good understanding. May your praise endure forever.

R

Jesus Loves Me VU 365

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong, in his love we shall be strong.

Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me, this I know, as he loved so long ago,
taking children on his knee, saying, "Let them come to me." **R**

Jesus loves me still today, walking with me on my way,
wanting as a friend to give light and love to all who live. **R**

I Heard the Voice of Jesus VU 626

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest; lay down, O weary one, lay
down your head upon my breast." I came to Jesus as I was, weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give the living water; thirsty one,
stoop down, and drink, and live." I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving
stream; my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light; look unto me, your morn
shall rise, and all your day be bright." I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star,
my sun; and in that light of life I'll walk till travelling days are done.