

**SEEKING GOD TOGETHER**

**PRELUDE** Dream-Children 1  
(Edward Elgar arr. Harrison Oxley)

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

**Acknowledgment of Territory/Every Child Matters/  
Rainbow Candle of Inclusion** Josh Szakal

**INTROIT** Come to My Heart (Joe Pinson)

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Every Sunday is a little Easter.

**Every Sunday we gather in the name of the Risen Christ and in the power of the Resurrection.**  
Every Sunday we remember Christ's love, Christ's sacrifice, Christ's victory.

**Every Sunday we hear anew with joy the angel's words: "He is not here; he is risen!"**  
Come, let us worship the Easter God.

**\*HYMN** God of Grace and God of Glory p.7

**PRAYER FOR RENEWAL AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**Creator God, we celebrate this gift of life you have given us. Guide us through our days; fill our lives with the joy of your presence and the steadfastness of your love. Remind us of Jesus who, by his example, taught of life lived joyfully and fully, in service to you. Kindle our hearts with the fire of your presence that we may live out your vision of life lived fully. In Christ's name we gather in worship; in Christ's name we pray. Our Father... Amen.**

**WORDS OF GRACE**

Believe the good news! Christ is risen, and is at work in the world. Life is more than living. We are more than our old selves. Renewal is ours through God's forgiving love.  
**Thanks be to God for the gift of new life in the risen Christ!**

**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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**GOSPEL READING** John 17: 1-11 Charles Truax

**ANTHEM** What a Wonderful World  
(George David Weiss/Bob Thiele arr. Mark A. Brymer)

**SCRIPTURE READING** Acts 1: 6-14

**SERMON** The Reverend Tim Dayfoot

**\*HYMN** As a Fire is Meant for Burning p.7

**SHARING GOD'S LOVE**

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

**OFFERTORY** One Moment in Time  
(Albert Hammond/John Bettis) George Collins

**\*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.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**\*HYMN** Lord, You Give the Great Commission 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** Recessional on "Lasst uns erfreuen"  
(Alan Smith)

### Mission and Service The Work of Water



In the villages of Am-am and Madalipey in the Philippines, Indigenous families depend on small-scale vegetable farming to support their households. The gardens they tend provide food and a modest income for daily needs.

But over time, the land has changed. As agriculture has expanded, parts of the surrounding forest have been cleared, reducing the land's ability to hold water. The impacts of climate change have made rainfall patterns less predictable, and dry seasons run longer. For much of the year, local creeks are dry, and water must be brought in from elsewhere. It's a constant challenge that affects both daily life and the ability to grow crops.

In response, the Cordillera People's Alliance is working alongside residents to install a solar-powered water pump and storage tank. The system will be maintained locally,

ensuring that the community has access to water and ownership of the solution.

With a more stable source of water for both household use and gardens, families can strengthen their livelihoods. Gardens can grow more reliably, daily needs become easier to meet, and pressure on households eases.

When we give through Mission and Service, our gifts are powering long-term support.

Our gifts to Mission and Service help provide stable access to water for Indigenous communities like Am-am and Madalipey. They help sustain life, strengthen food security, and support families as they work toward a more secure future. Make your gift to Mission and Service today.

*Wishing you all a wonderful Victoria Day weekend!*



*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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*Easter 7*

**May 17, 2026**  
**11:00 AM**

### **God of Grace and God of Glory VU 686**

God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power; now fulfil your church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour.

Lo, the hosts of evil round us scorn your Christ, assail your ways; fears and doubts too long have bound us; free our hearts to work and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days.

Cure your children's warring madness, bend our pride to your control; shame our wanton selfish gladness, rich in goods and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

Set our feet on lofty places, gird our lives that they may be armoured with all Christ-like graces, pledged to set all captives free. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, that we fail not them nor thee.

### **As a Fire Is Meant for Burning VU 578**

As a fire is meant for burning with a bright and warming flame, so the church is meant for mission, giving glory to God's name. Not to preach our creeds or customs, but to build a bridge of care, we join hands across the nations, finding neighbours everywhere.

We are learners; we are teachers; we are pilgrims on the way. We are seekers; we are givers; we are vessels made of clay. By our gentle, loving actions, we would show that Christ is light. In a humble, listening Spirit, we would live to God's delight.

As a green bud in the springtime is a sign of life renewed, so may we be signs of oneness mid earth's peoples, many-hued. As a rainbow lights the heavens when a storm is past and gone, may our lives reflect the radiance of God's new and glorious dawn.

### **Lord, You Give the Great Commission VU 512**

Lord, you give the great commission: "Heal the sick and preach the word." Lest the church neglect its mission, and the gospel go unheard, help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity; with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you call us to your service: "In my name baptize and teach." That the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for each, give us all new fervour, draw us closer in community; with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you make the common holy: "This my body, this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glory, daily lift life heavenward, asking that the world around us share your children's liberty; with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you show us love's true measure: "Father, what they do, forgive." Yet we hoard as private treasure all that you so freely give. May your care and mercy lead us to a just society; with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you bless with words assuring: "I am with you to the end." Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend, and, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity; with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us for the work of ministry.