

**SEEKING GOD TOGETHER**

**PRELUDE** Be Thou My Vision (arr. James Curnow)  
*Tim Birtch, trumpet*

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

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

**INTROIT** My Life Flows On (Robert S. Lowry)

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

God calls us to come together in worship.  
**God calls us to offer thanksgiving and praise.**  
God calls us to come in prayer.  
**Let us pray for God’s people around the whole world.**  
God calls to welcome others.  
**In God’s name, we welcome everyone.**

**\*HYMN** Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love  
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**PRAYER FOR RENEWAL AND LORD’S PRAYER**

**Source of all life, bring into this place a renewed sense of vision that we might know you again. Bring to us your love that we might discover its fullness. Lift us from worries about friends, and families, and strangers, that the anxiety we feel might be replaced by the love that we know. It is into worship we come with offerings of all that we are, and all that we seek to be. Receive us, bless us, send us away with new life. Our Father, who art in heaven.....Amen.**

**WORDS OF GRACE**

May we remember that God is slow to anger and full of compassion. Abounding in love, God offers forgiveness to all. Let us be confident of this.  
**The Great Gardener who began a great work in us will carry it on to completion until the day of harvest. Thanks be to God!**

**SUNG RESPONSE** Dance with the Spirit (MV 156)

**Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin’,  
walk with the Spirit throughout the long day.  
Work and hope for the new life abornin’,  
listen to the Spirit to show you the way.**

**TIME FOR ALL AGES**

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**SCRIPTURE READING** Romans 4:13-25  
(Abraham relied on faith, not the law.) Anne Ella-Arnold

**ANTHEM** Set Me as a Seal (Richard Nance)  
*Myles Heney, trombone*

**SCRIPTURE READING** Genesis 12: 1-9  
(God calls Abram and Sarai.)

**SERMON** From Creation to Abraham and Sarah  
*The Reverend Tim Dayfoot*

**\*HYMN** To Abraham and Sarah **p. 7**

**SHARING GOD’S LOVE**

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**  
**OFFERTORY** All Creatures of Our God and King  
(arr. James Curnow) *Tim Birtch, trumpet*

**\*DEDICATION** We Are An Offering (*D. Liles*)

**We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you; we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours; we are an offering. We are an offering.**

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER & Prayer Shawl Blessing**

**PRAYER PRELUDE** I Waited on the Lord (VU 954)

**I waited, I waited on the Lord; I waited, I waited on the Lord; who bent down low and remembered me and who heard my prayer. (repeat)**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**\*HYMN** Great is Thy Faithfulness **p. 8**

**\*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION**

**\*SUNG BLESSING** May the Love of the Lord (MV 218)

**May the love of the Lord rest upon your soul. May God’s love dwell in you, throughout every day. May God’s countenance shine upon you and be gracious to you. May God’s Spirit be upon you as you leave this place.**

**POSTLUDE** All Hail the Power (arr. James Curnow)  
*Tim Birtch, trumpet*

## Mission and Service Created and Loved



Across Canada and around the world, Mission and Service partners are helping create communities where people are welcomed, affirmed, and treated with dignity. Sometimes that work is visible through advocacy, public education, or community programming. Other times, especially in places where speaking openly about 2S and LGBTQIA+ inclusion can put people at risk, it happens more quietly—through safe spaces, trusted relationships, and acts of accompaniment.

At the heart of this work is a simple but powerful truth: every person is created in God’s image and loved fully by God. That love is not conditional. It is not limited by identity, orientation, or circumstance. Through acts of compassion, protection, and welcome, Mission and Service partners reflect that love in tangible ways.

This work can take many forms. It may look like creating a community meal where everyone is welcomed without question. It may mean ensuring a young person has supportive adults around them. It may mean offering spaces where people can gather safely, share their stories, or simply exist without fear.

Sometimes it means walking alongside someone who has fled their home country because their safety was threatened due to their sexual orientation or gender identity. In a new community, through the care and support of others, they may begin to experience something many of us take for granted: the freedom to live openly, safely, and fully as themselves. That kind of welcome is life-changing.

“One of our partners in Kenya has advocated strongly for the human rights of sexual minorities, and that has caused him to be in jail, caused him to risk his life to be able to do that,” says Rev. Michael Blair. The United Church’s first openly gay General Secretary is now helping to advocate for sexual and gender minorities in other countries.

“When we hear these stories, we can see that this is a life and death matter,” he says.

We know the journey toward safety, affirmation, and justice is not complete, in Canada or around the world. Many 2S and LGBTQIA+ people still face discrimination, isolation, and violence. The work of building truly welcoming communities is ongoing.

In the face of these realities, acts of care create room for healing and hope. They witness to a faith rooted in justice, compassion, and God’s expansive love for all people. They remind people they are not alone and that they are worthy of safety, belonging, and joy.

Through Mission and Service, our gifts help support the ongoing work in Canada and around the world. Together, we are helping nurture communities where people can experience belonging and the reminder that they are cherished by God exactly as they are.

We give thanks for the many communities and partners who continue this work of affirmation, compassion, and inclusion every day of the year. Make a gift to Mission and Service today. Together, let’s help share a message the world deeply needs: there is room for everyone in God’s beloved community.



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***Pentecost 2***

**June 7, 2026  
11:00 AM**

### **Come, Let Us Sing Of a Wonderful Love VU 574**

Come, let us sing of a wonderful love, tender and true, tender and true, out of the heart of the Father above, streaming to me and to you: wonderful love, wonderful love dwells in the heart of the Father above.

Jesus the Saviour this gospel to tell joyfully came, joyfully came, came with the helpless and hopeless to dwell, sharing their sorrow and shame, seeking the lost, seeking the lost, saving, redeeming at measureless cost.

Jesus is seeking the wanderers yet; why do they roam? why do they roam?  
Love only waits to forgive and forget; home, weary wanderers, home!  
Wonderful love, wonderful love dwells in the heart of the Father above.

Come to my heart, O thou wonderful love! Come and abide, come and abide, lifting my life till it rises above envy and falsehood and pride: seeking to be, seeking to be lowly and humble, a learner of thee.

### **To Abraham and Sarah VU 634**

To Abraham and Sarah the call of God was clear:  
“Go forth and I will show you a country rich and fair.  
You need not fear the journey for I have pledged my word;  
that you shall be my people and I will be your God.”

From Abraham and Sarah arose a pilgrim race,  
dependent for their journey on God's abundant grace;  
and in their heart was written by God this saving word:  
“that you shall be my people and I will be your God.”

We of this generation on whom God's hand is laid,  
can journey to the future secure and unafraid,  
rejoicing in God's goodness and trusting in this word:  
“that you shall be my people and I will be your God.”

### **Great Is Thy Faithfulness VU 288**

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**