

SEEKING GOD TOGETHER

PRELUDE Aria (Flor Peeters)

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

**Acknowledgment of Territory/Every Child Matters/
Rainbow Candle of Inclusion** Ethan Champagne

INTROIT We Cannot Measure How You Heal
(John Bell & Graham Maule, Scottish Melody arr. John L. Bell)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Here we come to experience the presence of God. Here we seek to be inspired by the Way of Jesus for the week ahead. Here we enter to look for ways to be transformed by the Holy Spirit.

Here we gather: to feel the winds of God, to sense the power of the Spirit, to find the truth of Christ for our lives. May it be so in this time of worship.

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***HYMN** We Are One p. 7

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL AND LORD'S PRAYER

Wellspring of Joy, overflow our lives with hope. In this time of worship, may we drink deeply of your refreshing welcome. Wash away our weariness. Feed us with your word. Lighten the burden of cares that weigh upon us. May we carry your welcome into the world, bearing the face of Christ to those we meet. Amen. Our Father, who art in heaven.....Amen.

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WORDS OF GRACE

Friends! I get to share this news: God is not only a God of love, but a God of grace. In God, there is a place where all are welcome, all may be forgiven, all will be comforted, all will be loved. This is good news!

Thanks be to God! Amen.

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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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HEBREW SCRIPTURE Genesis 12:1-4a (Abram's Call)
Marcia Thompson

ANTHEM O Be Joyful in the Lord (Eleanor Daley)

EPISTLE READING Hebrews 11:1, 8-11
(By faith, Abraham set out)

SERMON Travelling from the Old to the New
Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Cunningham

***HYMN** One More Step Along the World I Go pp. 7-8

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY Reflection (Erwin Stroobach)
EmBellished Handbell Ensemble

***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** In the Bulb There is a Flower 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 Now Thank We All Our God
(J.S. Bach arr. Noel Rawsthorne)

Mission and Service Making Joyful Noise



Throughout scripture, music is part of how people express joy, hope, grief, and praise. From the Psalms to songs of celebration and courage, music has long helped people connect with God, one another, and themselves. At First-St. Andrew's United Church in London, Ontario, two music programs, the "Treblemakers" and "Reverberations" programs, help children and youth discover that same gift today.

For many young people, music is more than something to listen to. It can build confidence, reduce stress, strengthen learning skills, and create a sense of belonging. But as the cost of living continues to rise, many families are finding it harder to afford opportunities like music lessons, instruments, or arts programs for their children. First-St. Andrew's music programs help to ensure young people do not miss out.

Open to children and youth aged 3 to 17, the weekly programs offer a welcoming space where participants can explore music, creativity, and community together for a low fee. Each gathering begins with a shared meal, providing nourishment before children move into activities like singing, handbells, chimes, and drama.

The impact goes far beyond learning notes or rhythms. Programs like Treblemakers and Reverberations help young people develop confidence by trying new things and performing together. They encourage teamwork, creativity, and self-expression while offering a safe place and a reliable meal. Music also supports cognitive development, memory, focus, and emotional well-being—benefits that can shape a child's growth.

For some families, programs like this may be among the few accessible extracurricular opportunities available to their children. By lowering financial barriers and creating an inclusive environment, First-St. Andrew's aims to ensure every child has the chance to grow and shine.

In a world where many young people are carrying stress, isolation, or uncertainty, spaces of creativity and belonging matter deeply. Through music, meals, laughter, and shared experiences, children and youth are discovering not only new skills, but also confidence, friendship, and joy.

Through Mission and Service, we support communities and ministries that nurture young people in body, mind, and spirit. Together, we are helping create spaces where children and know that they belong.

Make your gift to Mission and Service today.

We welcome Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Cunningham as our Pulpit Supply Minister today.

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Cunningham is a minister in the United Church of Canada. In June 2025, she retired from the United Community Ministry, a collaborative ministry in East Central Ontario Region (ECORC), from Cannington over to Cambray. Previously she ministered at Stouffville United Church and Mount Albert United Church.

After 22 years in pastoral ministry, Elizabeth is now sharing her expertise on collaborative ministry with congregations and clergy interested in knowing more about the collaborative ministry model. She is consulting with churches in ECORC about collaborative ministry options. Additionally, she is on the Vision Keeper Team of ECORC, tasked with working with the National church's "Toward 2035" document and looking at ways in which its data and spirit might be realized in the church.

Elizabeth received her Master of Divinity from Emmanuel College in 2003, and her Doctorate in Ministry in Preaching from Chicago Theological Seminary in 2020. She serves the wider church as a General Council 45 Commissioner and is a member of the Candidacy Board for East Ontario & Quebec. Elizabeth lives in Mount Albert, with her husband Keith Oldham.



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Music Coordinator—Margaret Heney



Pentecost 3

**June 14, 2026
11:00 AM**

We Are One VU 402

We are one as we come, as we come, joyful to be here, in the praise on our lips there's a sense that God is near. We are one as we sing, as we seek, we are found; and we come needful of God's grace as we meet, together in this place.

We are one as we share, as we share brokenness and fear, in the touch of a hand there's a sense that God is here. We are one as we care, as we heal, we are healed; and we share warmth in God's embrace as we pray together in this place.

We are one as we feast, as we feast, peace becomes the sign; in the bread and the wine there's a sense of love divine. We are one as we come, as we feed, we are fed; and we feel God's refreshing grace as we meet at table in this place.

We are one as we hear, as we hear, heart and hand unite; in the word we receive there's a sense that God is light. We are one as we leave, as we love, we are loved; and we seek justice in God's ways as we move together from this place.

One More Step Along the World I Go VU 639

One more step along the world I go, one more step along the world I go, from the old things to the new, keep me travelling along with you: And it's from the old I travel to the new; keep me travelling along with you.

Round the corner of the world I turn, more and more about the world I learn; all the new things that I see you'll be looking at along with me: And it's from the old I travel to the new; keep me travelling along with you.

As I travel through the bad and good, keep me travelling the way I should; where I see no way to go you'll be telling me the way, I know: And it's from the old I travel to the new; keep me travelling along with you.

Give me courage when the world is rough, keep me loving though the world is tough, leap and sing in all I do, keep me travelling along with you: And it's from the old I travel to the new; keep me travelling along with you.

You are older than the world can be, you are younger than the life in me, ever old and ever new, keep me travelling along with you: And it's from the old I travel to the new; keep me travelling along with you.

In the Bulb There is a Flower VU 703

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree; in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody; there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me. From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity; in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity. In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.