

SEEKING GOD TOGETHER

PRELUDE Water Lilies (Herman Beefink)
Wesley Bells, violin

WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

**Acknowledgment of Territory/Every Child Matters/
Rainbow Candle of Inclusion** Alison Heffer

INTROIT Who is My Mother
(Shirley Erena Murray/Ron Klusmeier)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come before God, all who are poor in spirit, you who
mourn, you meek ones, you who hunger and thirst
for righteousness,
**those who are merciful, all pure in heart,
peacemakers, all who are persecuted for
righteousness' sake!**
Blessed! Blessed! Blessed are you!
Rejoice for your reward is great —
**and the joys of that reward are present
in our time together with God this day!**
Come, let us worship God!

***HYMN** Come, Let Us Sing p. 7

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL AND LORD'S PRAYER

How blessed we are when you, O God of blessings,
dwell with us. Come to us now in this time of worship
and throughout the week.
**Strengthen us as we praise and pray, that we may do
more than just recite the beatitudes. May we live
them as well. As we come into your house, may we lift
up the joyful burden of discipleship, living after the**

manner of Jesus, presenting the face of Jesus to the
world. May we, strengthened by your presence,
become the face of Jesus for those who are lost. May
we become the hands of Jesus for those reaching out
in sorrow. May our arms, open wide in welcome,
become for those who are struggling, a sure sign that
you are here. Hear now, O Loving Parent, as we pray
in the way Jesus taught us — Our Father, who art in
heaven..... Amen.

WORDS OF GRACE

We, who are so precious to God and known fully, are
welcomed to new abundant life. When we speak
honestly and openly to God, all is made new.
**I am forgiven, cherished, and blessed with a purpose.
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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RESPONSIVE READING pp. 7-8 Pat Innes

ANTHEM A Place in the Choir
(Bill Staines arr. Erica Phare-Bergh) Wesley Bells, fiddle

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 5: 1-12
(The Beatitudes)

SERMON When We Are Blessed The Rev. Tim Dayfoot

***HYMN** God, We Praise You for the Morning p. 8

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY Twilight (Herman Beefink)
Wesley Bells, violin

***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** God of the Sparrow p. 9

***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 Spring (Herman Beeftink) *Wesley Bells, violin*

Mission and Service Campfires and Confidence



For 60 years, Arthur Kidston Memorial Camp has been a place where children and youth can unplug from screens, connect with nature, and discover new strengths in themselves. In 2026, the camp is celebrating six decades of outdoor adventure, friendship, and belonging on the shores of Long Lake in Nova Scotia.

At Camp Kidston, children and youth spend their days canoeing and kayaking, trying slack lines and bog-walking, exploring the outdoors, making crafts, and building confidence through games and leadership opportunities. Campers are encouraged to try new things, build friendships, and simply enjoy being kids.

Our gifts through Mission and Service help make these experiences possible by providing specialized recreational equipment and supplies that go beyond the basics. New life vests for paddling programs, updated sports equipment, and nature exploration kits help make camp safer, more engaging, and more accessible for every child.

These gifts are about more than equipment. They help children build confidence as they learn new skills and discover what they are capable of. They help ensure that every camper, regardless of background, can fully participate in the fun, learning, and adventure that camp offers. And they help create memories that young people carry with them long after summer ends.

Even during the challenges of the summer of 2025, including extreme heat and a region-wide fire ban, Camp Kidston was filled with joy and creativity. Campers enjoyed waterfront adventures, theme days, team-building activities, and imaginative campfire alternatives created by staff. Leadership programs for teens continued to grow, and families spoke about the sense of belonging their children experienced at camp.

As Camp Kidston celebrates its 60th anniversary, our gifts through Mission and Service are helping ensure that children and youth can continue to experience the wonder, friendship, and confidence-building that camp makes possible for years to come.



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Pentecost 4

**June 21, 2026
11:00 AM**

Come, Let Us Sing VU 222

Come, let us sing to the Lord our song, we have stood silently too long;
surely the Lord deserves our praise, so joyfully thank God for our days.

O thirsty soul, come drink at the well; God's living waters will never fail.
Surely the Lord will help you to stand, strengthened and comforted by God's hand.

You dwell among us and cause us to pray, and walk with each other following your
way; our precious brothers and sisters will grow in the fulfilling love they know.

Deserts shall bloom and mountains shall sing to the desire of all living things.
Come, all you creatures, high and low, let your praises endlessly flow.

Psalms 86 VU 803

Refrain: In the day of my trouble I call unto you for you will answer me.

Turn your ear to me, O God, and answer me, for I am poor and in misery.

Preserve my life for I am faithful, save your servant for I trust in you.

Be merciful to me, my lord, for I call to you all day long.

Gladden the heart of your servant, for to you I lift up my soul.

For you, my lord, are good and forgiving, and great in mercy to all who call on you.

Give heed, O God, to my prayer, and listen to my cry of supplication. R

Among the gods there is none like you, my lord, nor can the deeds of any be
compared to yours.

All the nations you have made shall come and bow before you.

They shall glorify your name, my lord,

for you are great and do marvellous things, you alone are God. R

Turn to me then, and have mercy, give your strength to your servant.

Save your handmaiden's child; give me a sign of your favour!

Then those who hate me will see and be ashamed,
for you, God, have helped and comforted me. R

God, We Praise You for the Morning VU 415

God, we praise you for the morning; hope springs forth with each new day,
new beginning, prayer, and promise, joy in work and in play.

God, we praise you for creation, mountains, seas, and prairie land.
Waking souls find joy and healing in your bountiful hand.

God, we praise you for compassion, all the loving that you show;
human touching, tears, and laughter, help your children to grow.

God, we praise you for your Spirit, Comforter and daily friend,
restless searcher, gentle teacher, strength and courage you send.

God, we praise you for the Saviour, come that we may know your ways.
In his loving, dying, rising, Christ is Lord of our days.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
Hallelujah, hallelujah! Christ is Lord of our days!

God of the Sparrow VU 229

God of the sparrow God of the whale God of the swirling stars
How does the creature say Awe How does the creature say Praise

God of the earthquake God of the storm God of the trumpet blast
How does the creature cry Woe How does the creature cry Save

God of the rainbow God of the cross God of the empty grave
How does the creature say Grace How does the creature say Thanks

God of the hungry God of the sick God of the prodigal
How does the creature say Care How does the creature say Life

God of the neighbour God of the foe God of the pruning hook
How does the creature say Love How does the creature say Peace

God of the ages God near at hand God of the loving heart
How do your children say Joy How do your children say Home