

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*** Heather Collins

CALL TO WORSHIP

Taking care...
of one another.

Taking care...
of the world.

Taking care...
with each other.

Taking care...
with the Word.

We are stewards of all God's things.

We are stewards of all God's gifts.

We are stewards of all God's Creation.

So we must take care.

In our living,
in our sharing,
in our acting,
in our caring...
we worship God.

Let us pray,
**Creator of Life and Goodness, today we
celebrate the gift of community, and the
belonging we find in you, not despite but
because of our unique identities as your
beloved disciples.
Be with us in our service, and in every moment
that we need strength, comfort, courage, love,
and joy.
In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

****HYMN*** Like a Healing Stream **MV 144**

Like a healing stream in a barren desert, Spirit water
bringing life to dusty earth, God is trickling through our
lives as in a dream unfolding, promising revival and
rebirth...like a healing stream.

Like a gentle rain on a thirsty garden, Spirit water come
to nourish tiny seed, God is bubbling through the soil to
coax a new creation, yearning for an end to want and
need...like a gentle rain.

Like a river strong with a restless current, Spirit water
rushing on to distant shore, God is carving out a channel
in a new direction, calling for an end to hate and war...
like a river strong.

Like a mighty sea reaching far horizons, Spirit water with
a love both deep and wide, God is working in our hearts
to shape a new tomorrow: God will always challenge and
provide! Like a mighty sea, like a river strong, like a
gentle rain, like a healing stream.

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL AND LORD'S PRAYER

**Creator of Life and Goodness, we bring to you our
prayers for renewal. We remember the times when we
have not acted with welcome and hospitality, the
times when we have thought only of our own wants,
and not the good of the rest of your Creation.
Be with us as we pray,
Our Father, who art in heaven.....Amen.**

WORDS OF GRACE

God's specialty is to lighten our load when we've been
burdened by the weight of the world. Forgiveness is a gift
given freely.

**Let us celebrate this great gift that gives us a
light heart!**

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

FINDING GOD TOGETHER

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18
(God's Steadfast Love) Kathie Blackman

GIFT OF MUSIC This is My Home (Robert Buckley)

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 10:40-42
(Welcoming and offering a cup of water.)

SERMON When the Water is Cold *Rev. Emily Gordon*

****HYMN*** Let Us Build a House **MV 1**

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can
safely live, a place where saints and children tell how
hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and
visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love
of Christ shall end divisions: **All are welcome,
all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.**

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words
are strong and true, where all God's children dare to
seek to dream God's reign anew. Here the cross shall
stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace; here as
one we claim the faith of Jesus: **R**

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known. Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face; let us bring an end to fear and danger: **R**

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word. Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this house proclaim from the floor to rafter: **R**

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY Reverie (Noel Rawsthorne)

***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** For the Beauty of the Earth **VU 226**
(Sung to tune of VU 81)

***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)

We welcome Rev. Emily Gordon as our pulpit supply Minister today. Rev. Emily Gordon (BA, MA, MDiv) has lived and studied in different parts of the country before returning to Toronto, where she has been in ministry for the past decade. Recently, Emily was part of former Moderator Carmen's (Re)Generate leadership program, as well as the Eco-preacher program from the BTS Center and Creation Justice Ministries. At present, she is in part-time ministry with Bathurst United Church, as well as starting Burningbush Eco-ministry, using guest preaching, retreats and workshops, and green lectionary groups for ministers to transform how we can be communities of faith in the climate crisis.

<https://www.youtube.com/@burningbushecoministry>

AUC Summer Worship Schedule

July 5th ~ Rev. Tim Dayfoot
July 12th ~ Rev. Tim Dayfoot
July 19th ~ Rev. Tim Dayfoot
July 26th ~ Rev. Lee-Ann Ahlstrom
August 2nd ~ Rev. Tim Dayfoot
August 9th ~ Rev. Linda Wheler
August 16th ~ Rev. Tim Dayfoot
August 23rd ~ Rev. Tim Dayfoot
August 30th ~ Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Cunningham



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Music Coordinator—Margaret Heney





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For the Beauty of the Earth VU 226

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies, God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale, and tree and
flower, sun and moon, and stars of light, God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of
grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth, and friends
above, for all gentle thoughts and mild, God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of
grateful praise.

For each perfect gift sublime to our race so freely given, graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven, God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of
grateful praise.