

SEEKING GOD TOGETHER

PRELUDE Aria (Georg Goltermann) *Susan Guido, trumpet*

WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

**Acknowledgment of Territory/Every Child Matters/
Rainbow Candle of Inclusion** Paula Hanna

CALL TO WORSHIP

Out of love the world was made,
and we are the people God has made to live in it.
And as naturally as we live and breathe, we also worship.
**We come to celebrate where God's word touches
our lives.**

We come in confession and praise.

We come to hear the word and share our concerns.

**We come to receive the strength and nourishment
we need to go forth and live the life God gives.**

We come in the spirit of celebration and renewal.

Let us welcome Christ's presence with joy!

***HYMN** Come In, Come In and Sit Down **p. 7**

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL AND LORD'S PRAYER

Loving God, you are the one who says to all who
thirst, come to the water and drink deeply of these
living streams. You call to all who are weary, and
to all who yearn for forgiveness. As the waters of
the Jordan washed over Jesus, so may the Holy
Spirit wash over each of us this day. May we hear
you beckoning and blessing us, gracious God. Name
us in your goodness that we might rediscover who we
are in your eyes. Our Father, who art in heaven....
Amen.

WORDS OF GRACE

Arise, shine, for your light has come; and over you
the glory of God has dawned. Friends, believe the
good news!

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, loved and free to
become new.**

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.**

***A NEW CREED VU p. 918**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (liturgy on insert)

*We welcome through the Sacrament of Baptism,
Gemma Summer Ritchie, daughter of Casey and
Spenser Ritchie.*

Statement of Purpose

I welcome you in the name of Jesus Christ to this
celebration of God's love and grace called Baptism.
In Baptism the water is a visible sign of God's invisible
grace: a grace that was with this child while she was
being created in her mother's womb, a grace that will be
with her throughout her life, a grace that she will learn
to trust.

The sacrament of baptism proclaims and celebrates the
grace of God. Baptism is an act of naming and knowing
one's identity as a child of God within the Christian
community and individually before God.

FINDING GOD TOGETHER

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 103 **pp. 7-8**

(Let us delight in God's goodness.) Paula Hanna

GIFT OF MUSIC Bist du bei mir
(Gottfried Heinrich Stölzel) *Susan Guido, trumpet*

GOSPEL READING Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
(Jesus notices the children.)

SERMON Now You Are Seen and Heard
The Rev. Tim Dayfoot

***HYMN** River Running in You and Me **MV 163**

River running in you and me, Spirit of Life, deep
mystery, dancing down to the holy sea, River run deep,
River run free.

River laughed on my birthing day, Wind and water joined
in play soaked my soul in a shining spray, River run deep,
River run free.

River, cry my name to me, lend me hope and memory,
sing me the story of the holy sea, River run deep, River
run free.

River singin' in you and me, Spirit of life – deep mystery
– catch us up in your melody, River run deep, River
run free.

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY Menuet (James Hook) *Susan Guido, 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** Come to My Heart 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 Andantino (Giuseppe Concone)

Susan Guido, trumpet

AUC Summer Worship Schedule

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
September 6th ~ Rev. Tim Dayfoot

**Mission and Service
Grace at the Gate**



Every morning in the Sabra/Shatila refugee camp in Beirut, five-year-old Mohammad was lifted into his wheelchair and placed at the gate of his home by his father. It was the only way he could be part of the world beyond his doorstep. Unable to afford a special school or professional care, his father would set him in his wheelchair at the doorway just so he could watch the crowded street. From there, Mohammad would see other children on their way to kindergarten, while he was left behind. Mohammad was born with partial paralysis affecting one side of his body, including his left arm, left leg, and vision in one eye. During pregnancy, his mother became seriously ill with cancer and was unable to receive the care she needed. She died shortly after Mohammad was born. Even with the deep love and care from his father and sisters, life in the refugee camp left little room for specialized care or schooling. **Then something changed.** A Mission and Service partner, the Joint Christian Committee for Social Service in Lebanon (JCC), had recently relocated its kindergarten nearby. JCC's kindergarten for refugee children aged 3 to 6 is a happy and colourful haven where children can begin their education. The centre's director noticed Mohammad sitting outside, and decided to speak with his father. He was invited in, and with his father's permission, Mohammad joined the kindergarten program. A partner organization with a focus on supporting children with disabilities began working alongside him, and teachers and classmates welcomed him wholeheartedly. As time passed, Mohammad began to grow in confidence, joy, and connection. In this simple act of welcome, we see God's love made visible. We see children being embraced, barriers softened, and growth encouraged. Today, Mohammad is a happy young boy who learns and plays alongside his peers. Our M&S gifts help to make this possible.



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**Reverend Tim Dayfoot
Music Coordinator—Margaret Heney**



Pentecost 6/Baptism

**July 5, 2026
11:00 AM**

Come In, Come In and Sit Down (Part of the Family) VU 395

**Refrain: Come in, come in and sit down, you are a part of the family.
We are lost and we are found, and we are part of the family.**

You know the reason why you come, yet no reason can explain;
so share in the laughter and cry in the pain, for we are a part of the family. **R**

God is with us in this place, like a mother's warm embrace.
We're all forgiven by God's grace, for we are a part of the family. **R**

There's life to be shared in the bread and the wine; we are the branches, Christ is the vine.
This is God's temple, it's not yours or mine, but we are a part of the family. **R**

There's rest for the weary and health for us all; there's a yoke that is easy, and a burden that's small.
So come in and worship and answer the call, for we are a part of the family. **R**

Psalm 103 VU p. 825

Refrain: Come, bless God, O my soul, and never forget all God's blessings.

Bless God, my soul, and all my being, bless God's holy name.

Bless God, my soul, and forget not all God has done for you.

Bless God, who forgives all your sin, who heals you in all your infirmities,
who redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with mercy and love,
who fills your life with good things, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's,
who works righteousness and justice for all who are wronged. R

O God, you showed your ways to Moses, your deeds to the children of Israel.

You are compassionate and merciful, slow to anger and extravagant in love.

You will not always accuse nor do you keep your anger for ever.

You have not dealt with us according to our sins nor punished us according to our wickedness.

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is your steadfast love toward those who fear you.

As far as the east is from the west, so far have you put away our sins from us.

As a father has compassion for his children, so you have compassion for those who fear you.

As a mother comforts her child, so you comfort us, O God.

For you know how we were made.

You remember that we are dust. Bless God, O my soul. R

Come to My Heart VU 661

Come to my heart, Lord Jesus; teach me to walk in your way.
Come to my heart, Lord Jesus; come to my heart today.
Give me the peace and joy that only you can bring.
Come to my heart, Lord Jesus; give me a song to sing.

Fill me with love, Lord Jesus; teach me to walk in your way.
Fill me with love, Lord Jesus; fill me with love today.
Give me the peace and joy that only you can bring.
Fill me with love, Lord Jesus; give me a song to sing.

Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus; teach me to walk in your way.
Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus; Answer my prayer today.
Give me the peace and joy that only you can bring.
Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus; give me a song to sing.