

SEEKING GOD TOGETHER

PRELUDE Spirit of the Living Lord
(Robert W. Thygerson)

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

***Acknowledgment of Territory/Every Child Matters/
Rainbow Candle of Inclusion*** Brian Walter

CALL TO WORSHIP

We've gathered together in the presence of God
to offer our praise and our prayers.

**We come before God with confidence,
knowing that even when we can't find the words,
God's own Spirit is right here with us,
praying in us and for us,
giving shape to our wordless hopes and longings,
and pleading for us before the throne of grace.**
Let us come with joy, to celebrate God's love for all.
Let us unite in a song of praise.

***HYMN** Sing Praises to God p. 7

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL AND LORD'S PRAYER

Loving and Merciful God,
we confess that we do not always love our neighbour.
We confess that we have despised others,
even to the point of hatred.
We confess that we have been hurt by others.
We confess that forgiveness and reconciliation at
times are just impossible for us.
We know that nothing is impossible in You.
We come to You, seeking healing and wholeness
for us.

**Help us, whenever possible, to live in peace with
others, to seek reconciliation and healing
and forgiveness.
For Your Son came and lived among us,
was betrayed and denied, abused and put to death.
He rose again,
and came with the message of peace to those
who had denied him and abandoned him.
May we walk in his ways,
remembering the prayer that he taught his disciples
to pray . . .**

Our Father, who art in heaven... Amen.

WORDS OF GRACE

For nothing is impossible with God.
There is no place you can go,
no end of the earth you can run,
where God cannot find you.
There is nothing on earth or beyond death
that can separate you from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.
You are forgiven.
You are loved.
You are reconciled to God.
Freedom is to live with the love of God.
**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, loved
and free to be made 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 TIME FOR ALL AGES

FINDING GOD TOGETHER

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 119:129-136
Mary Smith

GIFT OF MUSIC Morning Has Broken
(Gaelic Melody arr. Forrest Kinney) Tracey Keffer-Lyon, Soprano

GOSPEL READING Romans 8:26-39

SERMON Inseparable Love Rev. Lee-Ann Ahlstrom

***HYMN** O Love How Deep p. 8

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY Il Sonno from "La Notte" Bassoon
Concerto (Antonio Vivaldi arr. Greg Chmura)

***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 Says **MV 172**

God says, “Be still so you may hear the words I whisper in your ear. If you will listen, you will know I’m with you always where you go.”

God says, “Look up and see the prize I’ve placed here right before your eyes. Find beauty in the things of earth, a cause for wonder and rebirth.”

God says, “Come here! I need your voice. Please teach my people to rejoice. In who you are, in what you do, your life will show my love for you.”

God says, “Reach out! The world’s in need and wants a word, a song, a deed. I send you forth to speak, to sing, to act for Christ in everything.”

***COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION**

Brothers and sisters,
God says, “you are chosen,
You are gifted, you are mine”.

Go now, knowing you *are* the love of God.
Trust in God’s enduring Spirit,
And live courageously the grace of Christ.

***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 Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory
(arr. Lani Smith)

Rev. Lee-Ann Ahlstrom has been in ministry with the United Church for 29 years as a staff associate, then Designated Lay Minister, then Ordained Minister. She is also a teacher and enjoyed a short term teaching career with Seneca College York University. Lee-Ann is also a Spiritual Director. She trained with Jubilee Ontario and has studied various contemplative practices like the labyrinth, meditation, centering prayer, daily course in miracles practices and other buddhist practices. Lee-Ann brings an integral approach to her ministry, recognizing the range of knowledges accessible to our human experience; science and ecology, psychology, indigenous teachings, other religious texts. She is semi-retired, offering pulpit supply to churches as needed and volunteers on the North and Central Ontario Candidacy Board.



AUC Summer Worship Schedule

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



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Pentecost 9

**July 26, 2026
11:00 AM**

Sing Praises to God VU 228

Sing praises to God! Sing praise in the height; rejoice in God's word, blest angels of light; high heavens, recalling by whom you were made, come, offer your worship in brightness arrayed.

Sing praises to God! Sing praise upon earth, in tuneful accord, you saints of new birth; praise God, who has brought you rich grace from above, and showered your life with abundance of love.

Sing praises to God, all things that give sound; each jubilant chord re-echo around; loud organs, your glory tell out in deep tone, and trumpets, the story of what God has done.

Sing praises to God! Thanksgiving and song be ever outpoured, all ages along: for love in creation, for hope spread abroad, for grace of salvation, sing praises to God.

O Love, How Deep VU 348

O love, how deep, how broad, how high! It fills the heart with ecstasy, that God, in Jesus Christ, should take our mortal form for mortals' sake.

God sent no angel to our race of higher or of lower place, but wore the robe of human frame, and freely to this lost world came.

For us he prayed, for us he taught, for us great daily works were wrought, by words and signs, and actions, thus still seeking not himself, but us.

For us he rose from death again, for us he went on high to reign, for us he sent his Spirit here to guide, to strengthen and to cheer.