

SEEKING GOD TOGETHER

PRELUDE Emmanuel (Michel Columbier)
Susan Guido, trumpet

WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

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

INTROIT Honey From the Rock (Linnea Good)

CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

We are brought together by a common vocation.

**God calls us to be a church,
a caring community which worships God,
a group of friends who work together to help
each other.**

Let us celebrate the work we do to make this world a
better place.

Let us do that in God's spirit and grace.

Come let us worship God!

***HYMN** When All Your Mercies, O My God p. 7

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL AND LORD'S PRAYER

Eternal One, you love us as we are, but you dream of
us as we might be. You see us as your children,
members of your family, and people capable of
seeking justice and resisting evil. You call on us to
embody the life of Christ for the world. Teach us
your ways. Reclothe us in our rightful minds, so that
our lives will be your praise; through Jesus Christ,
who taught us to pray together saying:
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 Sing, Sing Out! (MV 180)

**Sing, sing out! Sing a new song.
Sing oh people as one voice! Sing, sing out!
Sing a new song. Sing of God. Each heart rejoice!**
(Repeat)

A TIME FOR ALL AGES

FINDING GOD TOGETHER

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 78 p. 7
(We will tell new generations about God.) Brian Walter

ANTHEM O Source of All (Brian Tate)

GOSPEL READING Exodus 17:1-7 (When God leads.)

SERMON The Next Step The Rev. Tim Dayfoot

***HYMN** Your Hand, O God, Has Guided p. 8

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY Trumpet Love Letter (Ryota Ishikawa)
Susan Guido, trumpet

***DEDICATION** Take, O Take Me as I Am (MV 85)

**Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart, and live in me. (Repeat)**

***OFFERTORY PRAYER & Prayer Shawl Blessing**

LEAVING LITURGY

Our church, like any community, changes. Babies are
born. Children grow up. Loved ones and friends grow
old. People move into our community and church. Others
leave us, moving on to new places, new experiences, and
new opportunities. When a minister comes into our
church, we covenant with one another; we promise to
walk together as God's People, deepening our
commitment to Jesus Christ and growing closer to God.
God's covenant with us never changes, but our covenants
with one another do change. We gather now to mark the
ending of the eleven-month covenant between Tim
Dayfoot, and Aurora United Church. We ask God's
blessing to be with him in his retirement.

Prayer

**O God, we give you thanks for the time and the faith
shared in this community. We give you thanks for the
faithful ministry of Tim in our midst. We thank you
for the worship, the learning, and the service that
have been ours together. Be with us now as we mark
the end of this relationship, and guide us by your
Spirit into the next stage of our life with you. Amen.**

Marking the End of the Covenanted Ministry

Tim Dayfoot

I thank my partner in ministry, with whom I shared the first six months, Rev. Linda Wheler, as well as friends and members of Aurora United Church, for the love and support you have shown me while I have ministered among and with you. I am grateful for the ways my leadership has been accepted. I ask forgiveness for any mistakes I have made. As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here.

Congregation

We receive your thankfulness, offer our forgiveness, and accept that you are now leaving us. We are grateful for your time among us. Your influence on our faith and faithfulness will not leave us with your departure. We release you from your duties of ministry here in our midst, no longer turning to you as we have when you were in ministry among us.

Tim Dayfoot

I accept your thanksgiving and your forgiveness of me. May our time together and our parting now be pleasing and acceptable to God. I encourage your continuing ministry here and will pray for you as you move into your new building and start a new chapter in ministry.

Congregation

Creator God, Holy One, God of Covenant, we give thanks for remembered times when we together have shared the life of faith. We pray that *Tim* will be aware of your faithful presence in his retirement. Bless the insights we have received by your grace during this mutual covenant, now ending. We pray for wisdom, healing, and abundant new life as we move forward in our ministry. Amen.

PRAYER PRELUDE Spirit of Life (C. McDade) (VU 381)

**Spirit of Life, come unto me. Sing in my heart
all the stirrings of compassion.
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;
move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN** Sent Forth by God's Blessing p. 8

***COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION**

***SUNG BLESSING** Wherever You May Go (MV 216)

**Wherever you may go, I will follow,
and your people shall be my people too.
Wherever you may go I will follow,
for I would be faithful, loyal and true.**

POSTLUDE Gabriel's Oboe
(Ennio Morricone arr. Andrew Wilson) *Susan Guido, trumpet*



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*“Life is change. Growth is optional.
Choose wisely.”*

William Somerset Maugham

When All Your Mercies, O My God VU 219

When all your mercies, O my God, my rising soul surveys,
transported with the view I'm lost in wonder, love and praise.

Ten thousand thousand precious gifts my daily thanks employ;
nor is the least a cheerful heart that tastes those gifts with joy.

Through every period of my life your goodness I'll pursue;
and after death, in distant worlds the glorious theme renew.

Through all eternity to you a joyful song I'll raise;
but oh! eternity's too short to utter all your praise.

Psalm 78 VU 792

Refrain: We will tell new generations of the wonders God has done.

Give heed to my teaching, O my people, turn your ears to the words of my mouth.

I will open my mouth in a parable; I will reveal the hidden meaning of things in the past.

What we have heard and known, what our parents have told us, we will not hide from
their grandchildren,

but declare to the next generation the testimony that you gave to Jacob and the law you appointed in Israel, which you commanded them to teach their children,
that the next generation might know them, children yet unborn, and these in turn
should arise, and tell their children,

that they should put their trust in you, and not forget your great deeds, but keep all your commandments. R

Marvellous things you did in the sight of our ancestors, in the land of Egypt, in the
plain of Zoan.

You divided the sea and let them go through, and made the waters stand up like a wall.

By day you led with a cloud, and all the night long with a beacon of fire.

You split rocks in the wilderness, and gave drink in plenty as from the great deep.

You brought streams out of the rock,
and made water run down like rivers. R

Your Hand, O God, Has Guided VU 274

Your hand, O God, has guided your flock from age to age; the wondrous tale is
written, full clear, on every page. Our forebears owned your goodness, and we their
deeds record; and both to this bear witness: one church, one faith, one Lord.

Your heralds brought glad tidings to greatest as to least; they bade them rise, and
hasten to share the heavenly feast. And this was all their teaching, in every deed and
word, to all alike proclaiming one church, one faith, one Lord.

Through many days of darkness, through many scenes of strife, the faithful few
fought bravely to guard your people's life. Their gospel of redemption, sin pardoned,
earth restored, was all in this enfolded: one church, one faith, one Lord.

And we, shall we be faithless? Shall hearts fail, hands hang down? Shall we evade the
conflict and cast away our crown? Not so: in God's deep counsels some better thing is
stored; we will maintain, unflinching, one church, one faith, one Lord.

Your mercy will not fail us, nor leave your work undone; with your right hand to help
us, the victory shall be won; and then, by earth and heaven, your name shall be
adored, and this shall be our anthem: one church, one faith, one Lord.

Sent Forth by God's Blessing VU 481

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing, the people of God from this
dwelling take leave. The supper is ended, O now be extended the fruits of this service
in all who believe. The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching, shall
blossom in action for God and for all. God's grace did invite us, God's love shall unite
us to work for the kingdom and answer its call.

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living, the tasks of our everyday life we
will face. Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring, embracing God's children of
each tribe and race. With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us; unite us
as one in this life that we share. Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
give honour to Christ and the name that we bear.