

SEEKING GOD TOGETHER

PRELUDE Menuet from "Julius Caesar"
(G.F. Handel arr. Thomas Chesterton)

WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

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

INTROIT We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky
(Ruth Duck/Marty Haugen)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Around the world, God's people gather this day.

**On World Communion Sunday we gather around
the table.**

We gather speaking different languages.

We gather with differences too numerous to count.

Yet we are more the same than different.

**Created in the image of God, we are all named good
and treasured by our creator.**

Come, let us worship in unity, peace and joy!

***HYMN** Come Touch Our Hearts **MV 12**

Come touch our hearts that we may know compassion,
from failing embers build a blazing fire; love strong
enough to overturn injustice, to seek a world more
gracious, come touch and bless our hearts.

Come touch our souls that we may know and love you,
your quiet presence all our fears dispel; create a space for
spirit to grow in us, let life and beauty fill us, come touch
and bless our souls.

Come touch our minds and teach us how to reason,
set free our thoughts to wonder and to dream; help us to
open doors of understanding, to welcome truth and
wisdom, come touch and bless our minds.

Come touch us in the moments we are fragile, and in our
weakness your great strength reveal; that we may rise to
follow and to serve, steady now our nerve, come touch
and bless our wills.

Come touch us now, this people who are gathered,
to break the bread and share the cup of peace; that we
may love you with our heart, our soul, our mind, our
strength, our all, come touch us with your grace.

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

**Nurturing God, you are the one who nourishes us for
the journey. May we be strengthened as we gather at
your table today. May we be mindful of the praise
and thanksgiving that is being given by people in all
parts of the world as they gather around your table.
May the mystery of your presence, experienced in our
worship, bind us together into one worldwide
community. Amen.**

WORDS OF GRACE

Take comfort in the assurance that even those things that
are hidden from memory, or are too deep for our words,
are not beyond God's forgiving love. God knows us
completely and bestows pardon and peace.

Thanks be to God for the gifts that give us new life!

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

THREE STONE MEDITATION

(Created by the Iona Community, adapted)

Readers: Nancy Kerswill, Mary Munro & Rev. Linda Wheler

THE STONE GOD MADE

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 19

SUNG RESPONSE Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness **p. 7**

THE STONE THE BUILDERS REJECTED

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 118

***SUNG RESPONSE** I, The Lord of Sea and Sky **p. 8**

COME AS LIVING STONES

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Peter 2: 4-5

ANTHEM Come to Us, Lord Jesus (Paul K. McKay)

***HYMN** We Are One **p. 8**

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

THE NEW CREED VU p. 918

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
(arr. Linda Lamb) *EmBellished Handbell Ensemble*

***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**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (on insert)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

(From *And the Table Will Be Wide* by Jan Richardson)

And the table will be wide. And the welcome will be wide. And the arms will open wide to gather us in. And our hearts will open wide to receive. And we will come as children who trust there is enough. And we will give up our appetite for despair. And we will taste and know of delight. And we will become bread for a hungry world. And we will become drink for those who thirst. And the blessed will become the blessing. And everywhere will be the feast. Amen.

***HYMN Sent Out in Jesus' Name MV 212**

Sent out in Jesus' name, our hands are ready now to make the world a place in which the kingdom comes. (repeat)

The angels cannot change a world of hurt and pain into a world of love, of justice and of peace. The task is ours to do, to set it really free. O help us to obey, and carry out your will. (repeat)

***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 Fanfare on "Soli Deo Gloria"
(Mark D. Himmelman)

**Mission and Service
Breakfast Club**



At Plymouth-Trinity United Church in Sherbrooke, QC, a Sunday morning breakfast is helping families connect with their church community, and creating opportunities for the congregation to build new partnerships in the neighbourhood. "Breakfast Club" started in January 2025 after Pastor Samuel Vauvert Dansokho and members of the congregation started thinking about how they could better support families who were often arriving late for worship. For families with several young children, getting everyone ready and out the door on a Sunday morning can be quite difficult. Rather than seeing that as a problem, the congregation decided to try something different by inviting everyone to come early for a free breakfast. The first Breakfast Club welcomed more than 25 people, about half of them children. Attendance has since steadied at 10-15 people each Sunday. The program is intentional and straightforward. Breakfast might include cereal, toast, oatmeal, fruit, and baked goods. Sometimes even hot dogs! But beyond nourishment for the body, the program has also become an opportunity for people to spend time together and nourish their souls in community. Our gifts through M & S help the initiative sustain and grow, alongside significant contributions from the congregation and local partners. Community members have donated baked goods, fruit, and money, while a local international grocery store provides day-old bread. Any extras are sent home with community members. There are plans to consider opening the program more widely to the surrounding neighbourhood as capacity allows. For Shanna Bernier, who helped plan the initiative, the success of Breakfast Club is already clear. Families are being fed, food is being diverted from waste, a local business has become a partner, and people are spending time together at church. Our gifts to Mission & Service help congregations respond to the needs they see in their own communities. Let's give generously.



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Pentecost 19/World Communion

**October 4, 2026
11:00 AM**

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness VU 375

**Refrain: Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, Wind, Wind on the sea.**

You moved on the waters, you called to the deep, then you coaxed up the mountains
from the valleys of sleep; and over the eons you called to each thing:
wake from your slumbers and rise on your wings. **R**

You swept thro' the desert, you stung with the sand, and you goaded your people with
a law and a land; and when they were blinded with their idols and lies,
then you spoke thro' your prophets to open their eyes. **R**

You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill, then you whispered in silence when the
whole world was still; and down in the city you called once again,
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. **R**

You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes, from the bondage of sorrow the
captives dream dreams, our women see visions, our men clear their eyes,
with bold new decisions your people arise. **R**



I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (Here I am, Lord) VU 509

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in deepest sin
my hand will save. I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

**Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.**

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain, I have wept for love of
them; they turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love
alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? **R**

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame, I will set a feast for them;
my hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? **R**

We Are One VU 402

We are one as we come, as we come, joyful to be here, in the praise on our lips there's
a sense that God is near. We are one as we sing, as we seek, we are found; and we
come needful of God's grace as we meet, together in this place.

We are one as we share, as we share brokenness and fear, in the touch of a hand
there's a sense that God is here. We are one as we care, as we heal, we are healed; and
we share warmth in God's embrace as we pray together in this place.

We are one as we feast, as we feast, peace becomes the sign; in the bread and the wine
there's a sense of love divine. We are one as we come, as we feed, we are fed; and we
feel God's refreshing grace as we meet at table in this place.

We are one as we hear, as we hear, heart and hand unite; in the word we receive
there's a sense that God is light. We are one as we leave, as we love, we are loved;
and we seek justice in God's ways as we move together from this place.