SEEKING GOD TOGETHER

PRELUDE In Green Pastures (Harold Darke)

WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE
LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE
Acknowledgment of Territory/Every Child Matters/Rainbow Candle of Inclusion Martha Bailkowski

INTROIT I Will Worship the Lord (John Rutter)

CALL TO WORSHIP Susan Sue-Ling

We gather to give thanks, O Creator God.
Holy One, we are here.
Be with us as we pray and sing together.
Holy One, we are here.
Be with us in our words, in our listening,
and in our hearts.
Holy One, we are here.
We are here to worship, to remember the gifts flowing from you, O Creator God, and to give thanks.

****HYMN*** For All the Saints **p. 7**

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL AND LORD'S PRAYER
Paula Hanna

Our journey of discipleship does not end with powerlessness or lost hope.
Love wins; through the risen Christ we know that hope is eternal.

God's love and grace is all around us, freely and generously given; it is within us and flows through us.

God's love is everlasting and sustains us on the journey. Here us, Oh God, as we join together in the prayer that your son taught us, saying...
Our Father…Amen.

WORDS OF GRACE

Friends, reconciliation and healing are possible. Forgiveness and renewal are offered to us without limitation, precondition, or exception. In God's grace we are all forgiven, reconciled, and healed.

In God's love we are made whole. In this sacred community we embrace our imperfections, trusting in God's abundant blessing. We are loved. You and I are loved as people created in the image of God.
Thanks be to God.

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
Music and Stewardship Joyce Hagarty

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RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 107
(Parts One and Four) **pp. 7-8** Pat Innes

ANTHEM You Do Not Walk Alone (Elaine Hagenberg)

GOSPEL READING 2 Corinthians 9: 12-15
Laurie Bentolila

REFLECTION
In Giving We Show We Are Disciples Nancy Kerswill

****HYMN*** All Things Bright and Beautiful **p. 8**

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD
Why I Give to AUC Colleen Abbott

OFFERTORY 10,000 Reasons (arr. Peggy Bettcher)
Faith-a-Peal 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
Martha Bailkowski

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 Janice Nolan

God calls us to be a praying people so let us join our hearts in prayer. Let us give thanks for the gifts of God, saying:
We give you thanks, Generous God.
For the earth and the goodness of creation, the power of the earth to sustain us, the wisdom of people to care, to learn, and to transform, let us give thanks:
We give you thanks, Generous God.
For the people who care and heal, the people who listen deeply, the ones who are the hands and feet of Christ in the world, let us give thanks:
We give you thanks, Generous God.
For the people who guide and teach, the ones who mentor and educate, the people who inspire and create, for their wisdom and guidance, let us give thanks:
We give you thanks, Generous God.
For those who stand up and speak out in truth, the people who work endlessly for justice, for liberation, for peace, the people who risk their lives for others, for those who walk in the way of Christ, let us give thanks:
We give you thanks, Generous God. Amen.

****HYMN*** This is God's Wondrous World **p. 9**

CLOSING PRAYER Louise Procter Maio

****COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION***

****SUNG BLESSING*** Wherever You May Go (VU 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 When Morning Guilds the Skies
(arr. Mark Sedio)

Mission and Service
Food4Fun

PA Days can be difficult for working parents who are looking for affordable, safe, and engaging activities for their children. For families of children on the autism spectrum, finding programs that are welcoming with appropriate support can be an even greater challenge. Westminster United Church saw the need, and responded by offering FOOD4FUN, a series of gardening and cooking camps for children ages four to twelve. The program gave children a place to spend their PA Days while learning about food, gardening, and community. FOOD4FUN brought children into Westminster's garden, where they could experience food growing at its source. They planted, harvested, explored the garden, and took part in mindful walks. In the kitchen, they prepared food, learned new skills, and shared meals together. Lunch and snacks were provided, and sometimes food was sent home with campers. The program welcomed children with a wide range of interests, abilities, and needs. Volunteers provided additional support as required, helping create a barrier-free environment where everyone could participate. Some children who didn't regularly spend time outdoors became especially enthusiastic about the garden. Impact could be seen in things campers said. When a camper, referred to as "M," returned for a second camping session, their first question was: "When are we going outside? I need to visit my special tree." Campers "S" and "B" were eager to know if they would be growing potatoes again and if they could help with the harvest. These experiences build more than gardening and cooking skills. Children develop confidence in the kitchen, become more comfortable in groups, build relationships with other campers, and develop a healthy relationship with food. They also have opportunities to build a lasting connection with the land. FOOD4FUN has also helped Westminster learn more about what is needed to provide accessible and welcoming programming. The congregation is exploring relationships with autism services in Orangeville and is developing plans for a weeklong summer camp for food-insecure families in 2027. Our gifts through M&S make this work possible. Our support helps congregations respond to needs in their communities and create opportunities for children, to learn, connect, and thrive.

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For All the Saints VU 705

For all the saints, who from their labours rest, all who by faith before the world confessed, your name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

You were their rock, their fortress, and their might: you were their captain in the well-fought fight; you, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, they in glory shine; yet all are one within your great design. Hallelujah, hallelujah!

The golden evening brightens in the west; soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest; sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day the saints triumphant rise in bright array: as God to glory calls them all away. Hallelujah, hallelujah!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

Psalm 107 VU pp. 831-832

Refrain: O give thanks to God for steadfast love.

O give thanks, for God is gracious.
God's steadfast love endures for ever.
Let the redeemed of God say so, those redeemed from trouble,
whom God gathered in from the lands,
from the east and the west,
from the north and the south. R

Some lost their way in desert wastes, finding no place to settle;
hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.
Then they cried to you, God, in their trouble; you rescued them from their distress.
You led them by a straight path, till they reached a place to settle.
Let them thank you, O God, for your steadfast love, for the wonders you do for us.
For you satisfy the thirsty, and fill the hungry with good things. R
You turn rivers into desert, springs of water into thirsty ground.
A fruitful land you make a salty waste, because of the wickedness of its inhabitants.
But you turn desert into standing pools, dry land into springs of water,
to give hungry a home, a place where they can settle.
They sow fields and plant vineyards that yield a fruitful harvest.
You bless them and their numbers increase.
You do not let their herds diminish.
Whoever is wise, ponder these things.
Consider God's unfailing love. R

All Things Bright and Beautiful VU 291

Refrain: All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful: in love, God made them all.

Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings, God made their glowing colours, God made their tiny wings. **R**

The purple headed mountains, the river running by, the sunset and the morning that brightens up the sky; **R**

The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun, the ripe fruits in the garden: God made them every one. **R**

The rocky mountain splendour, the lone wolf's haunting call, the great lakes and the prairies, the forest in the fall; **R**

God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell how great is God our maker, who has made all things well. **R**

This is God's Wondrous World VU 296

This is God's wondrous world, and to my listening ears all nature sings,
and round me rings the music of the spheres. This is God's wondrous
world; I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,
God's hand the wonders wrought.

This is God's wondrous world: the birds their carols raise; the morning
light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise. This is God's wondrous
world: God shines in all that's fair; in the rustling grass or mountain pass,
God's voice speaks everywhere.

This is God's wondrous world: O let me ne'er forget that though the wrong
seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet. This is God's wondrous world:
why should my heart be sad? Let voices sing, let the heavens ring:
God reigns, let earth be glad!