SEEKING GOD TOGETHER

PRELUDE The Funeral (Ennio Morricone)
Susan Guido, trumpet

WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE
LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

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

INTROIT The Mansions of the Lord
(Randall Wallace/Nick Glennie-Smith arr. Ashley Irwin)

CALL TO WORSHIP

From the past we bring remembrance.
For the future we bring hope.
Let us be present to the Spirit of this time and place,
trusting that God's grace will bring us peace.
Joining together now with what was and what is,
we open our hearts to what we are called to be.
Let us worship God together in the Spirit of Christ.

****HYMN*** For the Healing of the Nations **p. 7**

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL AND LORD'S PRAYER

Holy One, as we gather in remembrance, we acknowledge lives lost to power gone wrong. We recognize that our human lust for power, domination and greed remain in spite of the sacrifices made. Some of us bring disappointment, frustration, anger and even rage. We may bring grief and hopelessness, that our humanity seems to be failing our purpose to be a source of compassion and wisdom, mercy and kindness.

We gather to remember and to return to your heart O God, that we might be reconciled with your love and peace. Our Father…Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

On the cross God offers these words, "forgive them for they do not know what they are doing". In these words is the power of grace that transforms hardened hearts and beckons us to reform our sense of purpose. God's unconditional and forgiving love has the power to lead the change we wish to see in the world, one relationship at a time. We are saved by grace and renewed by Christ's suffering and resurrection. Love is our salvation.
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

READING In Flanders Fields (John McCrae)

FINDING GOD TOGETHER

HONOUR ROLL Tolling Bell Joyce Hagarty

World War 1

James Amos — Ernest Davis
Kenneth Exely — Gilbert Gray
Walter Harris — Elwood Lloyd
Fred Luxton — David Miller
Wilfred Peterman — Ernest Rose
Charles Smith — Stuart Stiles — Fred Wilkenson

World War II

Doug McKenzie Bruce Stiles Robert Turp

The Last Post...Two Minutes Silence...Lament...The Rouse
Susan Guido, trumpet/Luke Wrycroft, bagpipes

****ACT OF REMEMBRANCE***

They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
we will remember them.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
we will remember them.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O God,
and may perpetual light shine down upon them.
May their souls, through your mercy, rest in peace.

***O CANADA**

O Canada! Our home and native land!
True patriot love in all of us command.
With glowing hearts, we see thee rise,
the True North strong and free!
From far and wide, O Canada,
we stand on guard for thee.
God keep our land glorious and free!
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 70 **p. 7** Charles Truax

ANTHEM Hymn to Freedom (Oscar Peterson arr. Paul Read)

GOSPEL READING Matthew 25:1-13

SERMON Preparing for Peace *Rev. Lee-Ann Ahlstrom*

****HYMN*** Make Me a Channel of Your Peace **p. 8**

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Money Well Spent! Lisa Kyriakides

OFFERTORY Light of Peace (Derek Hakes)
Bellissimo 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

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*** We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection **p. 8**

****COMMISSIONING***

****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 *Luke Wrycraft, bagpipes*

Stewardship Campaign Fall 2026

2026 Fall Stewardship Campaign Report: Week 1

2026 Operating Costs Goal: $30,000
Donations as of 02 November 2026: **$3,280**
Percentage of goal reached: 11%

Aurora United Church – Thank you!!
We are on our way to meet our goal!

Campaign Updates will be found in the Friday File and updates will be given each Sunday from the pulpit. Joyce Hagarty's Weekly Stewardship Chat and the "Why I Give to AUC" videos are available on the AUC website.

Questions? Contact Joyce Hagarty (905) 717-5441 or Martha Bailkowski (905-506-2406)

Divine Creation in Diversity

Creating God,
Your Divine Creation never ceases, and so we continually offer our prayers and gratitude to you. We pray with lamentations for all the ways that we have marred your beautiful creation with human made systems of race and class. May our tears water seeds of hope that you have scattered in every place. May the beauty of what could be, encourage us. We give thanks for the ways that your Creation inspires us to celebrate for our shared humanity; to fight for our shared dignity; and, to honour past, present and future generations. What you have created and what you are creating is good beyond measure, in our anti-racism work, may we cherish your goodness in all of creation,by respecting the diversity that you have and are creating, practically with our words, thoughts and actions. May it be so, Amen.

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Pentecost 24/Remembrance Sunday

November 8, 2026
11:00 AM
"November is Stewardship Month"

For the Healing of the Nations VU 678

For the healing of the nations, God, we pray with one accord;
for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us forward into freedom, from despair your world release;
that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase.

All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned:
pride of status, race or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice may we hallow life's brief span.

You, Creator-God, have written your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness bring the life of Christ to mind;
that, by our response and service, earth its destiny may find.

Psalm 70 VU 788 (Refrain 1)

Refrain: Come quickly, God, to rescue me.

O favour me, God and save me.
Make haste, O God, and help me! R

Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confusion.
Let those who desire to hurt me collapse in dishonour.
Let those who mock my humiliation stumble at their own disgrace.
But let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you.
Let those who long for your saving help be ever ready to say,
"God is great!" R

As for me, I am poor and needy. O God, come quickly to my aid!
You are my help and my deliverer. O God, do not delay! R

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace VU 684

Make me a channel of your peace: where there is hatred, let me bring your love; where there is injury, your healing power, and where there's doubt, true faith in you:

Refrain: O Spirit, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace: where there's despair in life, let me bring hope; where there is darkness, only light; and where there's sadness, ever joy. **R**

Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, in giving to all that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection VU 586

We shall go out with hope of resurrection; we shall go out, from strength to strength go on; we shall go out and tell our stories boldly; tales of a love that will not let us go. We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted; we'll dream our dreams of hurts that can be healed; we'll weave a cloth of all the world united within the vision of new life in Christ.

We'll give a voice to those who have not spoken; we'll find the words for those whose lips are sealed; we'll make the tunes for those who sing no longer, expressive love alive in every heart. We'll share our joy with those who still are weeping, raise hymns of strength for hearts that break in grief, we'll leap and dance the resurrection story, including all in circles of our love.