SEEKING GOD TOGETHER

PRELUDE I'm Blessed (Charlie Wilson, Emile Ghantous, Keith Hetrick, Steve Daly, Mahin Wilson & Michael Paran)
David Pilkey & Brian Pastoor

WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE
LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE Susan Sue-Ling

Acknowledgment of Territory/Every Child Matters/Rainbow Candle of Inclusion Josh Szakal

INTROIT Go, Make a Diff'rence
(Steve Angrisano & Tom Tomaszek)

CALL TO WORSHIP Susan Sue-Ling

Like the peoples long ago, we are journeying in stages.
Our lives unfold, not all at once but piece by piece.
Sometimes the forward movement is small.
Sometimes we may feel we are being called to take enormous leaps in faith.
On all days of the journey, we can know that God is with us.
Thanks be to God.
Amen.
(Beth W Johnston, Collaborative Ministry, River Philip and Springhill, NS)

HYMN God, We Praise You for the Morning **p. 7**

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL AND LORD'S PRAYER

Lisa Kyriakides

Guiding God, light of direction and discernment,
shine in our hearts today.
As we journey through life, with events and upsets we do not understand,
steady us with the patience of faith.
When all feels lost and we are tired by our days,
strengthen us with the persistence of faith.
Daunted by obstacles in our lives and in the world,
embolden us with the courage of faith.
When hurts and slights sting or indifference isolates us,
soothe us with the essence of faith.
Embrace us in your eternal love and remind us of your reassuring promise,
to be with us always, to the end of our days.
(Gill Le Fevre, Walton Memorial UC, Oakville, ON)
Our Father…Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE
The Good News of the gospel is always this: God wants more than anything to be in relationship with us. God seeks us out and welcomes us back, even before we ask. We are forgiven, we are restored.
Thanks be to God.
(Beth W Johnston, Collaborative Ministry, River Philip and Springhill, NS)

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)

FINDING GOD TOGETHER

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11
(The day of God will come as a thief in the night.)
Bill Newman

ANTHEM Many Gifts, One Spirit (Mary Lynn Lightfoot)

GOSPEL READING Matthew 25:14-30
(The parable of the talents.) Bob McRoberts

SINGING OUR FAVOURITE HYMNS
1. On Eagle's Wings **p. 7**
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3. I Feel the Winds of God **p. 8**

HYMN Great is Thy Faithfulness **p. 9**

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD
The Widow's Offering Myrtle & Charles Truax

OFFERTORY Every Kinda People
(Andy Fraser/Robert Palmer) *David Pilkey & Brian Pastoor*

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 Susan Sue-Ling

****HYMN*** Be Thou My Vision **p. 9**

****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 Almighty God, Your World Is Cast
(arr. Mark Sedio*)*

Stewardship Campaign Fall 2026

2026 Fall Stewardship Campaign Report: Week 2

2026 Operating Costs Goal: $30,000
Donations as of 09 November 2026: **$12,180**
Percentage of goal reached: 41%

Way to Go Aurora United Church – Thank you!!

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

Our Good Shepherd

Good Shepherd God,
We know that no pain or sorrow is hidden from you, who we are and how we come is welcomed into your pasture.
We know that your love for us is unconditional, you care for our broken hearts with matchless tenderness and compassion; we are forever grateful to be a part of your flock. As tree roots spread confidently around a river bank, feeding on rich soil, drinking in new life, growing strong and confident;
You, shepherding God, lead us towards healing waters so that we who have been uprooted by racism may strengthen and reclaim roots, meant to nourish and sustain us, that we have been separated from.
Forgive us when we in our bigotry, fear or ignorance block your work of healing in others, or reject your work within ourselves. May we with gratitude and humility accept your guidance,as you attempt to deepen our roots while restoring our souls,so that all people may flourish. May it be so. Amen.

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Pentecost 25

November 15, 2026
11:00 AM
"November is Stewardship Month"

God, We Praise You for the Morning VU 415

God, we praise you for the morning; hope springs forth with each new day,
new beginning, prayer, and promise, joy in work and in play.

God, we praise you for creation, mountains, seas, and prairie land.
Waking souls find joy and healing in your bountiful hand.

God, we praise you for compassion, all the loving that you show;
human touching, tears, and laughter, help your children to grow.

God, we praise you for your Spirit, Comforter and daily friend,
restless searcher, gentle teacher, strength and courage you send.

God, we praise you for the Saviour, come that we may know your ways.
In his loving, dying, rising, Christ is Lord of our days.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah! Hallelujah, hallelujah!
Christ is Lord of our days!

Psalm 91 (On Eagle's Wings) VU 808

You who dwell in the shelter of your God, who abide in God's shadow for life, say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain: "And I will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of my hand."

The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear; under God's wings your refuge, God's faithfulness your shield. **R**

You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day, though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come. **R**

For to the angels is given a command to guard you in all your ways; upon their hand they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone. **R**

O Lord My God (How Great Thou Art) VU 238

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee, How great thou art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee, How great thou art! How great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander, I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze. **R**

But when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin. **R**

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" **R**

I Feel the Winds of God VU 625

I feel the winds of God today; today my sail I lift, though heavy oft with drenching spray and torn with many a rift; if hope but light the water's crest, and Christ my bark will use, I'll seek the seas at his behest, and brave another cruise.

It is the wind of God that dries my vain regretful tears, until with braver thoughts shall rise the purer, brighter years; if cast on shores of selfish ease or pleasure I should be, O let me feel your freshening breeze, and I'll put back to sea.

If ever I forget your love and how that love was shown, lift high the blood-red flag above; it bears your name alone. Great pilot of my onward way, you will not let me drift. I feel the winds of God today; today my sail I lift.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness VU 288

Great is thy faithfulness, God our Creator; there is no shadow of turning with thee; thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

**Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided great is thy faithfulness, ever to me!**

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. **R**

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide, strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow wondrous the portion thy blessings provide. **R**

Be Thou My Vision VU 642

Be thou my vision, O joy of my heart; naught be all else to me save that thou art, thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, my calm in all strife; I ever with thee, and thou in my life; thou loving parent, thy child may I be, thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

Be thou my battle shield, sword for the fight; be thou my dignity, thou my delight, thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower; raise thou me heavenward, O power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise, thou mine inheritance, now and always; thou and thou only, the first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Great God of heaven, after victory won, may I reach heaven's joys,
O bright heaven's sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O ruler of all.