

**SEEKING GOD TOGETHER**



**PRELUDE** Dear Lord and Father of Mankind  
(Albin C. Whitworth)

**WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE**  
*Lighting of the Christ Candle*

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

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

As we approach Canada Day, God invites us into the complexities of relationship.

**We come to grow as a family of faith, cherishing the ways of Love.**

Come to sing, to pray, to listen, to dance, and to deepen the journey of faith.

**We come in trust, though we are never sure where God will lead us.**

Come together in prayer....

**Loving God, we long to follow in Jesus' footsteps, journeying the path of self-giving and of ever-growing wisdom, seeking out reconciliation and right relationship with First Nations, Inuit and Metis peoples of this land. Lead us by the power of your Spirit, that together, each supporting one another equally, we may follow. Let us celebrate together. Amen.**

(Gord Dunbar, Kincardine P.C., Kincardine, Ont.)

\***HYMN** Come, Let Us Sing VU 222

**PRAYER FOR RENEWAL**

**We believe in one God—Creator, Christ and Spirit, who loves us, heals us, and leads us. We believe in one God, who challenges us in ways we sometimes don't want to be challenged, but who walks with us and encourages us to face those challenges even when we are fearful. We believe in a God who loves us and cares for us even when we choose the wrong way, and who invites us to return again to a place of wholeness. We are committed to following in the way of Christ, even when we stumble or take the wrong path, for we know that no matter where we are, God is with us, God loves us and we belong to Christ. Amen.**

**WORDS OF GRACE**

In the shadow of God's wing we are held and loved.  
**Thanks be to God!**

**SUNG RESPONSE** Sing, Sing Out! (Hannah/Melhorne-Boe)  
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*

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**SCRIPTURE** 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 p. 183 Pew Bible NT  
(Excel in generosity.) Laurie Bentolila

**GIFT OF MUSIC** Rhosymedre  
(Ralph Vaughan Williams arr. Chuck Seipp)  
Tim Birtch & Margaret Wolf, trumpets

**GOSPEL** Luke 8:1-3 p. 67 Pew Bible NT  
(Jesus, his disciples and followers travel together.)

**REFLECTIONS** Walking the Camino  
Martha Bailkowski & Louise Procter Maio

\***HYMN** We Are Pilgrims (Servant Song) VU 595

**SHARING GOD'S LOVE**

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

**OFFERTORY** The Prayer (D.Foster/C. Bayer-Sager)  
Tim Birtch & Margaret Wolf, trumpets

\***DEDICATION** Grateful (T. Tomaszek) MV 182  
**Grateful for the life you give us, thankful for your Holy Son, joyful in your Spirit flowing over all, O God of love. Grateful for the Bread of Heaven, thankful for your Holy Word, joyful in your mercy flowing, we will praise you.**

\***OFFERTORY PRAYER & Prayer Shawl Blessing**

**PRAYER PRELUDE** There Is Room For All MV 62  
**There is room for all in the shadow of God's wing; there is room for all, sheltered in God's love. And I rejoice and sing, 'my refuge and my rock in whom I trust.' There is room for all, there is room for all.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER**  
VU p. 910

**\*HYMN** Called by Earth and Sky (Mayberry/Fines) MV135

*Called by earth and sky, promise of hope held high.  
This is our sacred living trust, treasure of life  
sanctified, called by earth and sky.*

Precious these waters, endless seas, deep ocean's dream,  
waters of healing, rivers of rain, the wash of love again.  
*Called by earth and sky...*

Precious this gift, the air we breathe; wind born and  
free. Breath of the Spirit, blow through this place, our  
gathering and our grace. *Called by earth and sky...*

Precious these mountains, ancient sands; vast fragile  
land. Seeds of our waking, rooted and strong,  
creation's faithful song. *Called by earth and sky...*

Precious the fire that lights our way, bright dawning  
day. Fire of passion, sorrows undone, our faith and  
justice one...  
*Called by earth and sky, promise of hope held high.  
This is our sacred living trust, treasure of life  
sanctified, called by earth and sky. Called by earth  
and sky.*

**\*COMMISSIONING**

May the God of creation create in you,  
new hope for the future.  
**May the Christ of the common road  
guide your every step.**  
May the Spirit of Compassion instill in you  
a deep sense of caring for everyone you meet,  
**and may we be blessed by the Holy One,  
now and always. Amen.**

**\*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** Hornpipe from Water Music  
(G.F. Handel arr. Chuck Seipp)  
Tim Birtch & Margaret Wolf, piccolo trumpets



**A History of the Camino de Santiago**

The Camino de Santiago, the Way of St. James, is a network of pilgrims' ways leading to the shrine of the Apostle James in the cathedral of Santiago de Compostela in northwest Spain, where tradition holds that the remains of the Apostle are buried. Created and established after the discovery of the relics of Saint James the Great, at the beginning of the 9th century, the Way of St. James became a major pilgrimage route of medieval Christianity from the 10th century onwards.

It was only in 1492 that Pope Alexander VI officially declared the Camino de Santiago to be one of the "three greatest pilgrimages of Christendom", along with Jerusalem and the Via Francigena to Rome. The French Way, in addition to several other routes, were inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List in 1998, because of their historical significance for Christianity as a major pilgrimage route, and their testimony to the exchange of ideas and cultures across the routes. (Wikipedia)

The Camino Frances is the best known and busiest Way of all the Caminos De Santiago. It has great historical relevance and is followed by most pilgrims compared to the other Caminos. The complete Frances Way is 800km and starts at the border of France and Spain. Today many people walk the route for religious, or spiritual, or recreational reasons.



The United Church of Canada acknowledges that its buildings and ministries, from coast to coast to coast, are on traditional territories of Indigenous Peoples.



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Martha Bailkowski & Louise Procter Maio begin their pilgrimage on the El Camino de Santiago, in Spain.

**PENTECOST 6**  
**Pride Month/Indigenous History Month**

**June 30, 2024**  
**11:00 am**



### **Come, Let Us Sing**

Come, let us sing to the Lord our song, we have stood silently too long;  
surely the Lord deserves our praise, so joyfully thank God for our days.

O thirsty soul, come drink at the well; God's living waters will never fail.  
Surely the Lord will help you to stand, strengthened and comforted by God's hand.

You dwell among us and cause us to pray, and walk with each other following your way;  
our precious brothers and sisters will grow in the fulfilling love they know.

Deserts shall bloom and mountains shall sing to the desire of all living things.  
Come, all you creatures, high and low, let your praises endlessly flow.

### **We Are Pilgrims**

We are pilgrims on a journey, fellow travellers on the road; we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.

Sister, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to let  
you be my servant too.

I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time of your fear; I will hold my hand out to  
you, speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping, when you laugh I'll laugh with you; I will share your joy  
and sorrow, till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony, born of all we've known  
together of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.

