

**SEEKING GOD TOGETHER**

**PRELUDE** Holy, Holy, Holy  
(John B. Dykes, arr. Marilyn Ham)

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

*Acknowledgment of Territory/Every Child Matters/  
Rainbow Candle of Inclusion* Paula Hanna

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

No matter where we are,  
**God is with us.**

On the highest peaks,  
**in the deepest oceans.**

Wrapped in cool shadows,  
**or in the bright summer sun.**

No matter where we are,  
**God is with us.**

No matter where we are,  
**we are in God.**

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

**PRAYER FOR RENEWAL**

**God of the seasons, your Creator’s touch grows more evident with each passing day and we marvel at the variety of your expressions. Summer warmth has us languid and reflecting on other summer days and the people who shared those times with us.**

**And so, our energies are directed towards our relationships in this time and we promise ourselves that we will use some of this set-apart time for**

**healing. Set our paths in this way, loving God—that we would always seek to mend what is broken and bind that which we might gather up, in You. God in community, Holy in One...we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

God’s love washes over us.  
**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*

**FINDING GOD TOGETHER**

**RESPONSIVE READING** Psalm 84 *p.8*  
(For you, God, are a sun and shield.) Pat Innes

**GIFT OF MUSIC** Flying Free (Don Besig)  
Tracey Keffer-Lyon, Soprano

**GOSPEL** Luke 10:38-42 (Jesus visits Martha and Mary)  
*p.72 Pew Bible NT*  
John 11:1-6, 17-27 (The death of Lazarus.)  
*p.104-105 Pew Bible NT*

*Come to the quiet...a time for reflection*

**SERMON** What’s In a Name? (Mary, the Tower)

**\*HYMN** Love Is the Touch (A.Robertson/J.Bell) *MV 89*

Love is the touch of intangible joy;  
love is the force that no fear can destroy;  
love is the goodness we gladly applaud:  
God is where love is, for love is of God.

Love is the lilt in a lingering voice;  
love is the hope that can make us rejoice;  
love is the cure for the frightened and flawed:  
God is where love is, for love is of God.

Love is the light in the tunnel of pain;  
love is the will to be whole once again;  
love is the trust of a friend on the road:  
God is where love is, for love is of God.

Love is the Maker and Spirit and Son;  
love is the kingdom their will has begun;  
love is the path which the saints all have trod:  
God is where love is, for love is of God.

**SHARING GOD’S LOVE**

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

**OFFERTORY** A Flower Remembered (John Rutter)

**\*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** Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore  
*p 7*

**\*COMMISSIONING**

As we go into the sweetness of this summer day,  
**may we be refreshed by our worship together,**  
inspired to be a blessing to all whom we meet,  
**and sustained by the ever-flowing Spirit who  
blesses us with every breath.**

**\*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** A Clare Benediction *(John Rutter)*



**Visiting Musician**

We welcome to AUC this morning, **Rebecca Loo...**  
Rebecca is an accomplished teacher, musician, accompanist,  
arranger, clinician, choral conductor, pianist, organist and  
harpichordist in the GTA. She completed her ARCT for Piano  
Performance at the age of 16, and completed her ARCT for Organ  
Performance just a few years later (obtaining the highest mark in  
Ontario). She also has associateship Diplomas in the Royal  
Schools of Music (London, UK– ABRSM) and from the Royal  
Canadian College of Organists (ARCCO).

Rebecca holds a Bachelor of Music Degree (Theory, Composition)  
from the University of Toronto. As a performer, she has won  
prestigious awards in Music Festivals, National Competitions,  
received scholarships, facilitated and participated in various  
Masterclasses in North America and Europe, and studied with  
distinguished artists. Rebecca has also been an RCM Piano/Organ  
Teacher for 30 years, Ensemble Coordinator for numerous Music  
Festivals, Children's Camp Director and Youth volunteer, Director  
of Music in various local churches for over 20 years, accompanist  
for orchestras, choirs, singers, auditioning students and solo  
instrumentalists.

Rebecca will be filling in for our Music Coordinator,  
Margaret Heney– Sunday, July 28, August 25th & September 1st.

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summer and fall programming, ministers and staff  
holidays-news from around the Shining Waters Region and U.C.C.  
Rev's Lorraine & Andy will be checking email/voice messages  
throughout the summer.*



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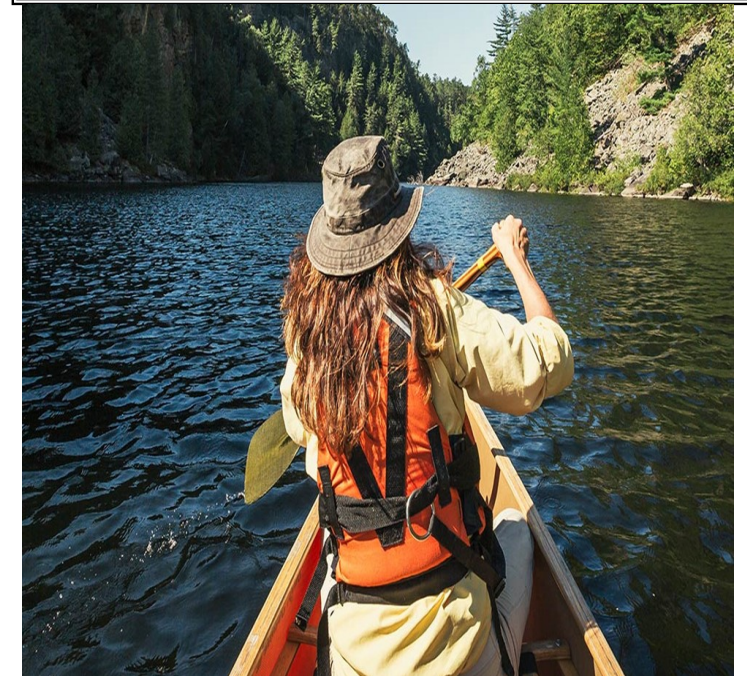
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**Rev. Lorraine Newton-Comar & Rev. Andrew Comar**  
**Music Coordinator—Margaret Heney**



**PENTECOST 8**  
**July 21, 2024**  
**11:00 am**

*Then followed that beautiful season...summer...  
filled was the air with a dreamy and magical light;  
and the landscape lay as if new created in all the  
freshness of childhood.*  
*(H.W.Longfellow)*

### **God, We Praise You for the Morning**

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!

### **Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore**

Jesus, you have come to the lakeshore looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones; you only asked me to follow humbly.

**O Jesus, with your eyes you have searched me,  
and while smiling, have spoken my name;  
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;  
by your side I will seek other seas.**

You know so well my possessions; my boat carries no gold and no weapons;  
- you will find there my nets and labour. **R**

You need my hands, full of caring through my labours to give others rest, and constant love that keeps on loving. **R**

You, who have fished other oceans, ever longed for by souls who are waiting, my loving friend, as thus you call me. **R**

Psalm 84

**R How lovely is your dwelling place, O God of hosts, to me!**

How lovely is your dwelling place, God of Host! My soul longs, even faints for the courts of God;  
**my heart and my flesh cry for joy to the living God.**

Even the sparrow finds a house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young,

**At your altars, God of hosts, my sovereign, my God. R**

Happy are those who dwell in your house, even singing your praise.

**Happy are those whose strength is in you, who have set their heart on pilgrimage.**

Going through the valley of Bac they find a spring from which also to drink;

**The early rain also covers it with pools of water.**

They go from strength to strength,

**To appear before God in Zion. R**

O God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob.

**Behold, O God, our shield, look on the face of your anointed.**

Truly a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

**I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.**

For you, God, are a sun and shield, you will give grace and honour. No good thing will you withhold from those who live the upright life.

**O God of hosts, happy are those who put their trust in you. R**

