

SEEKING GOD TOGETHER

PRELUDE Shall We Gather At The River (*arr. Tom Fettke*)

WELCOME AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Acknowledgement of Territory/Every Child Matters/

Rainbow Candle of Inclusion Susan Sue-Ling

CALL TO WORSHIP

Seeking God's peace

we come to this place of reflection and calm.

Seeking God's presence

we come to this place of worship and prayer.

Seeking God's challenge

we come to this place where God's word demands action.

Seeking God's love

**we come to this place where the marvels and the mystery of
God's work is proclaimed in word, in deed, in song, and in
action.**

Come, let us worship God!

***HYMN** I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say *insert p 5*

OPENING PRAYER

Compassionate God, be present with each of us today. Hold us in your love. Steady us, and remind us that when we are rooted in your love, we can be channels of peace, of hope and of healing. You have given us the gift of Sabbath rest, and you ask us to notice your goodness all around us. You invite us to share in the celebration of your word, creating and recreating with each story and in each prayer. May we see your guidance and your encouragement and your love which returns us to life in all its fullness. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

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 122 with refrain *insert p 6*
Paula Hanna

GIFT OF MUSIC Join Hands (*Glenn Marais*)

Glenn Marais, Brian Pastoor and Steve Falk

GOSPEL John 6:22-35 *p 98 NRSV*

Rev. Tim Dayfoot

SERMON *Seeking a Magical Baker and the Bread of Life*

***HYMN** Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah *insert p 5*

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY "Talkin' 'Bout Love (*Glenn Marais*)

Glenn Marais, Brian Pastoor and Steve Falk

***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 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** Sent Forth by God's Blessing *insert p 6*

***COMMISSIONING**

***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 Great Is The Lord (*Michael Smith, Deborah Smith*)

Welcome

Today we welcome the Rev. Tim Dayfoot to the pulpit of Aurora United Church. *Tim was engaged in full or part-time United Church ministry for thirty-eight years before his full retirement in April 2023. Tim and his wife, Leta, are now a part of the Aurora United Church community of faith, and they have enjoyed singing in the choir this past year whenever they were not away. They often visit their two adult children in Calgary, and Tim occasionally serves as pulpit supply in a handful of other United Church congregations.*

Music leadership today...

Lisa Kyriakides is an experienced soloist, educator, musical director, conductor and adjudicator. Lisa holds a Bachelor of Music (Music Education) and a Bachelor of Education from the University of Western Ontario as well as certificates in Voice, Piano, Theory, Counterpoint and History from the Royal Conservatory of Music. She is the director of the handbell program at Aurora United Church, is a member of the EmBellished handbell quartet, and has been a ringer in *The Bronze Foundation ensemble*, an auditioned handbell ensemble, since 2015. She was a guest conductor at the 2019 and 2023 Ontario Guild of English Handbell Ringers(OGEHR) Festivals. Lisa was chosen to be the Canadian Conductor at the 2022 International Handbell Symposium in Nashville. Lisa is the President of OGEHR and is on the Board of the Handbell Musicians of Canada..

Lisa has conducted the Ballantrae Adult Choir since 2008 and was also the conductor of the Encore Choir in 2023. Lisa has musical conducted many shows including, most recently, *Fun Home*, for Theatre Aurora. Lisa and her family are longtime members of Aurora United Church.



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SUMMER WORSHIP PENTECOST 11

August 4, 2024
11:00 am

*May you enjoy time alone this summer: beside the wide sea,
beneath the far stars, in the sun's warm rays, in the gentle rain.
And may God who is in the spaces bless your walking on the
good earth. (Joy Mead)*

COME, LET US SING OF A WONDERFUL LOVE

Come, let us sing of a wonderful love, tender and true, tender and true, out of the heart of the Father above, streaming to me and to you: wonderful love, wonderful love dwells in the heart of the Father above.

Jesus the Saviour this gospel to tell joyfully came, joyfully came, came with the helpless and hopeless to dwell, sharing their sorrow and shame, seeking the lost, seeking the lost, saving, redeeming at measureless cost.

Jesus is seeking the wanderers yet; why do they roam? why do they roam? Love only waits to forgive and forget; home, weary wanderers, home! Wonderful love, wonderful love dwells in the heart of the Father above.

Come to my heart, O thou wonderful love! Come and abide, come and abide, lifting my life till it rises above envy and falsehood and pride: seeking to be, seeking to be lowly and humble, a learner of thee.

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but thou art mighty, hold me with thy powerful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow; let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield, be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside; death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side: songs of praises, songs of praises. I will ever give to thee, I will ever give to thee.

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing, the people of God from this dwelling take leave. The supper is ended, O now be extended the fruits of this service in all who believe. The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching, shall blossom in action for God and for all. God's grace did invite us, God's love shall unite us to work for the kingdom and answer its call.

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living, the tasks of our everyday life we will face. Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring, embracing God's children of each tribe and race. With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us; unite us as one in this life that we share. Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving give honour to Christ and the name that we bear.

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 122

R With joy we go to God's own house and enter with a song.

I was glad when they said to me:

Let us go to the house of God.

And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city bound firmly together.

There the tribes go up, the tribes of God, to give thanks to the name of God, as we decreed for Israel.

There the thrones of justice stand, the thrones of David's house. R

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem. May those who love you prosper!

May there be peace within your walls, prosperity within your palaces!

For the sake of my kin and friends I say: Peace be with you!

For the sake of the house of our God, I will seek your good. R