

**SEEKING GOD TOGETHER**

**PRELUDE** Christians, We Have Met In Worship  
(arr. M. Hayes)  
More Love To Thee, O Christ  
(arr. by M. Hayes)

**WELCOME AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE**

**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP** *Lighting of the  
Christ Candle* Pat Innes

*Acknowledgement of Territory/Every Child  
Matters/Rainbow Candle of Inclusion*

Paula Hanna

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

I was glad when you said let us go to the house of Lord, to  
the house of the God of Jacob.  
For God will teach us of God's ways and to walk in God's  
truth. Let us worship God --

**\*HYMN** Love Divine All Loves Excelling p7

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

Eternal and gracious God, teach us to number our days, that  
we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

**Satisfy us early with your steadfast love and  
mercy, that we may rejoice and be glad all our  
days.**

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us; and prosper  
the work of our hands.

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*Excerpts from Psalm 90*

**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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**PSALM 103** (excerpts) Pat Innes

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless  
God's holy name.

**Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all  
God's benefits---**

Who forgives all our iniquity, who heals all our diseases,  
**who redeems our life from the Pit, who crowns us  
with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies us with  
good as long as we live**

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and  
abounding in steadfast love. God does not deal with us  
according to our sins nor repay us according to our iniquities.

**As far as the east is from the west, so far does God  
remove our transgressions from us.**

As a mother or father has compassion for their children, so the  
LORD has compassion for us

**For God knows how we were made; God remembers  
that we are dust.**

Our days are like grass; we flourish like a flower of the field;  
for the wind passes over it and it is gone, and its place knows it  
no more.

**But the steadfast love of the LORD is from  
everlasting to everlasting.**

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

**GIFT OF MUSIC** Every Time I Feel The Spirit  
Rebecca, piano (arr. M. Hayes)

**GOSPEL -introduction** Rev Linda Levin  
Matthew 25: 14-30; p 28-29 NRSV  
Pat Innes

**SERMON** *Let's Play Rich!*

**\*HYMN** O Jesus I Have Promised p7

**SHARING GOD'S LOVE**

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

**OFFERTORY** Blessed Assurance (arr. M. Hayes)  
Rebecca, piano

**\*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** Great Is Thy Faithfulness p8

**\* COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION**

**\*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** The Lord Bless You and Keep You  
(arr. J. Rutter)

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### Visiting Musician

We welcome to AUC this morning, **Rebecca Loo...** Rebecca is an accomplished teacher, musician, accompanist, arranger, clinician, choral conductor, pianist, organist and harpsichordist 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.

## Welcome

Today we welcome the **Rev. Linda Levin...**originally from South Africa, of Jewish heritage, she taught Latin and remedial English in South Africa and London (England), and then studied for ministry at Emmanuel College in Toronto. Ordained in 1979, she served for two years in northern Ontario and 29 years at Runnymede United, Toronto. Linda retired in June, 2011 to form a fundraising group in support of Kenyan women in the slum community of Kibera who, out of the love of their hearts, care for AIDS-orphaned children.

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***PENTECOST 15***  
**September 1, 2024**  
**11:00 am**

*Long, warm days...the pace of life slows...a time for picnics and rest in the shade...God, help us to rest awhile in the cooling shade of your presence. Slow down our restless hearts and fill us with gentle compassion for all your people.*

### Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven to earth come down, fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver; let us all thy grace receive; suddenly return, and never, never more thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray, and praise thee, without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be; let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee, changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

### O Jesus, I Have Promised

O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end, remain for ever near me, my Saviour and my friend: I shall not fear the journey if you are by my side, nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.

O let me feel you near me: the world is ever near; I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear; my foes are ever near me, around me and within; but, Jesus, then draw nearer and shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still, above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will; O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control; now speak, and make me listen, O guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you, that where you are in glory your servant shall be too. And Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end; O give me grace to follow, my Saviour and my friend.

### Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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.

**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**

