

SEEKING GOD TOGETHER

PRELUDE We Praise You, O God *(Dale Wood)*

WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Lighting of the Christ Candle

**Acknowledgment of Territory/Every Child Matters/
Rainbow Candle of Inclusion** Louise Procter Maio

INTROIT When Hands Reach Out Beyond Divides

(Keri K. Wehlander/Southern Harmony arr. Melva T. Graham)

CALL TO WORSHIP

In worship, we bring our hopes and fears,
our struggles and our lives as they are,
into the presence of the One who leaves doors
and futures open to gracious possibilities.

God’s word lights the pathways before us.

May this time of worship empower us
to make faithful choices.

God’s word lights the pathways before us.

May this time of worship renew and restore our
relationship with God and with one another.

God’s word lights the pathways before us.

Let us worship!

(Peter Chynoweth, Cochrane, Alta. Adapted)

***HYMN** Come Let Us Sing *p 7*

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

**You are present, O God, in times of fulfillment and
joy, and we are thankful. You meet us also when
we feel empty and without purpose, or in the
midst of crisis, to comfort us. You bring new life,**

**hope and purpose in these times and for this we
are indeed grateful. You meet us also in the ordinary
time, in the everyday routine of life, guiding us and
encouraging us. Whether our week was fulfilling and
joyful, or difficult and painful, or simply ordinary,
we acknowledge your constant and nurturing grace.
For you love us like a parent loves a child,
unconditionally and unending. For this we praise you,
God in Community—Holy in One, we pray in Jesus’
name. Amen.**

(H. J. Morris, St. Ann’s Bay U.C., Cape Breton, N.S. adapted)

WORDS OF GRACE

God’s gifts to us are generous and abundant!
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

BAPTISM HYMN I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM *(on insert)*

We welcome, through the sacrament of baptism,

Marshall David Figliano, son of Stephanie Gallagher and
Mark Figliano, little brother to Scarlett.

FINDING GOD TOGETHER

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 146 *p 7-8*

(I will praise my Maker while I have breath.)

Anne Ella-Arnold

ANTHEM Come Down, O Love Divine

(B. da Siena/R.F. Littledale/Vaughan Williams arr. Joel Raney)

GOSPEL Mark 12:28-34 *p.49 Pew Bible NT*

(Which commandment is first of all?)

Come to the quiet...a time for reflection

SERMON Said & Done

***HYMN** Creator God You Gave Us Life *(J.Snowdon) MV 27*

Creator God you gave us life, your image formed within
our souls, yet through the mist of time and space, we
search for that which makes us whole. *Through hands
that paint majestic skies, and voices chanting melody,
with words that reach beyond the page, we comprehend
your mystery.*

In every flower and every tree, we see your great
diversity, yet greater still we see your love, expressed in
our humanity. *Through hands that paint majestic skies,
and voices chanting melody, with words that reach beyond
the page, we comprehend your mystery.*

When with our hearts, our hands our minds, we share
our gifts with all the world, our spirits soar beyond the
veil, to touch the very face of God. *Through hands that
paint majestic skies, and voices chanting melody, with
words that reach beyond the page, we comprehend
your mystery.*

SHARING GOD’S LOVE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY All Creatures of Our God and King

Faith-A-Peal Handbell Ensemble *(arr. Paul McKlveen)*

***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

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HYMN Though I May Speak p 8

***COMMISSIONING**

May compassion rule our lives—
and generosity, our spirits.
May wisdom guide our minds—
let love be our story.

***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 In Christ There is No East or West
(Gilbert M. Martin)



MISSION AND SERVICE



From October 15 to November 26, 2024, the 40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism program offers daily and weekly opportunities for learning, reflection, and action.

This year, dynamic speakers will be offering live events each Tuesday of the 40 Days at 7:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Small study groups will accompany each event, giving learners and leaders the opportunity to explore the content more deeply.

The program, designed to move people through a journey towards becoming anti-racist, offers an opportunity for participants within the United Church and beyond to engage in learning and develop their faith. Written reflections explore internalized racism, systemic racism, anti-Black racism, anti-Indigenous racism, and more. The readings encourage deep, thought-provoking discussion for both individuals and communities of faith.

The United Church of Canada committed to becoming an anti-racist denomination, and this work is an ongoing journey for everyone. Your [Mission and Service](#) gifts support has expanding this crucial initiative each year.



Remembrance Sunday—November 10th

Members of the congregation are invited to bring wartime memorabilia for the worship table—photos medals, uniforms, etc for display.



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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PENTECOST 24 (Baptism)

**November 3, 2024
11:00 am**

With the churches throughout the ages, we speak of God as one and triune: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit...and in other ways that speak faithfully of the One on whom our hearts rely, the fully shared life at the heart of the universe. We witness to Holy Mystery that is Wholly love. (UCC Statement of Faith, 2006)

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.

BAPTISM HYMN I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry

I was there to hear your borne cry, I'll be there when you are old. I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well; in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.

When you heard the wonder of the word, I was there to cheer you on; you were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.

If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one, I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun.

In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young. I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.

When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes, I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.

I was there to hear your borne cry, I'll be there when you are old. I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 146

R Give your praise to God, O my soul!

Praise God, O my soul. As long as I live I will praise God.

Yes, as long as I have life I will sing praises to God.

Put not your trust in princes, nor in any mortal, for in them there is no help.

When they breathe their last they return to dust; then their plans come to nothing

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,

whose hope is the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them.

the One who keeps faith for ever,

who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. R

God sets prisoners free, restores sight to the blind,

God straightens those who are bent; loves those who are just.

God cares for the stranger in the land, and sustains the widow and orphan;

but the way of the wicked God turns to ruin.

God shall reign forever, O Zion,

your God for all generations. R

Though I May Speak

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire, and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess, but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.