

SEEKING GOD TOGETHER

PRELUDE Georgia (Carillon) *(James Boeringer)*

WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Lighting of the Christ Candle

**Acknowledgment of Territory/Every Child Matters/
Rainbow Candle of Inclusion** Martha Bailkowski

INTROIT My Soul Cries Out (Trad. Irish Melody
arr. Rory Cooney)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come and worship;
**greetings to our brothers and sisters
in the faith.**

We come to celebrate God’s presence,
**and God’s love expressed
through Jesus Christ.**

We come remembering Christ’s life and ministry,
and the life we are called to live.

We come as a pilgrim people
searching for ways to live out our faith.

**We come, seeking God’s grace
to carry on our journey;
to celebrate God’s gift to us!**

***HYMN** Sing Your Praise to God Eternal VU 244

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

**Walk with us, God, through sharp frosty days and
bright crunchy leaves into winter. Rest with us by
warm firesides and tell us stories into the night.**

**Take us out at night and show us the stars and fill us
with wonder. Bless us and our families—our friends
and our neighbours with love and courage. And never
let us forget the stranger who needs to share our
wealth, our shelter and our hope. God in Community—
Holy in One, we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

(A Prayer for Late Autumn. Iona Community)

WORDS OF GRACE

God inspires and renews 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 148 VU p.871
(You give strength to your people.) Lisa Kyriakides

ANTHEM In This Very Room *(Ron & Carol Harris)*

GOSPEL Mark 13:1-8 *p.50 Pew Bible NT*
(Not one stone of the temple shall be left standing.)

Come to the quiet...a time for reflection

SERMON Birth Pangs

***HYMN** Spirit God, Be Our Breath *(B. Harding) MV 150*

Spirit God: be our breath, be our song. Blow through us,
bringing strength to move on. Our world seems inward,
defensive, withdrawn...Spirit God, be our song.

Patient God: soothe our pride, calm our fear. Comfort us.
When we know you are near we grow more certain, our
vision is clear. Patient God, calm our fear.

Loving God: be our voice, be our prayer. Reaching out,
joining hands as we share, we seek, your guidance through
friendship and care. Loving God, be our prayer.

Spirit God: be our breath, be our song. Blow through us,
bringing strength to move on. Through change, through
challenge, we’ll greet the new dawn...Spirit God,
be our song.

SHARING GOD’S LOVE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY Sure on This Shining Night *(M.Lauridson)*
Janice Nolan & Margaret Heney

***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

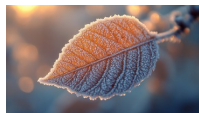
***HYMN** I Heard the Voice of Jesus *VU 626*

***COMMISSIONING**

Glory to God, whose power working in us
 can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
**Glory to God, from generation to generation, in the
 church and in the world, in Jesus’ name.**

***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 Consolation (Morning Song) *(J.Boeringer)*



Welcome

**We welcome Linda Wheler as our new
 Volunteer Associate Minister.**

Linda retired after 27 years of ministry. She served Islington United for 17 years and Trinity Newmarket for the last 10 years. Her journey toward ministry had roots here at AUC. Linda and her husband Rick attended AUC when their children were small. Their son Mark was baptized here. Jackie Cato and Mary Smith recruited Linda to teach Sunday School. God’s call took Linda on an adventure from there.

In 1995, she returned to AUC to continue her learning on a field placement. Linda is grateful to be back once again to serve as a Volunteer Associate Minister.

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**Mission and Service**

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Mission and Service does a surprising amount of development in your local church, recruiting new ministers and funding theological schools. It even shapes the hymn books you sing from every service. Another important way Mission and Service supports local ministry: by providing academic bursaries for students studying to become ministers and theological leaders.

“The church has a lot to offer in terms of witness to the community and supporting people who are struggling,” explains the Rev. Dr. Jennifer Janzen-Ball, the United Church’s Executive Minister for Theological Leadership.

“The money is really helpful,” she says, “but the other thing that is so important to students is realizing that people throughout the church cared enough to donate to Mission and Service.”

The Rev. Alexa Gilmour received one of these bursaries when she was still a ministry candidate. “I was a single parent, and I knew I couldn’t get through without support,” Gilmour says. “I felt blessed by God through people who donated and who, by giving, encouraged me on my journey. I have tremendous gratitude for that important role the church played in my life at that time.”

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**PENTECOST 26**  
**November 17, 2024**  
**11:00 am**

*And so the spirituality of waiting is not simply our waiting for God. It is also participating in God’s own waiting for us and in that way coming to share in the deepest purity of love, which is God’s love.*

*(Henri J.M. Nouwen)*

### Sing Your Praise to God Eternal

Sing your praise to God eternal, sing your praise to God the Son, sing your praise to God the Spirit, living and forever One. God has made us, God has blessed us, God has called us to be true. God rules over all creation, daily making all things new.

Join the praise of every creature, sing with singing birds at dawn; when the stars shine forth at nightfall, hear their heavenly antiphon. Praise God for the light of summer, autumn glories, winter snows, for the coming of the springtime and the life of all that grows.

Praise God on our days of gladness for the summons to rejoice; praise God in our times of sadness for the calm, consoling voice. God our Maker, strong and loving, Christ our Saviour, Leader, Lord, living God, Creator Spirit, be your holy name adored!

### Psalm 148

**R Let the whole creation cry, “Glory be to God on high.”**

Praise God from the heavens; give praise in the heights! Give praise, all you angels; praise God all you hosts!

**Praise God, sun and moon; give praise, stars and lights! Praise God, farthest heavens, and all waters beyond heaven! R**

Let all things praise the Holy One at whose command they were created, who established them for all time, setting bounds, which cannot be passed.

**Praise God from the earth, great sea creatures and ocean depths, lightning and hail, snow and frost, gales that obey God’s decree,**

all mountains and hills, all fruit trees and cedars, wild animals and cattle, creatures winged and earth-bound,

**sovereigns who rule earth and its people, all who govern and judge this world, young men and women alike, old people and children together R**

Let all things praise the name of God, the name above every other, whose splendour covers heaven and earth.

**You give strength to your people, songs of praise to your faithful, to Israel, the people dear to your heart. R**

### I heard the Voice of Jesus

I heard the voice of Jesus say, 'Come unto me and rest; lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast.' I came to Jesus as I was, weary and worn and sad; I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, 'Behold, I freely give the living water; thirsty one, stoop down, and drink, and live.' I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream; my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, 'I am this dark world's light; look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright.' I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and in that light of life I'll walk till travelling days are done.

