

SEEKING GOD TOGETHER



PRELUDE Sicilienne (Mark D. Himmelman)

WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Lighting of the Christ Candle

**Acknowledgment of Territory/Every Child Matters/
Rainbow Candle of Inclusion** Alison Heffer

INTROIT Jesus Saw Them Fishing (Ken Canedo)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Greetings to our brothers and sisters in faith.

We come to celebrate God's presence,
and God's love expressed through Jesus.

We come remembering Jesus' life and ministry,
and the life we are called to live.

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

We come seeking the vitality
to carry on our journey.

Let us celebrate God's gift to us!

***HYMN** Come, Children, Join to Sing *pg 7*

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

**Though we do not stand on lakeshores and cast our
nets into unknown waters, your call, O God, comes
to us in other ways. Through the din of the frantic
busyness which frames our lives, your call waits
for us to slow down—to listen for your voice. May
we know your stillness God, and in that stillness
discern your way of love for our lives so that we**

**may be filled with it. We look for your signs in the
world, Revealing God, that you are in the world, alive
to it and us. May we risk opening ourselves to you, that
we may in turn risk reaching out to others to share
what we have come to know in you. God in Communi-
ty—Holy in One, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

WORDS OF GRACE

Amidst lengthening days, we look for signs of new life.
Thanks be to God!

SUNG RESPONSE Arise, Be Clothed in the Light *VU 886*

Arise, be clothed in the light.

Arise, be clothed in the light.

Your light has come,

your light has come.

Hallelujah! (repeat)

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SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 *p.176 Pew Bible NT*

(An account of Jesus' resurrection.) Bob McRoberts

ANTHEM Here I Am, Lord (D.Schutte, arr. A.B. Sherman)

with Bellissimo Handbell Ensemble

GOSPEL Luke 5:1-11 *p. 62 Pew Bible NT*

(Jesus calls Simon and James and John.)

Come to the quiet...a time for reflection

SERMON Life on the Edge

***HYMN** Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore
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SHARING GOD'S LOVE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY Praise Unfolding (Sandra Eithun)

Bellissimo Handbell Ensemble

DEDICATION Christ Has No Body Now but Yours
Christ has no body now but yours, MV 171
no hands but yours.

Here on this earth, yours is the work,
to serve with the joy of compassion.

OFFERTORY PRAYER & Prayer Shawl Blessing

DEDICATION OF HANDBELLS (Lisa Kyriakides)

Today, we receive the gift of these handbells and
dedicate them to the glory of God, as we pray:

**Let the notes rung in this sanctuary be Your notes,
O God. Let them fall on our ears as celestial music.
Guide the hands, heads and hearts of those who raise
their music to Your Glory.**

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Bless these handbells and make them
instruments of your peace. Amen.

(adapted from: Ringing True. Prayers for Handbell Ringers, Linda Stahelin)

PRAYER PRELUDE Let My Spirit Always Sing

MV 83

Let my spirit always sing,

to your Spirit answering,

through the silence, through the pain

know my hope is not in vain,

like a feather on your breath

trust your love, through life and death.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

VU p. 910

***HYMN** When Pain of the World *pg 7*

* **COMMISSIONING**

Bless to us, O God,
the sun that is above us,
the earth that is beneath us,
the friends who are around us;
your image deep within us.

***SUNG BLESSING** Take Up His Song *MV 213*

Take up his song of love and go into the world.
Take up his song of love in every moment.
In every moment of the journey,
we're laying down our lives;
lay them down, in love, lay them down,
and take up his song.

POSTLUDE Intermezzo VI (*Hermann Schroeder*)



Dedication of Handbells

Martha Bailkowski, an AUC handbell ringer since 2022, generously donated the funds for us to purchase the upper fifth octave of bells. The addition of these 5 small bells, allows us more versatility and flexibility in the music we can perform. We are so fortunate to be the recipients of this gift and blessed to have ringers who are willing to challenge themselves and learn to play these new bells.

Lisa Kyriakides, Handbell Program Director



MISSION AND SERVICE

Ecumenical Youth Leadership Development Program

The Zimbabwe Council of Churches will be hosting an annual three-day youth leadership development program in 2023.

In partnership with Mission and Service, the program will host 50 youth from 10 provinces to increase young people's knowledge and skills as active citizens. Through involvement and education around policy reforms, electoral and budgetary processes, natural resource governance, and peace-building, youth will gain skills in nation-building processes.

The young people will take their skills and experiences from the program to their churches and communities. They will have the knowledge and resources to create their own plans of action, and opportunities to regularly meet or check in with other attendees.

The Zimbabwe Council of Churches will continue to engage young people in all of its programming to ensure the voices of youth are represented and heard.

Your [gifts to Mission and Service](#) help develop and continue programs where young people can flourish. Thank you for helping to give youth the space to learn and grow.



The United Church of Canada acknowledges that its buildings and ministries, from coast to coast to coast, are on traditional territories of Indigenous Peoples.

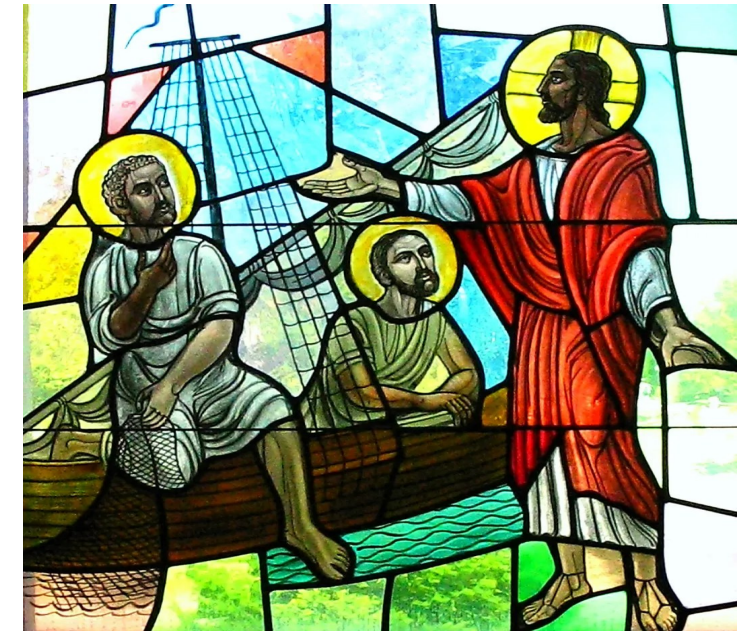


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EPIPHANY 5

Honouring Black History Month

February 9, 2025

11:00 am

*Black history is not just for black people—
Black history is Canadian history. (Jean Augustine)*

Come, Children, Join to Sing

Come, children, join to sing: Hallelujah! Praise to our Servant King: Hallelujah! Let all with heart and voice, saved by God's gracious choice, now in this place rejoice: Hallelujah!

Come, lift your hearts on high: Hallelujah! Let praises fill the sky: Hallelujah! Christ calls his people friends, the helpless he defends, a love that never ends: Hallelujah!

Praise yet our Christ again: Hallelujah! Raise high the joyous strain: Hallelujah! The whole creation o'er let all God's love adore, singing for evermore: Hallelujah!

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**

When Pain of the World

When pain of the world surrounds us with darkness and despair, when searching just confounds us with false hopes everywhere, when lives are starved for meaning and destiny is bare, we are called to follow Jesus and let God's healing flow through us.

We see with fear and trembling our aching world in need, confessing to each other our wastefulness and greed. May we with steadfast caring the hungry children feed. We are called to follow Jesus and let God's justice flow through us.

The church is a holy vessel the living waters fill to nourish all its people, God's purpose to fulfill. May we with humble courage be open to God's will. We are called to follow Jesus and let God's spirit flow through us.

We praise you for our journey and your abundant grace, your saving word that guided a struggling human race. O God, with all creation, your future we embrace. We are called to follow Jesus and let God's changes flow through us.

