

First United Church

Sunday, September 5, 2021 10:30 a.m.

Purpose: Building Relationships,
Living God's Transforming Love.

Gathering

Prelude: Ein Feste Burg ist unser Gott, BuxWV 184 D. Buxtehude
Prière a NotreDame L. Boëllmann
Rhosymedre R. Vaughan Williams

Welcome and Lighting of the Candles

Introit O God, Beyond All Praising (verse 1) VU 256

- **Call to Worship** [*Rose Ann and Harry*]

One: Come, all those who are weary from the crowd and bustle of the day:

All: God's steadfast love awaits you.

One: Come, all those with delight, for the abundance of everyday treasures:

All: God's steadfast love awaits you.

One: Come, all those made restless by acquiescence to injustice:

All: God's steadfast love awaits you.

One: Come, all those who search for glimpses of quiet transcendence:

All: God's steadfast love awaits you.

One: Come, all those with spirits frayed from the pull of unforeseen difficulties:

All: God's steadfast love awaits you.

One: Come, all those with open hearts ready to listen for the mystery:

All: God's steadfast love awaits you.

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- **Hymn** Morning Has Broken VU 409

- **Prayer of Approach**

God of Life, like a promised land, you invite us to leave our frantic ways.

Like a banquet-laden table, you bid us restore our empty spirits.

Like a pool of still waters, you call us to cease our crowded living.

Like a bright and shining star, you lead us, and restore our lives of wonder. Amen

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Scripture Lessons: Deuteronomy 5:1-15

Matthew 11:25-30 (from The Message) [read by Rose Ann Vita]

Herein is wisdom.

Thanks be to God.

Ministry of Music: Come Unto Him (from Messiah) G.F. Handel
Rebecca McKay, Soloist

Sermon: “Keeping Sabbath”

Time of Offering –

Prayer of Dedication

God our Creator, giver of all good and perfect gifts, we bring our gifts with thankful hearts, praising you for who you are and always will be. You continue the work of creating, of giving and forgiving, of transforming lives and communities and systems. Embraced by your grace and love, let us continue our journey of living faith, formed in the mystery of being reborn by water and spirit. Beyond our gifts, the fruits of our labours, we offer to you all that we are, all that we have, and all that we are becoming as we live into our full humanity in Christ. So we pray in the name of Jesus, the Christ, who encouraged us live balanced lives of work, play, rest, and spiritual renewal. Amen

Call to Prayer Take, O Take Me As I Am MV 85

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen

• **Hymn** I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say (Tune 625) VU 626

• **Commissioning and Blessing**

Postlude Mennet Gothique L. Boëllmann