

SEEKING GOD TOGETHER

PRELUDE Just As I Am (*arr. Lani Smith*)

WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Acknowledgment of Territory/Every Child Matters
Laurie Bentolila

As we come into worship today, we acknowledge that we reside and worship on the traditional lands of the people of the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation...and acknowledge their stewardship of this land throughout the ages.

INTROIT Body, Mind and Spirit (*M.Motum*)

CALL TO WORSHIP Grant & Debra Hilliard

The Spirit of God
calls to our spirits,
inviting us to worship.

The Spirit of God
calls to our spirits,
inviting us to love and be loved.

The Spirit of God
calls to our spirits,
calling us to new life.

We gather, seeking unity in the Spirit.
**Let us worship together in hope
and in love.**

* **HYMN** Come Touch Our Hearts (*Gordon Light*) MV 12

Come touch our hearts that we may know compassion,
from failing embers build a blazing fire; love strong
enough to overturn injustice, to seek a world more
gracious, come touch and bless our hearts.

Come touch our souls that we may know and love you,
your quiet presence all our fears dispel; create a space
for spirit to grow in us, let life and beauty fill us,
come touch and bless our souls.

Come touch our minds and teach us how to reason,
set free our thoughts to wonder and to dream;
help us to open doors of understanding, to welcome
truth and wisdom, come touch and bless our minds.

Come touch us in the moments we are fragile,
and in our weakness your great strength reveal;
that we may rise to follow and to serve, steady now
our nerve, come touch and bless our wills.

LENTEN CANDLE LITURGY Nancy Kerswill

On this fourth Sunday of Lent we remember with joy
that God's ways are not our ways and that God's ways
will challenge our well-laid plans.

(Pink candle is extinguished.)

Let us pray...

**Compassionate God, help us to see with your eyes
and to love with your heart. Amen.**

SUNG RESPONSE Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery
(*M.Haugen*) VU 121

**Give us eyes to see you clearly,
make us children of your light;
give us hearts to live more nearly
as your gospel shining bright,
as your gospel shining bright.**

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SCRIPTURE 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 Janice Nolan
(Anyone in Christ is a new creation.)

ANTHEM O Source of All (*B.Tate*)

GOSPEL Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
(The Prodigal son; the Prodigal father.)

Come to the quiet...a time for reflection

SERMON Home Again

***HYMN** Love Knocks and Waits (*D.C.Damon*) MV 94

Love knocks and waits for us to hear,
to open and invite;
Love longs to quiet every fear,
and seeks to set things right.

Love offers life, in spite of foes
who threaten and condemn;
embracing enemies, Love goes
the second mile with them.

Love comes to heal the broken heart,
to ease the troubled mind;
without a word Love bids us start
to ask and seek and find.

Love knocks and enters at the sound
of welcome from within;
Love sings and dances all around,
and feels new life begin.

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

When Morning Gilds the Skies (*arr. K.Roth*)
EmBellished Handbell Ensemble

* **DEDICATION** Take, O Take Me as I Am (*Bell/Maul*)
MV 85 Take, O take me as I am;
summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.
(*sing twice*)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYER SHAWL BLESSING

PRAYER PRELUDE Let My Spirit Always Sing *MV 83*
Let my spirit always sing, to your Spirit answering,
through the silence, through the pain known 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

***HYMN** I Feel the Winds of God (*Adams/Williams*) VU 625

I feel the winds of God today; today my sail I lift,
though heavy oft with drenching spray and torn with
many a rift; if hope but light the water's crest, and Christ
my bark will use, I'll seek the seas at his behest, and brave
another cruise.

It is the wind of God that dries my vain regretful tears,
until with braver thoughts shall rise the purer, brighter
years; if cast on shores of selfish ease or pleasure I should
be, O let me feel your freshening breeze, and I'll put back
to sea.

If ever I forget your love and how that love was shown,
Lift high the blood-red flag above; it bears your name alone.
Great pilot of my onward way, you will not let me drift.
I feel the winds of God today; today my said I lift.

* **COMMISSIONING**

And now, go as those who walk with newness of life.
Grace, peace and compassion be with us all!

* **SUNG BLESSING** Go and Tell the World (*B.Wren*)
Go and tell the world how Jesus lived and died.
Go and show the love of Christ, the crucified.
Many have not heard the liberating word,
then go, and tell, and show how God is glorified.

POSTLUDE Postlude on 'Silver Street' (*G.Peterson*)

In-Person Worship

Interested in returning to in-person worship? Please check
your email tomorrow (Monday) or the AUC website for the
EventBrite link to register.

AUC Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, March 29th- 7pm on Zoom. Annual Report,
Zoom protocols, Agenda, Nominations Report and link
to register for the meeting are all on the AUC website.



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Music Coordinator—Margaret Heney



LENT 4
Welcoming Grace
March 27, 2022
11:00 AM

*'It was his home now. But it could not be his home
till he had gone from it and returned to it. Now he
was the Prodigal Son.'* —G.K.Chesterton