

SEEKING GOD TOGETHER

PRELUDE O Lord Most Holy (*Panis Angelicus*) C.Franck
Yvonne Speck, Soprano/Wesley Bells, violin

**WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE
PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Acknowledgment of Territory/Every Child Matters
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. Laurie Bentolila

INTROIT The Spring Has Come (*S.E.Murray/C.Gibson*)

CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day that God has made!
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Let every day be a day to give thanks to our maker.

Let every greeting be a chance to share words of love.

Let every flower be a cause for a song of joy.

Let every meal be a time to do this in remembrance of Christ.

We are here and in our homes expecting the risen Christ in our midst.

Let us celebrate divine love and grace.

Let us worship God!

***HYMN** Come and Find the Quiet Centre *VU 374*

Come and find the quiet centre in the crowded life we lead, find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed: clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes, that we can see all the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.

Silence is a friend that claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace, God it is who speaks and names us, knows our being, face to face, making space within our thinking, lifting shades to show the sun, raising courage when we're shrinking, finding scope for faith begun.

In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other's pain, let our loves and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain: there's a place for deepest dreaming, there's a time for heart to care, In the Spirit's lively scheming there is always room to spare!

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

God of grace, you are able to transform our lives by your holy presence. Refresh our spirits in this time of worship. Move us from frustration to purposeful engagement. Bless us that we might become blessings to others. Open our eyes to the strength we have to make a difference in our homes and in the world. We pray in the name of Jesus, who turns the ordinary into a time of celebration. Amen.

WORDS OF GRACE

Believe the good news! Christ is risen, and is at work in the world. Life is more than living. We are more than our old selves. Renewal is ours through God's forgiving love.

SUNG RESPONSE Halle, Halle, Halle (*Iona*) *VU 958*
Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah! Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah!
Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

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SCRIPTURE Revelation 1:4-8 Pat Innes
(John greets the seven churches of Asia.)

ANTHEM For the Beauty of the Earth (*J.Rutter*)
AUC Chancel Choir, with Wesley Bells, violin

GOSPEL John 20:19-23
(Jesus appears to the disciples behind closed doors.)

Come to the quiet...a time for reflection

SERMON When Easter Takes a While
The Rev. Tim Dayfoot

***HYMN** Come Down, O Love Divine *VU 367*

Come down, O love divine, seek now this soul of mine, and visit it with your own ardour glowing. O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear and kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn to dust and ashes in its heat consuming; and let your glorious light shine ever on my sight, and clothe me round, my onward path illuming.

And so the yearning strong with which the soul will long shall far outpass the power of human telling; for none can guess its grace, till love creates the place wherein the Holy Spirit makes its dwelling.

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY Spring from the Four Seasons (Largo)
Wesley Bells, violin (*Antonio Vivaldi, arr. M.Carnelli*)

***DEDICATION** What Can I Do? (Rumbolt/McCarthy)
 MV 191 **What can I do? What can I bring?**
What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.

OFFERTORY PRAYER
PRAYER SHAWL BLESSING

PRAYER PRELUDE Dear Mother God VU 270
 Dear Mother God, your wings are warm around us,
 we are enfolded in your love and care;
 safe in the dark your heartbeat's pulse surrounds us,
 you call to us, for you are always there.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

***HYMN** Now the Green Blade Rises VU 186

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain, wheat
 that in dark earth many days has lain; love lives again,
 that with the dead has been: love is come again, like
 wheat arising green.

In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain, thinking
 that he would never wake again, laid in the earth like
 grain that sleeps unseen; love is come again, like wheat
 arising green.

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain, he that for
 three days in the grave had lain; raised from the dead,
 my living Lord is seen; love is come again, like wheat
 arising green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain, your
 touch can call us back to life again, fields of our hearts
 that dead and bare have been; love is come again, like
 wheat arising green.

*** COMMISSIONING**
 Go into the world with a daring and tender love. Go in
 peace. The world is waiting. And whatever you do, do it
 for love and in the spirit of Jesus who is your Christ.

***SUNG BLESSING** Take Up His Song (Herman/King)
 MV213

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 Spring from the Four Seasons
 (Danza Pastorale) A. Vivaldi arr. M. Carnelli Wesley Bells

Welcome

We welcome the Rev. Tim Dayfoot into the pulpit
 today; he is currently serving as retired supply at St.
 Andrew's United Church in Markham.. Tim served at
 AUC in 2009 as supply ; he and his wife Leta are still
 attached to our congregation by strong ties.

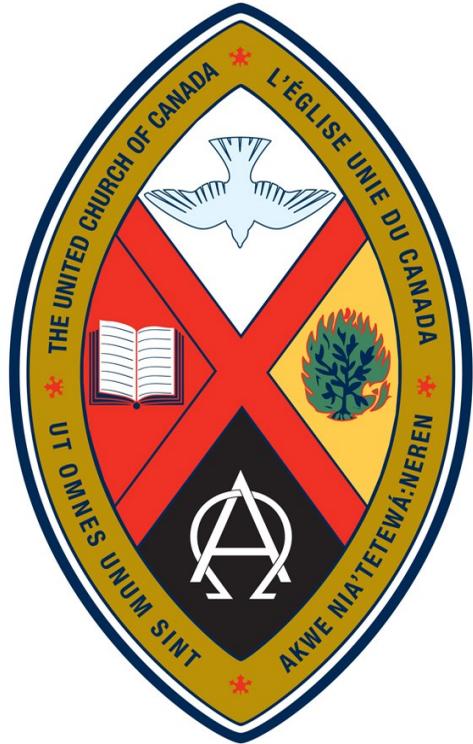


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 Music Coordinator—Margaret Heney



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*We sing of a church seeking to continue the story
 of Jesus by embodying Christ's presence in the world.*
 (A Song of Faith: A Statement of Faith, U.C.C., 2006)