

SEEKING GOD TOGETHER

PRELUDE Prière à Notre-Dame (*Léon Boëllmann*)

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. Debra Hilliard

INTROIT It's a Song of Praise to the Maker
(*Ruth Duck, Ron Klusmeier*)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus said: Love one another.

**We come to worship God, who is love,
that we may learn to love one another.**

Jesus said: No longer do I call you servants;
now I call you my friends.

**We come to worship God,
whose friends we are in Christ.**

Let us sing praise to God who welcomes us
like a caring leader who seeks the best for us.

**May this time of worship be a time of renewal for us
and for all that God loves.**

Come, let us worship God!

***HYMN** Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love *VU 574*

Come, let us sing of a wonderful love, tender and true,
tender and true, out of the heart of the Father above,
streaming to me and to you: wonderful love,
wonderful love dwells in the heart of the Father above.

Jesus the Saviour this gospel to tell joyfully came,
joyfully came, came with the helpless and hopeless to
dwell, sharing their sorrow and shame, seeking the lost,
seeking the lost, saving, redeeming at measureless cost.

Jesus is seeking the wanderers yet; why do they roam?
why do they roam? Love only waits to forgive and forget;
home, weary wanderers, home! Wonderful love,
wonderful love dwells in the heart of the Father above.

Come to my heart, O thou wonderful love! Come and
abide, come and abide, lifting my life till it rises above
envy and falsehood and pride: seeking to be, seeking to be
lowly and humble, a learner of thee.

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

**God of each new day: We come in worship seeking
again to hear the good news of your unceasing love.
May that love fill every part of our living. Grant that
our worship may renew us, and that our lives may
help in the renewal of your world. When our eyes do
not see joy, give us eyes of faith. When our ears do not
hear praise, give us ears of faith. When life
overwhelms us with worry, give us your refreshing life
promised to all. Amen.**

WORDS OF GRACE

As the sun melts the ice in springtime and blossoms burst forth
on dry branches, so God's warmth heals and transforms the
deadness and brokenness within us. We are a forgiven people!
We can begin anew, re-created in God's love! Thanks be to
God!

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 21:1-6 Lisa Kyriakides
(A New Heaven and Earth.)

ANTHEM And I Saw A New Heaven (*Malcolm Archer*)

GOSPEL John 13:31-35
(A New Commandment.)

Come to the quiet...a time for reflection

SERMON A Wonderful and Inadequate Directive
The Rev. Tim Dayfoot

***HYMN** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling *VU 333*

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven to earth
come down, fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful
mercies crown. Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver; let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts
above, pray, and praise thee, without ceasing, glory in thy
perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee,
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our
place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder,
love, and praise.

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY I See the Love of God in Every River
(David Ouchterlony) Lisa Kyriakides

***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** I See a New Heaven VU 713

I see a new heaven. I see a new earth as the old one will
pass away, where the fountain of life flows and without
price goes to all people who abide in the land.

There, there on the banks of a river bright and free,
yielding her fruit, firm in her root, the Tree of Life will
be. **Refrain**

There, there where death dies and our lives are born again,
body and soul, struggling but whole like flowers after the
rain. **Refrain**

There, there where the darkness brings visions from
above. There where the night, bearing new light,
reveals the promise of love. **Refrain**

There, there where we work with the love of
healing hands. Labour we must, true to our trust
to build a promised new land. **Refrain**

*** COMMISSIONING**

Go into the world where Jesus has told us to love one another.
And may the blessing of the God of joy and justice, the peace
of the Christ of grace and goodness, and the power of the Spirit
of love and liveliness, be with you now and always.

***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 Prelude and Fugue in B-Flat Major
(J.S Bach)

Welcome

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



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are on traditional territories of Indigenous Peoples.*

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AURORA UNITED CHURCH

Rev. Lorraine Newton-Comar & Rev. Andrew Comar
 Music Coordinator—Margaret Heney



May 15, 2022
Fifth Sunday of Easter
11:00 AM

*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, UCC)*