

SEEKING GOD TOGETHER

PRELUDE Intermezzo 4 (*Hermann Schroeder*)

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. Nancy Kerswill

INTROIT When We Seek Language
(*Carl P. Daw Jr., Carl F. Schalk*)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come and praise God, whose wondrous creation blesses and amazes us.

Thanks be to God, for the wonders of your creation.

Come and praise God, whose creation is abundant and generous.

Thanks be to God, for the abundance of your creation.

Come and praise God, whose creation is beyond and above our imagining.

Thanks be to God, for the surprises of your creation!

Let us worship!

***HYMN** Morning Has Broken *VU 409*

Morning has broken like the first morning, blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass. Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

Ours is the sunlight! Ours is the morning born of the one light Eden saw play! Praise with elation, praise every morning, God's recreation of the new day!

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

Gracious and loving God, we turn to you with gratitude for your unceasing care for us; for loving us even as we doubt and struggle with our faith; and for forgiving our sin. Enter our hearts and forgive us now. Bless us as a community of caring, thoughtful people who strive to become closer to you through our worship and our living. Be with us in all we do and guide us always in the Way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen

WORDS OF GRACE

God is the love that over and around us lies; the grace that is totally unearned; and the healing that makes the earth whole. Give thanks to God; we are forgiven! Amen

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 Psalm 139 (pg. 861 VU/pg 7 online bulletin)
Nancy Kerswill
(May God's Word be a lamp to our feet, and a light to our path.)

ANTHEM Go Light Your World (The Candle Song)
(*Chris Rice arr. Russell Maudlin*)

SCRIPTURE 1 Samuel 3:1-20
(What does it mean to be called by God?)

Come to the quiet...a time for reflection

SERMON God Calls Samuel
Donna Gileno

***HYMN** I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (Here I am, Lord)
VU 509

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save. I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain, I have wept for love of them; they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
Refrain

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame, I will set a feast for them; my hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? **Refrain**

SHARING GOD'S LOVE
OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

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OFFERTORY Steve Falk and David Pilkey

***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** We Are Pilgrims (The Servant Song) *VU 595*

We are pilgrims on a journey, fellow travellers on the road;
we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

Sister, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping, when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow, till we've seen this journey through.

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When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

*** COMMISSIONING**

May the Love of God, the Blessings of Jesus and the Presence of the Holy Spirit comfort and surround you this day and the weeks going forward. Amen

***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 Fugue from Sonata No. 6, opus 65
(*Felix Mendelssohn*)

Welcome

Today we welcome Donna Gileno L.L.W.L. to the pulpit of Aurora United Church. Single mother of a daughter & twin boys and "Nana" to 7 grandchildren. In July 2013 Donna left Corporate Management for a 3-year course and was certified as a Licensed Lay Worship Leader (L.L.W.L.) in June 2016. Donna has a passion for people encouraging them on their personal faith journey.



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Music Coordinator—Margaret Heney



**May 22, 2022
Sixth 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)*

Psalm 139

***Refrain: God, you have searched me,
you know me through and through.***

O God, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

You discern my path and the places I rest; you are familiar with all my ways.

Before a word is on my tongue, you know it, O God, completely. You guard me from behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

It is beyond my knowledge; it is a mystery; I cannot fathom it.

Refrain

Where can I escape from your spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

**If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
if I lie down in the grave, you are even there.**

If I take wing with the dawn and alight at the sea's farthest limits,
there also your hand will be guiding me your powerful hand holding me fast.

If I say, "Let the darkness cover me and my day be turned to night,
**even darkness is not dark to you:
the night is as bright as the day,
for darkness is as light to you.**

Refrain

It was you who formed my inward parts; you fashioned me in my mother's womb.

I praise you, for I am fearfully, wonderfully made.

Wondrous are your works; that I know very well.

My frame was not hidden from you when I was being fashioned in secret, intricately woven in the mystery of clay.

Your eyes saw my substance taking shape; in your book my every day was recorded; all my days were fashioned even before they came to be.

Refrain

How deep your designs are to me, O God! How great their number!

I try to count them but they are more than the sand. I come to the end - I am still with you.

Search me, O God, and know my heart;

test me and know my thoughts.

Watch closely, lest I follow a path of error

and guide me in the everlasting way.

Refrain