

SEEKING GOD TOGETHER

PRELUDE Finale from Sonata No. 6, opus 65
(Felix Mendelssohn)

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. Holly Williamson

INTROIT Grateful
(Tom Tomaszek; arr. Sarah Hart and Tom Tomaszek)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Do you come feeling like the world doesn't care, and that people only truly look out for themselves?
We come yearning to be loved, to know heart deep, that love makes a difference.
Do mistakes or decisions from the past rise up and bite you, giving rise to feelings of failure and inadequacy or judgement?
We come to be loved for who we are and because, in part, of whose we are.
Do you wonder what is the meaning of life, what makes life worthwhile and significant?
We come seeking a word, a story, a message of hope that transforms.
Then come let us sing, worship, and seek together

***HYMN** Come In, Come In and Sit Down VU 395
(Part of the Family)

Refrain: Come in, come in and sit down, you are a part of the family. We are lost and we are found, and we are part of the family.

You know the reason why you came, yet no reason can explain; so share in the laughter and cry in the pain, for we are a part of the family. **R**

God is with us in this place, like a mother's warm embrace. We're all forgiven by God's grace, for we are a part of the family. **R**

There's life to be shared in the bread and the wine; we are the branches, Christ is the vine. This is God's temple, it's not yours or mine, but we are a part of the family. **R**

There's rest for the weary and health for us all; there's a yoke that is easy, and a burden that's small. So come in and worship and answer the call, for we are a part of the family **R**

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

As a people of faith, God, we admit moments of uncertainty; as a people of hope, we have faced times of despair; as a people who seek to share love, we have been known to walk in judgment of others.

Be with us in this journey.

Awaken us to the possibilities that you hold out for us, even when we sense that the future is bleak and uncertain.
Set us on your way, not our ways. Surround us with your light; surround us with your grace, help us not to be overwhelmed by the darkness. Amen

WORDS OF GRACE

God's love and mercy is timeless. The past is released, and the future stands open. In this present moment we are assured that God forgives and guides us toward the way of new beginnings. A way filled with Grace.

Praise be to God for unceasing love, grace and enduring mercy. We are a forgiven people, ready to start again. 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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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

(on insert/pg. 8 online bulletin)

“LET’S TAKE A MOMENT”

GOSPEL READING John 1:14-18 Joyce Hagarty
(John proclaims Jesus as the Word become flesh)

ANTHEM Within These Walls (*Pepper Choplin*)

SCRIPTURE Ephesians 2:1-10
(From death to life.)

Come to the quiet...a time for reflection

SERMON Will the Circles be Unbroken
Phil Mannell

***HYMN** Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound VU 266
Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear that hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come; 'tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

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The Lord has promised good to me, this word my hope secures; God will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY Prayer for the Innocents (*Michael Helman*)
Faith-a-Peal Handbell Ensemble

***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
(Lord's Prayer is on yellow insert/pg. 7 in online bulletin)

***HYMN** Will the Circle Be Unbroken? (*Ada R. Habershon*)

There are loved ones in the glory, whose dear forms you often miss; when you close your earthly story, will you join them in their bliss?

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**Refrain : Will the circle be unbroken by and by, by and by?
In a better home awaiting in the sky, in the sky?**

In the joyous days of childhood, oft they told of wondrous love, pointed to the dying Saviour; now they dwell with Him above. **R**

You remember songs of heaven which they sang with childish voice, do you love the hymns they taught you, or are songs of earth your choice? **R**

You can picture happy gath' rings 'round the fire side long ago, and they think of tearful partings when they left you here below. **R**

One by one their seats were emptied, one by one they went away; here the circle has been broken will it be complete one day? **R**

*** COMMISSIONING**

***SUNG BLESSING** Take Up His Song (*Herman/King*)
MV 213

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 Foundation (Bellevue) (*James Boeringer*)

We welcome Phil Mannell to share in worship this morning. Phil worships at Sharon Hope United Church and has been a licensed lay leader for 15 plus years. He retired from Enbridge 8yrs ago after 35yrs and resides in Sharon, is married and has two children.



The United Church of Canada acknowledges that its buildings and ministries, from coast to coast to coast, are on traditional territories of Indigenous Peoples.

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May 29, 2022
Seventh 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, 2006)

The Lord's Prayer

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Our Father
Our mother, our creator, our nurturer.
Who art in heaven
Who is and always was, who is always in our hearts, who is there when we need, who brings blessings to us in spiritual care, who revels in creation,
Hallowed be thy name,
Your teachings guide our daily thoughts and deeds; we worship you.
Thy Kingdom come,
We long for your world of peace and justice,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
By living as you have taught us, we will try to see where healing is needed, to love our neighbours and to rejoice in all you have created.
Give us this day our daily bread,
You supply nourishment for our bodies and soul,
And forgive our trespasses,
We will have peace of mind when we know we are loved and forgiven
And forgive those who trespass against us,
Give us the opportunity to remember and reinforce the fairness you taught us, to remember your loving care and mercy,
And lead us not into temptation,
We are sometimes tested but you alone give us the strength to do what is right,
but deliver us from evil,
and if we should falter we know that you will welcome us back with joy and a full heart.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
You live in us, around us and through us- your legacy, your love, your grace,
Forever and ever
And ever and ever.
Amen.

The Sacrament of Baptism



Statement of Purpose

Brothers and sisters, let us celebrate the gift of grace to us in the sacrament of baptism.

**There is one body, and one Spirit,
we have one hope in Christ.**

Presentation of Candidate *Nancy Kerswill*

On behalf of the congregation of Aurora United Church, I present ***Isabella Rose Villalta*** and ***Beaumont Daniel Wheeler*** for initiation into the family of Christ through baptism.

Questions for Parents, Sponsors

Do you believe in God, who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, and who works in us and others by the Spirit?

I do, by the grace of God.

Will you join together with your brothers and sisters in this community of faith to celebrate God's presence, and work and minister to a world in need of God's love?

I will, God being my helper.

Will you also grow together with your child and offer to teach her/him the Christian faith, and help her/him to take her/his place in the Christian family?

I will, God being my helper.

The Congregation Makes a Promise: *Nancy Kerswill*

Let us pledge to this family, our support and care.

As a church following in the way of Jesus, we commit ourselves to support and uphold you within this community of faith. May God grant us all the grace to live out our baptism.

The Blessing of the Baptism Water

The water we use in baptism is a symbol of the grace of God—free-flowing, awakening, refreshing, renewing. It is a symbol of the unconditional love that names us and claims us as God's own. It also is a symbol of the faith that we share in common, as people of Christ.

Let us pray: **Loving God, bless now this water that we will use in baptism. May it be a sign and promise of new life, not only for Isabella and Beaumont but also for all who have passed through the waters of baptism. In the spirit of Christ, whom was himself baptized, we pray. Amen.**

The Baptism

Isabella Rose Villalta/Beaumont Daniel Wheeler

I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Isabella Rose Villalta/Beaumont Daniel Wheeler, child of God, with the sign of the cross, you become one with Christ Jesus in the family of God. Amen.

Isabella Rose Villalta/Beaumont Daniel Wheeler may the blessing of the one God, Mother and Father of us all, be with you today and always. Amen.

Presentation of Certificate and Cross

Candle Lighting

Sung Blessing MV 214

May God's sheltering wings, God's gathering wings protect you. May God's nurturing arms, God's cradling arms sustain you, and hold you in God's love, and hold you in God's love.

Welcome

We welcome Isabella Rose Villalta, daughter of Katie and David, and Beaumont Daniel Wheeler, son of Madelyn and Scott, into the Aurora United Church family through the Sacrament of Baptism.