

SEEKING GOD TOGETHER

PRELUDE Meditation on Julion (*Mark D. Himmelman*)

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 Come and seek the Ways of Wisdom
(*Ruth Duck, Donna Kasbohm*)

CALL TO WORSHIP Debra Hilliard
Sparks fly, winds blow, sounds surround!
The Spirit is in the air!

Amazing things are happening!

God's Spirit has been let loose!

Something astounding is about to change the church.
Are you ready?

We speak the language of love and harmony.

We receive the message of unity and grace.

We live the way of new beginnings!

We worship God.

***HYMN** Oh, Sing to Our God *VU 241*

Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing out a new song. Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing out a new song, Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing out a new song, Oh, sing to our God. Oh, sing to our God.

Oh, dance for our God and blow all the trumpets. Oh, dance for our God and blow all the trumpets.
Oh, dance for our God and blow all the trumpets. And sing to our God, and sing to our God.

Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spirit. Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spirit. Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spirit. Oh, sing to our God. Oh, sing to our God.

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

You speak to your people in so many ways.

In wind and fire...

in cloud and thunder...

in moments of great confusion

and in the spaces in between.

In our lives—in the busy-ness and the quiet—

help us to hear your voice.

Help us to live your love.

Help us to *be* your people...

this day and forever! Amen.

WORDS OF GRACE

The gift of grace is a gift from God.

It is not our own doing.

It is not about what we have done, so none of us can boast about it.

We are created in Christ Jesus to do good things.

That's what God intended for us!

Thanks be to God. 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!

FINDING GOD TOGETHER

SCRIPTURE Acts 2:1-21

(The coming of the Holy Spirit)

Debra Hilliard, Nancy Kerswill, Holly Williamson

ANTHEM I Will Sing With the Spirit (*John Rutter*)

GOSPEL READING John 14:8-17

(The promise of the Holy Spirit)

Come to the quiet...a time for reflection

PENTECOST REFLECTION

Nancy Kerswill, Holly Williamson

***HYMN** Called by Earth and Sky *MV 135*

Refrain: Called by earth and sky, promise of hope held high. This is our sacred living trust, treasure of life sanctified, called by earth and sky.

Precious these waters, endless seas, deep ocean's dream,
waters of healing, rivers of rain, the wash of love again. **R**

Precious this gift, the air we breathe; wind born and free.
Breath of the Spirit, blow through this place, our gathering and our grace. **R**

Precious these mountains, ancient sands; vast fragile land.
Seeds of our wakening, rooted and strong, Creation's faithful song. **R**

Precious the fire that lights our way, bright dawning day.
Fire of passion, sorrows undone, our faith and justice one.

Refrain: Called by earth and sky, promise of hope held high. This is our sacred living trust, treasure of life

sanctified, called by earth and sky. Called by earth and sky, called by earth and sky

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

(on insert/page 7-10 online bulletin)

***HYMN** She Comes Sailing on the Wind VU 380
(She Flies On)

She comes sailing on the wind, her wings flashing in the sun; on a journey just begun, she flies on. And in the passage of her flight, her song rings out through the night, full of laughter, full of light, she flies on.

Silent waters rocking on the morning of our birth, like an empty cradle waiting to be filled. And from the heart of God the Spirit moved upon the earth, like a mother breathing life into her child.

Many were the dreamers whose eyes were given sight when the Spirit filled their dreams with life and form. Deserts turned to gardens, broken hearts found new delight, and then down the ages still she flew on. **R**

To a gentle girl in Galilee, a gentle breeze she came, a whisper softly calling in the dark, the promise of a child of peace whose reign would never end. Mary sang the Spirit song within her heart.

Flying to the river, she waited circling high above the child now grown so full of grace. As he rose up from the water, she swept down from the sky, and she carried him away in her embrace. **R**

Long after the deep darkness that fell upon the world, after dawn returned in flame of rising sun, the Spirit touched the earth again, again her wings unfurled bringing life in wind and fire as she flew on. **R**

*** COMMISSIONING** Nancy Kerswill
Empowered by the word and the story...
we go to be God's people in the world.
Encouraged by the past and beckoned by the future...
we claim our place as teachers and learners.
Accompanied by Creator and Creating, by Great Spirit God...
we go with confidence and grace.
Come, Holy Spirit, set our hearts on fire as we go forth!

***SUNG BLESSING** When You Walk from Here VU 298
**When you walk from here,
when you walk from here,
walk with justice, walk with mercy,
and with God's humble care**

POSTLUDE Trumpet Tune on "Gather Us In"
(Mark D. Himmelman)

Thank you to Rev. Andy and the Worship Committee for their leadership in the service of worship today.



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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, UCC, 2006)*

SHARING GOD’S LOVE

THE CREED VU p. 918

We are not alone,
We live in God’s world.

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

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God’s presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life-beyond death,
God is with us.

We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.

The United Church of Canada, General Council 1968 alt.

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you!
And also with you!

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY Let Us Break Bread Together
(arr. Kay M. Hessemer)
Embellished Handbell Ensemble

****DEDICATION*** Grateful (Tom Tomaszek) MV 182

**Grateful for the life you give us, thankful for your
Holy Son, joyful in you Spirit flowing over all, O God
of Love. Grateful for Bread of Heaven, thankful for
your Holy Word, joyful in your mercy flowing, we will
praise you.**

***OFFERTORY PRAYER
PRAYER SHAWL BLESSING***



SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Look, here is bread!
Look, here is wine!
Let us celebrate the feast of God!

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

To you—Creator God, who spoke the universe into being
through your Word, who formed us in your own image,
who called us by name, to you we lift our hearts,
and give our thanks and praise.

To you—Redeeming God, who was born as one of us in
Jesus, who told stories, restored the lost and broken,
and broke barriers, who died and rose again, and lives and
reigns forever, to you we lift our hearts, **and give our
thanks and praise.**

To you—Sustaining God, who is present with us through
the Holy Spirit, who calls us, leads us, inspires us and
upholds us, who brings us into a kinship beyond earthly
ties, to you we lift our hearts, **and give our thanks and
praise.**

And now we join our voices with those of your people of
every time and place as we praise you, singing:

***O holy, holy, holy God, O God of time and space,
All earth and sea and sky above bear witness to your
grace. Hosanna in the highest heav’n, creation sings
your praise. And blessed is the One who comes and
bears your name always.***
(Kingsfold MV 203)

Before he parted from his friends, Jesus prepared a last
supper to share with them. He took some bread, and gave
thanks for it. Then he broke it and gave it to them. ‘Take
and eat; this is my body’ he said. When supper was all but
over, he took a cup of wine, gave thanks for it, and gave it
to them to drink. ‘This cup is the new relationship with
God, sealed with my blood. Take and drink from it. It is
for all.’

***Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen, Christ will come
again! Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen, Christ
will come again!***
(Kingsfold MV 204)

Pentecost Christ, in the breaking of bread
and the pouring of wine, **come to us.**

As we do now what you once did on earth,
be present with us.
Breathe your Spirit upon this bread and wine.
May they become our spiritual food and drink.
Breathe your Spirit upon us.
**May we be your body, revealing your presence
in the world.**

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer...

Amen, amen, O Holy One! Hosanna and Amen!

Amen, amen, O Holy One, Hosanna and Amen!

(Kingsfold MV 203)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**May we who have feasted at Christ's banquet follow
his dance into unfamiliar places, living gladly the
dreams and visions God sends for our world. Amen.**