

## SEEKING GOD TOGETHER

**PRELUDE** Prelude on “Brother James’s Air”  
(Searle Wright)

## **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.* Kathie Blackman

**INTROIT** As the Deer Pants for the Water  
(Martin Nystrom, Lydia Pederson)

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

In the presence of Creator, we gather:

**People carrying burdens we may not know about looking for comfort; folks needing their spirits refreshed.**

We draw together hoping for that touch that will enliven us, longing to be embraced in arms of love and understanding.

**Help us to put aside our differences and see the earth as you see it, boundary-free.**

You call us all: babies, toddlers on unsteady feet, school-age children with curious minds, teens with questing spirits, full of youthful confidence one moment and like frightened children the next.

**We are called, as adults trying to take good paths watching out for the next generations, and those easing into their winter years passing on our teachings.**

We are all kin in this meeting place whether we gather in person or through technology, our spirits joining to say meegwetch for all that we have been blessed with.

**Thanks be to God for the goodness in our lives. Amen.**

(Rev. Nancy Best, Ottawa Ontario Canada and has Mohawk heritage. Nancy is a member of the National Indigenous Spiritual Gathering Planning Team. She is interested in the work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada and social justice issues.)

**\*HYMN** Let Us Build a House *MV 1*

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

**All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.**

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true, where all God’s children dare to seek to dream God’s reign anew. Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God’s grace; here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: **R**

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they’ve known. Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God’s face; let us bring an end to fear and danger: **R**

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word. Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this house proclaim from the floor to rafter: **R**

### **PRAYER FOR RENEWAL**

Apology and Response

1986 Apology to Indigenous Peoples

1988 Response to the 1986 Apology

## **WORDS OF GRACE**

Let us unite our hearts and minds in the wholeness of life that the Great Spirit has given us.

**Thanks be to the Creator.**

**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** Galatians 3: 23-29 Colleen Abbott  
(No more Jew nor Greek.... all children of God through faith)

**ANTHEM** Family of Faith (*Valerie Mackenzie*)

*Come to the quiet...a time for reflection*

**SERMON** Why Would We As a Church Recognize  
Traditional Territory? (Rev. Maxine McVey)  
Rev. Andy Comar and Rev. Evelyn McLachlan

**\*HYMN** It's a Song of Praise to the Maker *MV 30*  
It’s a song of praise to the Maker, the thrush sings high in the tree. It’s a song of praise to the Maker, the gray whale sings in the sea,

**And by the Spirit you and I can join our voice to the holy cry and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.**

It’s a call of life to the Giver when waves and waterfalls roar. It’s a call of life to the Giver when high tides break on the shore, **R**

It’s a hymn of love to the Lover; the bumble bees hum along. It’s a hymn of love to the Lover; the summer breeze joins the song, **R**

It's the chorus of all creation; it's sung by all living things. It's the chorus of all creation; a song the universe sings. **R**

**SHARING GOD'S LOVE**

***OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD***

***OFFERTORY*** La Fine Di Un Era (*Elizabeth Kyriakides*)  
Elizabeth Kyriakides, trombone

***\*DEDICATION*** Grateful (*Tom Tomaszek*) MV 182  
**Grateful for the life you give us, thankful for your Holy Son, joyful in your Spirit flowing over all, O God of Love. Grateful for the Bread of Heaven, thankful for your Holy Word, joyful in your mercy flowing, we will praise you.**

***OFFERTORY PRAYER***  
***PRAYER SHAWL BLESSING***

***PRAYER PRELUDE*** O God We Call VU 411  
**O God we call, O God we call,  
from deep inside we yearn,  
from deep inside we yearn,  
from deep inside we yearn for you.**

***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER***

***\*HYMN*** Who Is My Mother MV 178

Who is my mother, who is my brother? All those who gather round Jesus Christ: Spirit blown people born from the Gospel sit at the table, round Jesus Christ.

Differently abled, differently labelled, widen the circle round Jesus Christ: crutches and stigmas, culture's enigmas, all come together round Jesus Christ.

Love will relate us colour or status can't segregate us round Jesus Christ: family failings, human derailing's all are accepted round Jesus Christ.

Bound by one vision, met for one mission we claim each other, round Jesus Christ: here is my mother, here is my brother, kindred in Spirit, through Jesus Christ.

***\* COMMISSIONING***

May we travel our lands in gentle ways,  
**caring for creation as in turn she cares for us.**  
May the Creator's light and love encircle and envelop us all,  
**as we rest in the promise of the Creator's abundance.**  
Go in peace, with wisdom and gratitude.  
**All our relations. Meegwetch. Amen.**

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***\*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*** A Highland Procession (*Lester H. Groom*)

Today we welcome Rev. Evelyn McLachlan. Rev. Evelyn was born and raised in Timmins, the youngest of six. She has her Hons. BA in Drama and English from the Univ. Of Windsor; graduated from Queens Theological Seminary in 1987. She retired at the end of 2017. Rev. Evelyn is looking forward to leading worship with Rev. Andy and AUC!



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

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**June 19, 2022**  
**Second Sunday after Pentecost**  
**11:00 AM**  
**Indigenous Day of Prayer**

*“Coming together in the church in all our diversity, we can hold space for all to share and to sing, and maybe even dance. We can be sure that as we answer that call, we will encounter difference in ways that tug us to explore outside of the norms and certainty of society and even of our own United Church culture. Dancing with diversity is a beautiful thing—it challenges us, informs us, and enables our growth.” (From: Under the Big Top: Thoughts on National Aboriginal Day by Maggie McLeod, Executive Minister, Aboriginal Ministries and Indigenous Justice for The United Church of Canada.)*