

SEEKING GOD TOGETHER

PRELUDE Come, Come, Ye Saints (Marilyn Thompson)
Margaret Heney

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. Brian Walter

CALL TO WORSHIP

***HYMN** Praise To The Lord, the Almighty VU 220

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, who rules all creation; O my soul, praise him, at all times your health and salvation. Come, all who hear: brothers and sisters draw near, joining in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, above all things so mightily reigning, keeping us safe at his side, and so gently sustaining. Have you not seen how all you needed has been met by God's gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord who will prosper our work and defend us; surely his goodness and mercy will daily attend us: ponder anew what the Almighty can do, who out of love will befriend us.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him! All that has life and breath come now with praises before him! Let the Amen sound from God's people again: gladly with praise we adore him.

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

God of love and grace,
You know the secrets of our hearts:

**How blind we are to our own faults,
yet harsh in judging others;
how swift we are to take for gain,
yet slow to give for others;
how proud we are of our success,
yet grudging in our praise of others.**

Gentle God, mend our broken lives.

(In silence we bring our own lives before God)

Come Holy Spirit,
Restore, revive, repair
Recreate us in your image
Renew your creation.

WORDS OF GRACE

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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GIFT OF MUSIC The Woodcutter's Song
(Ralph Vaughan Williams)
Colleen Abbott

SCRIPTURE Philippians 4: 6-7 Margaret Heney
(To find peace, give your concerns to God.)

GOSPEL Matthew: 6: 26-34
(Do not worry.)

Come to the quiet...a time for reflection

SERMON What The Birds And Lilies Teach Us?
Rev Linda Levin

***HYMN** Great is They Faithfulness VU288

Great is thy faithfulness, God our Creator; there is no shadow of turning with thee; thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have
needed thy hand hath provided - great is thy
faithfulness, ever to me!**

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. **R**

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide, strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow - wondrous the portion thy blessings provide. **R**

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY Variations on “Merton” (*Robert Lau*)
Margaret Heney

***DEDICATION** Grateful *MV 182 (Tom Tomaszek)*
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** May The God of Hope Go With Us *VU 424*

May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our
lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing
light and hope to every land and race.

**Praying, let us work for peace,
singing, share our joy with all,
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

May the God of healing free the earth from fear, freeing
us for peace, both treasured and pursued. May the God of
love keep our commitment clear to a world restored,
to human life renewed. **R**

*** COMMISSIONING**

***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 Festival Voluntary (*Richard A. Williamson*)
Margaret Heney

Welcome

Today we welcome Rev. Linda Levin. Rev.
Linda is from South Africa, of Jewish heritage. She
taught Latin and remedial English in South Africa and
London (England), and then studied for ministry at
Emmanuel College in Toronto. Ordained in 1979,
she served for two years in northern Ontario and 29
years at Runnymede United, Toronto.

Linda retired in June, 2011 to form a fundraising group
in support of Kenyan women in the slum community of
Kibera who, out of the love of their hearts, care for

AIDS-orphaned children. See

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are on traditional territories of Indigenous Peoples.*

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

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