

# First United Church

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Sunday, August 7, 2022 10:30 a.m.

Purpose: Building Relationships,  
Living God's Transforming Love.

## Gathering

**Prelude:** Thou My Soul's Shelter, 2 Contemplations on the Hymn Tune "Slane" John. S. McIntosh  
Be Thou My Vision Bob Chilcott  
Autumn Debassige, soloist

## Welcome, Acknowledgement of Territory, Announcements, and Lighting of the Candle

- **Introit** Spirit of the Living God (verse 1) VU 376  
*(Processing of Light and Word; lighting of the Christ candle)*
- **Call to Worship** – *(Hebrews 11:1-3)*

"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not perceived.

**For by faith, people of old received divine approval and blessing.**

By faith we understand that the world was created by the Word of God,

**so that what is perceived is made out of that which does not appear."**

O people of faith today, let us worship our God, whose Word is yet creative.

**Let us worship our God of wonder and wisdom, blessing and transforming power.**

- **Hymn** Come, O Fount of Every Blessing VU 559

## Prayer of Approach

Heart of the universe,

**Creator of all, you have joined us in welcoming the spring and summer, warmth of seasons, warmth of community, and warmth of new life. We come to this time and place with worry of differences, uncertainty, loneliness, and fear of change. Yet, with all we bring we give thanks for new beginnings and fresh starts, familiarity and comfort, and your love that helps us know we are not alone. Welcome us and all that we bring to this time of worship. Welcome us so that we may find peace in you. Amen**

[Adapted from a prayer by Youth at Shining Waters Regional Council, 2019, Barrie, ON.  
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**Scripture Lesson: Jeremiah 18:1-11 (told orally) (Reader - Paula Roberts)**  
**Luke 14:25-33**

Herein is wisdom.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon: “Re-formation”**

- **Hymn** Spirit God, Be Our Breath”

MV 150

**Time of Offering -****Prayer of Dedication**

God our Creator, **Giver of all good and perfect gifts, we bring our praise for who you are, the one who is and was and is to come. You continue the work of creating, of giving and forgiving, and we worship you for it all, embracing your grace and love. Help us in our journey to live the mystery of being born of water and spirit. Be patient with us as we learn to embrace your grace and extend it to others. We offer up to you all that we are, all we have, and all we are becoming, in the name of Jesus, the Christ, who gave it all for us. Amen**

[Glad Faith Klassen, Stamford Lane UC, Niagara Falls, ON.  
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**Call to Prayer** Take, O Take Me As I Am

MV 85

**Prayers of the People****Our Lord’s Prayer**

**Our Father (and Mother), who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kin(g)dom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,  
for thine is the kin(g)dom, the power and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen**

- **Hymn** “Be Thou My Vision”

VU 642

- **Commissioning and Blessing**

**Sung Amen** Amen, Amen, Hallelujah, Amen

VU 974

**Postlude** *(The light of Christ goes before us into the world)*  
Now Thank We All Our God setting by Paul Manz