

SEEKING GOD TOGETHER

PRELUDE Cantilena (Robert Law)
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. Paula Hanna

CALL TO WORSHIP*

God is like a potter who shapes and forms our lives. God calls us to faithfulness as God forms us in love. God forms us as vessels of compassion and service. God gives us many chances to serve, give, witness, and love. Come, let us worship the Creator who has formed us into life. Let us sing our praises to God who made us and is making us. AMEN

***HYMN** Maker, in Whom We Live VU 321

Maker, in whom we live, in whom we are and move, the glory, power, and praise receive for your creating love. Let all the angel throng give thanks to God on high, while earth repeats the joyful song and echoes to the sky.

Incarnate Deity, let all the ransomed race render in thanks their lives to you for your redeeming grace. The grace to sinners shown, you heavenly choirs proclaim, and cry, "Salvation to our God, salvation to the Lamb!"

Spirit of Holiness, let all your saints adore your sacred energy, and bless your heart-renewing power. No angel tongues can tell your love's ecstatic height, the glorious joy unspeakable, the beatific sight.

Eternal, Triune God, let all the hosts above, let all on earth below record and dwell upon your love. When heaven and earth have fled before your glorious face, may all the saints your love has made sing everlasting praise.

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

God of power and justice, like Jeremiah you weep over those who wander from you, turn aside to other gods, and enter into chaos and destruction. By your tears and through your mercy, teach us your ways and write them on our hearts so that we may follow faithfully the path you show us. Amen.

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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SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 18: 1-11 Paula Hanna
(God is like a potter, forming the world like a pot)

GIFT OF MUSIC Jerusalem
(William Blake, Hubert Parry)
Bob McRoberts

GOSPEL Luke 14: 25-33
(Jesus speaks about the cost of discipleship)

Come to the quiet...a time for reflection

SERMON Sit Down and Think
Rev. Samuel Needham

***HYMN** Blessed Jesus, at Your Word VU 500

Blessèd Jesus, at your word we have come again to hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred and in glowing faith be near you. As the promises here given draw us wholly up to heaven.

All our knowledge, sense, and sight lie in deepest darkness shrouded till your Spirit breaks the night, filling us with light unclouded. All good thoughts and all good living come but by your gracious giving.

Radiance of God's glory bright, Light of light from God proceeding, Jesus, send your blessèd light; help our hearing, speaking, heeding, that our prayers and songs may please you, as with grateful hearts we praise you.

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY Prayer (Mark Davis)
Margaret Heney

***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 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** O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing VU 326

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great
Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and
King, the triumphs of God's grace.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our
sorrows cease; 'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life
and health and peace.

He speaks, and listening to his voice, new life the
dead receive, the mournful broken-hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.

Hear him, you deaf; you voiceless ones, your tongues
again employ; you blind, behold your Saviour comes,
and leap, you lame, for joy!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to
proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad
the honours of your name.

*** 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 Fanfare on "Soli Deo Gloria"
(Mark D. Himmelman)
Margaret Heney

Welcome

*Today we welcome Rev. Samuel Needham. Rev. Sam
Needham is a fifth-year PhD student at Emmanuel
College. He's a United Methodist minister, originally
from the United States, and lives in Richmond Hill with
his wife, daughter, and in-laws.*



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

**AURORA UNITED
CHURCH**

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

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*"Nothing worth doing is completed in our lifetime;
therefore we must be saved by hope.
Nothing true or beautiful makes complete sense in any
immediate context of history;
therefore we must be saved by faith.
Nothing we do, however virtuous, can be accomplished alone;
therefore, we are saved by love."
- Reinhold Niebuhr*