

SEEKING GOD TOGETHER

PRELUDE Adagio from Sonata No. 1 opus 65
(Felix Mendelssohn)
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. Nancy Kerswill

INTROIT There is a Balm in Gilead
(African-American spiritual harm.) David Hurd

CALL TO WORSHIP*

***HYMN** There's a Wideness in God's Mercy VU 271

There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea; there's a kindness in God's justice which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven; there is no place where earth's failings have such gracious judgement given.

There is plentiful redemption in the blood that Christ has shed; there is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head.

Troubled souls, why will you scatter like a crowd of frightened sheep? Foolish hearts, why will you wander from a love so true and deep?

For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind, and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

Lord Jesus Christ, in your presence is fullness of joy. Your presence is our light.

Come, Lord Jesus, into every dark place of our lives. Wherever we find ourselves at a dead end. Wherever we have failed; wherever we have disappointed ourselves and others; wherever we have made wrong decisions and have gone astray; come and shine your light.

(silent reflection)

Forgive us our weakness and our stubbornness. Come into our hearts again today. Make your home within us.

Be with us, lead us, guide us, that, through all we do and think and say, we may shine your light of joy into the world. AMEN

WORDS OF GRACE

God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. The Lord is good to all, and God's compassion is over all that God has made. (Psalm 145)
Be assured, whatever you may have done or not done, God loves you, forgives you, and sets you free to begin again, even in this moment, with God's help. Thanks be to God.

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

READING Colossians 3:12-17 Bill Newman
(Clothe yourselves with love)

ANTHEM You'll Never Walk Alone
(Rogers and Hammerstein arr. William Stickles)

GOSPEL John 2: 1-11
(Jesus turns water into wine)

Come to the quiet...a time for reflection

SERMON Gallons of Grace
Rev. Linda Levin

***HYMN** I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me VU 575

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY Sure on This Shining Night
(Morten Lauridsen)
Janice Nolan, 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** I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (Here I am, Lord)
VU 509

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save. I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain, I have wept for love of them; they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my words to them.
Whom shall I send? **Refrain**

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame, I will set a feast for them; my hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? **Refrain**

*** 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 Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory
(arr. Lani Smith)

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 www.villageoflovecanada.org

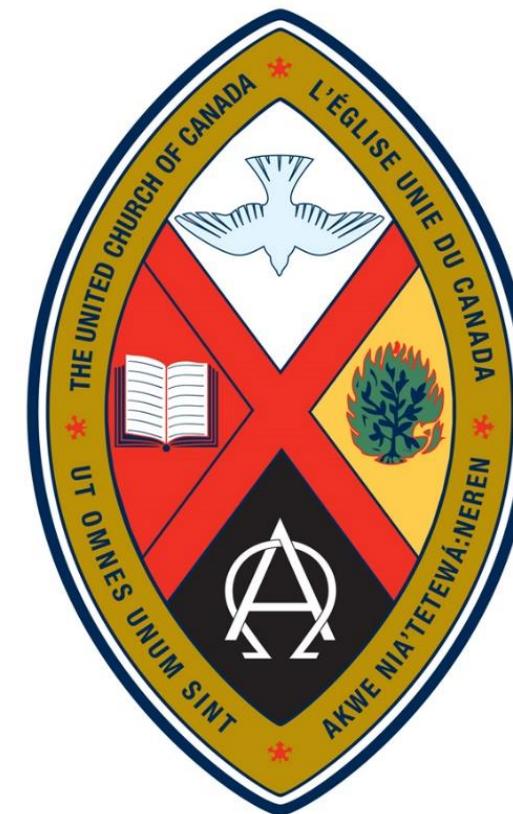


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Music Coordinator—Margaret Heney

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11:00 AM**

Clothe yourselves with kindness (Colossians 3:12)