

SEEKING GOD TOGETHER

PRELUDE Nimrod from ‘Enigma Variations’
(Edward Elgar arr. Noel Rawsthorne)

**WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE
PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Acknowledgment of Territory/Every Child Matters
Holly Williamson

INTROIT For the Music of Creation (Murray/Parry)

CALL TO WORSHIP

It takes a variety of ingredients to make bread.

It takes a variety of people to be the church.

A measure of wheat flour.

People from farm land and prairie.

A measure of water and salt.

People from coastland and islands.

A measure of sparkling sugar.

People from Ontario towns and cities.

We mix them all together with enough yeast
to leaven the bread.

**We come together, too, to be uplifted
and transformed in worship!** Matthew Lyon

(H.Ferrier, adapted. Trinity U.C., Mahone Bay, N.S.)

***HYMN** Come Touch Our Hearts MV 12

Come touch our hearts that we may know compassion,
from failing embers build a blazing fire; love strong
enough to overturn injustice, to seek a world more
gracious, come touch and bless our hearts.

Come touch our souls that we may know and love you,
your quiet presence all our fears dispel; create a space
for spirit to grow in us, let life and beauty fill us,
come touch and bless our souls.

Come touch our minds and teach us how to reason,
set free our thoughts to wonder and to dream;
help us to open doors of understanding, to welcome
truth and wisdom, come touch and bless our minds.

Come touch us in the moments we are fragile,
and in our weakness your great strength reveal;
that we may rise to follow and to serve, steady now
our nerve, come touch and bless our wills.

Come touch us now, this people who are gathered,
to break the bread and share the cup of peace;
that we may love you with our heart, our soul, our mind,
our strength, our all, come touch us with your grace.

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

God of compassion and mercy, we are your wounded and
wounding children. We bring our wounded selves, our
divided society, and our broken world, seeking your healing
and transforming grace. It is easy for us to point the finger at
others, yet we know that we all need your forgiveness,
so we lift into your presence today, not only the victims of
conflicts and war, but also those we have called enemies.
Break down the walls of hatred, distrust and bitterness and
open a way for us to reach one another in truth and love.
Enable us to build a society where all can belong; to share
our gifts in mutual respect and to seek for the new future
which you show to us in the life, death and resurrection of
Jesus. Amen.

WORDS OF GRACE

God who accepts us will empower us.

**God who loves us will inspire us in our struggle for
a healing and just world. Thanks be to God!**

SUNG RESPONSE Dance With the Spirit (J.Strathdee)
MV 156 **Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin’,
walk with the Spirit throughout the long day.
work and hope for the new life abornin’,
listen to the Spirit to show you the way.**

FINDING GOD TOGETHER

SCRIPTURE 2 Timothy 1:1-14 Paula Hanna
(Thanksgiving for the faith of our ancestors.)

ANTHEM The Wonder of Grace (J.M.Martin)

GOSPEL Luke 17:5-10 (Faith as a mustard seed.)

Come to the quiet...a time for reflection

SERMON Affirmations

***HYMN** One Bread, One Body VU 467

**One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of
blessing which we bless; and we, though many,
throughout the earth, we are one body in this one
Lord.**

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man no more...**One bread...**

Many the gifts, many the works,
One in the Lord of all...**One bread...**

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one, for all...**One bread...**

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

CONFIRMATION

*We welcome into this family of faith through the
Renewal of Baptism Faith-Confirmation*

Damien Caiden Fredrick Vance Verschelden
Matthew Robert Lyon

***THE NEW CREED** VU p. 918
(The United Church of Canada, General Council 1968,alt.)

***THE PEACE**
The peace of Christ be with you!
And also with you!

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY What a Wonderful World *(Thiele/Weiss)*
David Pilkey

***DEDICATION** Take, O Take Me as I Am *(Belle/Maule)*
MV 85 **Take, O take me as I am;
summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart,
and live in me.**

***OFFERTORY PRAYER/Prayer Shawl Blessing**

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION *(page 7-8)*

***HYMN** Creator God You Gave Us Life MV 27

Creator God you gave us life, your image formed
within our souls, yet through the mist of time and space,
we search for that which makes us whole.

*Through hands that paint majestic skies, and voices
chanting melody, with words that reach beyond the page,
we comprehend your mystery.*

In every flower and every tree, we see your great
diversity, yet greater still we see your love,
expressed in our humanity.
Through hands that paint majestic skies...

When with our hearts, our hands and minds, we share our
gifts with all the world, our spirits soar beyond the veil,
to touch the very face of God.
Through hands that paint majestic skies...

*** COMMISSIONING**
A simple taste of bread and wine has transformed us.
A short hour of worship has enlivened us.
And so, we go out into the world equipped to live out
the Good News.

***SUNG BLESSING** Wherever You May Go (MV 216)

**Wherever you may go, I will follow,
and your people shall be my people too.
Wherever you may go, I will follow,
for I would be faithful, loyal and true.**

POSTLUDE In Christ There is No East or West
(G.M.Martin)

Be sure to join us for worship,
Thanksgiving Sunday, October 9th
as we give thanks for the many blessings
of our lives.



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**World Communion Sunday
Confirmation
October 2, 2022
11:00 AM**

*To your table you bid us come. You have set the
places, you have poured the wine, and there is always
room, you say, for one more.
(J.Richardson)*

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION
The Great Thanksgiving

Jesus said: *'I am the bread of life. all who come to me shall not hunger, and all who believe in me shall not thirst.'*

With Christians around the world and throughout the centuries, we, in spirit, gather around these symbols of bread and wine—simple elements that speak of nourishment and transformation.

Loving God, we thank you that you are as close to us as breath, that your love is constant and unfailing. We thank you for all that sustains life, and especially for Jesus Christ, who teaches us how to live out an ethic of justice and peace, and for the promise of transformation made manifest in his life, death and resurrection. We ask you to bless this bread and cup. Through this meal, make us the body of Christ, that we may join with you in promoting the well-being of all creation. And so we sing:

*O holy, holy holy God, O God of time and space.
All earth and sea and sky above bear witness to your grace. Hosanna in the highest heav'n, creation sings your praise. And blessed is the One who comes and bears your name always. (Kingsfold. MV 203)*

We remember that on the night Jesus and the disciples had their last meal together, Jesus took the bread, gave thanks, and gave it to the disciples, saying: *'This is my body, which is broken for you. Take and eat it, and as often as you do, remember me.'*

In the symbol of the broken bread, we participate in the life of Christ and dedicate ourselves to being his disciples.

In the same way, he took the cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to his disciples, saying: *'Drink this, all of you. This cup is the new covenant, poured out for you and for many. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'*

**In the symbol of the cup,
we participate in the new life Christ brings.**

Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen, Christ will come again! Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen, Christ will come again! (MV 204)

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

*Amen, amen, O Holy One! Hosanna and Amen!
Amen, amen, O Holy One, Hosanna and Amen! (MV 205)*

SHARING THE FEAST

Communion will be shared today by using pre-filled communion cups. Following the statements, *'Jesus Christ, bread of heaven'* and, *'Jesus Christ, cup of salvation'*, you are invited to first, peel the top layer of the cup to reveal the bread, and then the bottom layer for the juice.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May we become what we have shared this day: bread and wine for a hungry world; a blessing to those whose hearts are empty; a light in the darkness. Amen.