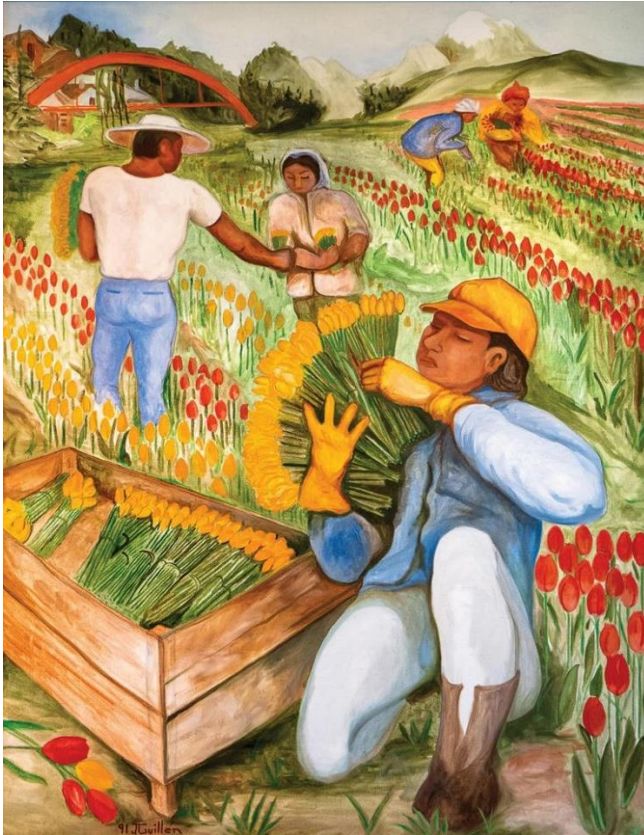


First United Church

June 18, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Third Sunday after Pentecost



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

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- **Is a request to stand in body or in spirit**

Prelude Prelude in G
 Allegretto from Sonata IV

Mendelssohn
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Listening as we Gather

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

One: Let us pause for a moment and consider our role in reconciliation.

All: First United Church resides on treaty lands known as the Haldimand Tract, which straddle either side of the Grand River, from Lake Erie all the way to north of Shelburne, and upon the traditional territory of Attawandaron, Anishinaabe, and Haudenosaunee people. We recognize this gathering place where we worship and serve is home to many past, present, and future First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples. May our honouring of the land and worship of Creator this day plant a seed that will grow into relationships of justice and healing between settlers and Indigenous peoples in our midst.

One: We aspire to create a safer space for everyone. We welcome you and the gifts you bring as part of your sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, race, cultural background or abilities.

Opportunities for Ministry and Fellowship

- **Introit** This is the Day (verse 1 & 2)

VU 412

Lighting of the Christ Candle and procession of the Word

Call to Worship

One: We gather in the name of the living Christ to worship God this day.

All: Surely, God is in this place, calling us to worship in spirit and in truth.

One: God's unending care is for you, and for all people everywhere.

All: That we may carry forth God's work of love and justice, may we be renewed in the Spirit today.

One: The living Christ is with us, this day and always.

All: Praise be to God!

• **Opening Hymn** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

VU 220

Prayer of Approach

Listening For God's Word

A Story for the Young at Heart

Readings from Our Tradition

Matthew 9: 36 to 10:20 (NRSVUE)

Reader: Rick Heemskerk

One: The Word of the Lord is a lamp unto our feet..

All: And a light unto our path.

Responsive Psalm 100, Refrain 2

VU 824

Ministry of Music: How Can I Keep from Singing

R. Lowry, arr. M.Burkhardt

Sermon: The Harvest Work

Andrew Hyde

• **Hymn** Lord, You Give the Great Commission

VU 512

Responding to God's Word

Time of Offering

Offertory Theme from Reformation Symphony (No. 5)
Matthias Girolametto, trombone

F. Mendelssohn

Dedication of Offering Grant Us, God, the Grace

VU 540

Prayer of Dedication:

We praise you O God, for you many gifts to us – the goodness of Creation, the fellowship of friends, the providence of your Word, and so much more besides. Freely we have received, and so now we freely give. We give over these tithes and these offerings, so your harvest work might continue in this place. From these small seeds, grow justice and beauty in our world. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Call to Prayer Take, O Take Me as I Am

MV 85

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

- **Sending Hymn** Go Make a Difference

MV 209

Sending Forth and Benediction

- **Response** Amen, Amen, Hallelujah, Amen

VU 974

Recession of the Light and Word

Postlude: Aria from English Suite
Matthias Girolametto, trumpet

George Munro, arr. Fitzgerald

Guest Biography

Andrew Hyde DLM

Andrew Hyde has been a Designated Lay Minister in the United Church of Canada since 2001. He has served in Youth Ministry roles at St. James United (Waterdown), with Ottawa Presbytery, and at Norval United (Georgetown). Since 2015, Andrew has served as the Ecumenical Campus Minister at the University of Guelph. The Ecumenical Campus Ministry is the on-campus home of the Anglican, Presbyterian, and United Church at UofG. To find out more about ECM's ministry or their 55th Anniversary Celebration on June 24, visit www.ECMguelph.org.