

## **SEEKING GOD TOGETHER**

**PRELUDE** Lovely Day (Bill Withers)  
David Pilkey, Steve Falk, Brian and Jules Pastoor, Myles Heney

**WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE**  
Lighting of the Christ Candle

**Acknowledgment of Territory/Every Child Matters/  
Rainbow Candle of Inclusion** Mary Munro

**INTROIT** In the Quiet Curve of Evening  
(Julie Howard arr. Vera Lyons)

**CALL TO WORSHIP**  
The world belongs to God,  
**the Earth and all its people.**  
How good it is, how wonderful  
**to live together in unity.**  
Love and faith come together.  
**Justice and peace join hands.**  
If Christ's disciples kept silent  
**these stones would shout out loud.**  
Open our lips, O God,  
**and all our mouths shall proclaim your praise.**  
(Iona Abby worship book)

**\*HYMN** Make a Joyful Noise p. 7

**PRAYER FOR RENEWAL**

**WORDS OF GRACE**

**SUNG RESPONSE** Dance with the Spirit MV 156  
Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin', walk with  
the Spirit through-out the long day, Work and hope  
for the new life a-born-in', listen to the Spirit to show  
you the way.

**A TIME FOR ALL AGES**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

## **FINDING GOD TOGETHER**

**RESPONSIVE READING** Psalm 98 p. 7  
(Refrain 2) Bill Newman

**ANTHEM** A Shoot Shall Come Forth (Richard Horn)

**GOSPEL** Luke 21:5-19 (Persecution in the days to  
come; trust God!) p. 85 Pew Bible NT

**SERMON** Rev. Linda Wheler

**\*HYMN** Teach Me, God, to Wonder p.8

## **SHARING GOD'S LOVE**

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

**OFFERTORY** Warm Love (Van Morrison)  
David Pilkey & Steve Falk

**\*DEDICATION** Take, O Take Me as I Am (John L. Bell)  
Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;  
set your seal upon my heart,  
and live in me. (repeat)

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER & Prayer Shawl Blessing**

**PRAYER PRELUDE** Lord, Listen to Your Children  
(Ken Medema) VU 400

Lord, listen to your children, praying, Lord,  
send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your  
children praying, send us love, send us power,  
send us grace!

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and  
THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**\*HYMN** The Church is Wherever God's People p.8

**\*COMMISSIONING**

**\*SUNG BLESSING** May the Blessing of God VU p. 962  
(Miriam Therese Winter)

May the blessing of God go before you. May her grace  
and peace abound. May her spirit live within you. May  
her love wrap you 'round. May her blessing remain with  
you always. May you walk on holy ground.

**POSTLUDE** Festive Toccata (Matthew McConnell)

## Transgender Day of Remembrance November 20, 2025



Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDoR) has been observed annually from its inception on November 20, 1999, to memorialize those who have been murdered as a result of transphobia. The day was founded to draw attention to the continued violence directed toward transgender people. The province of Ontario unanimously passed the Trans Day of Remembrance Act, 2017 on December 12, 2017, officially recognizing TDoR and requiring the Legislative Assembly of Ontario to hold a minute of silence every year on November 20 at 10:29 am.

For more information on Trans and Gender Diversity and the TDoR please click on the links below:

<https://cmha-yr.on.ca/what-does-it-mean-to-be-trans-non-binary-or-gender-non-conforming/>

<https://glaad.org/tdor/>

**The 519**, an organization committed to the health, happiness and full participation of the 2SLGBTQ+ communities, is commemorating the 26<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the TDoR on November 20, 2025. The theme is “This is who we are”. For more information and to attend this event, please visit:

<https://www.the519.org/events/trans-day-of-remembrance-tdor/#:~:text=Thursday%2C%20November%2020%2C%202025>



## Mission and Service Together in Prayer and Solidarity

Through Mission and Service, The United Church of Canada accompanies global partners who bring compassion and courage to some of the world’s most difficult places. Today, we hold in prayer our partners in Gaza, where the situation remains catastrophic.

Partners in the ACT Palestine Forum share that families are facing famine, and shortages of clean water, medicine, and shelter. The cost of even the most basic items has risen far beyond reach. Many are forced to make painful choices simply to survive. Children are especially vulnerable as malnutrition and lack of medical care take a growing toll. Even amid these overwhelming challenges, Mission and Service partners continue to serve with remarkable faith and perseverance. Through ACT Alliance, they distribute food parcels, clean water, and medical supplies. They offer hygiene kits and psychosocial support to children and families living through trauma. And they raise their voices for a just and lasting peace, humanitarian access, and the protection of human dignity.

Each month, the ACT Palestine Forum organizes a global prayer vigil for Palestine and Gaza. “It gives us strength,” one representative says, “to know that people around the world are praying with us, for justice, peace, and human dignity.”

[Your gifts](#) for Mission and Service make this work possible. They help contribute to efforts to provide food, health care, and hope to reach those in greatest need, and that our partners know they are not alone.

Please continue to pray for all who are affected by this violence, and for peace rooted in justice to take root and grow.



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**PENTECOST 23**

**November 16, 2025  
11:00 AM**

### **Make a Joyful Noise (Psalm 100) VU 820**

**Make a joyful noise all the earth!**  
**Worship your God with gladness.**  
**Make a joyful noise all the earth.**  
**Come to this place with a song!**

Know that your God has made you.  
Know it's to God we belong.  
And come to this place with joyfulness and praise.  
Worship your God with a song! **R**

Enter these gates, thanksgiving.  
Enter these courts with praise.  
Sing thanks to your God and bless the holy Name.  
Worship your God with a song! **R**

Ages through endless ages,  
seasons of endless years,  
the love of our Maker ever shall endure.  
worship your God with a song! **R**

### **Psalm 98 (Ref 2) VU p. 818**

**R All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.**

Sing to God a new song,  
**for God has done marvellous things.**  
Your right hand and your holy arm have brought victory.  
**You have made known your salvation, and revealed before the nations your saving power.**  
You have remembered your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;  
**all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. R**

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;  
**break into joyous praise, sing psalms.**  
Sing psalms to God with the harp,

**with the harp and melodious voice.**  
With trumpets, and the sound of the horn  
**make a joyful noise before our sovereign God. R**

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,  
**the world, and its inhabitants.**  
Let the rivers clap their hands,  
**the hills sing together for joy before God.**  
You come to judge the earth, O God,  
**to judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity. R**

### **Teach Me, God, to Wonder VU 299**

Teach me, God, to wonder, teach me, God, to see;  
let your world of beauty capture me.

**Refrain: Praise to you be given, love for you be lived,  
life be celebrated, joy you give.**

Let me, God, be open, let me loving be; let your world of people speak to me. **R**

Let me, God, be ready, let me be awake, in your world of loving my place take. **R**

Teach me, God, to know you, hear you when you speak,  
see you in my neighbour when we meet. **R**

### **The Church is Wherever God's People VU 579**

The church is wherever God's people are praising,  
singing God's goodness for joy on this day.  
The church is wherever disciples of Jesus  
remember his story and walk in his way.

The church is wherever God's people are helping,  
caring for neighbours in sickness and need.  
The church is wherever God's people are sharing  
the words of the Bible in gift and in deed.