

June 11, 2023

Welcoming and Announcements

Centring Music: (Chime Choir) L'Angelus

*by Charles Gounod*

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Opening Hymn: **We Praise You, O God** (Voices United 218)

*Words: Julia Cory 1902, alt.*

*Music: Netherlands melody 1626; harm. Eduard Kremser 1877;  
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- 1 We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;  
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.  
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;  
we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.
- 2 We worship you, God of our mothers and fathers,  
through trial and tempest, companion and guide.  
When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,  
but faithful to your promise, you walk by our side.
- 3 With voices united our praises we offer  
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.  
Our sins now confessing, we pray for your blessing,  
to you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

Opening Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

A Time to Wonder

Anthem: Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

*by Sebastian Temple, arranged by Mark Hayes*

Scripture Readings

The Old Testament: Genesis 12:1-9

The Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-23

Reflection

Hymn of the Day: **Love is the Touch** (More Voices 89)

*Words: Alison M. Robertson, 1998*

*Music John L. Bell, 1998*

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- 1 Love is the touch of intangible joy;  
love is the force that no fear can destroy;  
love is the goodness we gladly applaud:  
God is where love is, for love is of God.
- 2 Love is the lilt in a lingering voice;  
love is the hope that can make us rejoice;  
love is the cure for the frightened and flawed:  
God is where love is, for love is of God.
- 3 Love is the light in the tunnel of pain;  
love is the will to be whole once again;  
love is the trust of a friend on the road:  
God is where love is, for love is of God.
- 4 Love is the Maker and Spirit and Son;  
love is the kingdom their will has begun;  
love is the path which the saints all have trod:  
God is where love is, for love is of God.

## Invitation to Offering

### Offering Prayer

You are calling us to action, oh God,

**to speak out for the needy,  
to affirm the seekers,  
to comfort the distressed,  
to encourage the downhearted,  
to challenge the complacent.**

Bless these offerings, that they might spread your love throughout the world.

**Amen.**

Choral Response: Give Thanks (please stand as you are able)

*Henry Smith CCLI # 20235*

Give thanks with a grateful heart  
Give thanks to the Holy One  
Give thanks because He's given  
Jesus Christ His Son

And now let the weak say I am strong  
Let the poor say I am rich  
Because of what the Lord has done for us. Give Thanks.

## Joys and Concerns

### Prayers for Others and Ourselves

Parting Hymn: God Be with You Till We Meet Again

*by Jeremiah Eames Rankin and William C. Tomer*

1 God be with you till we meet again;  
loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
may the Shepherd's care enfold you;  
God be with you till we meet again.

### *Refrain*

Till we meet, till we meet,  
till we meet at Jesus' feet.  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.

2 God be with you till we meet again;  
unseen wings, protecting, hide you,  
daily manna still provide you;  
God be with you till we meet again. *Refrain*

3 God be with you till we meet again;  
when life's perils thick confound you,  
put unfailing arms around you;  
God be with you till we meet again. *Refrain*

4 God be with you till we meet again;  
keep love's banner floating o'er you,  
smite death's threat'ning wave before you;  
God be with you till we meet again. *Refrain*

## Celebration of Ministry Invitation

Choral Benediction: Go in Love

*by Nancy Price and Don Besig*

### Benediction

Postlude: Down by the Riverside

*Traditional Spiritual, arr. By Marianne Kim*

Worship Leadership – Pastor Nancy Walker and Pastor Beth Parsons

Music Leadership – Sharon Prindle-Collins

Welcoming – Stephen Godfrey

Scripture Reader – Bill Samis

Greeters – Mary Jane Apcar and Arlene Vickery

Spirit Kids Program – Leslie Moffat

Technical Support – Karen Clark and Bill Walker

Fellowship Time – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Brew Crew

Flowers are offered by Jocelyn Jones.

Flowers are also offered by the McMillan Family  
in celebration of the life of Rev. Cam McMillan and  
to celebrate the 98<sup>th</sup> anniversary of The United Church of Canada.