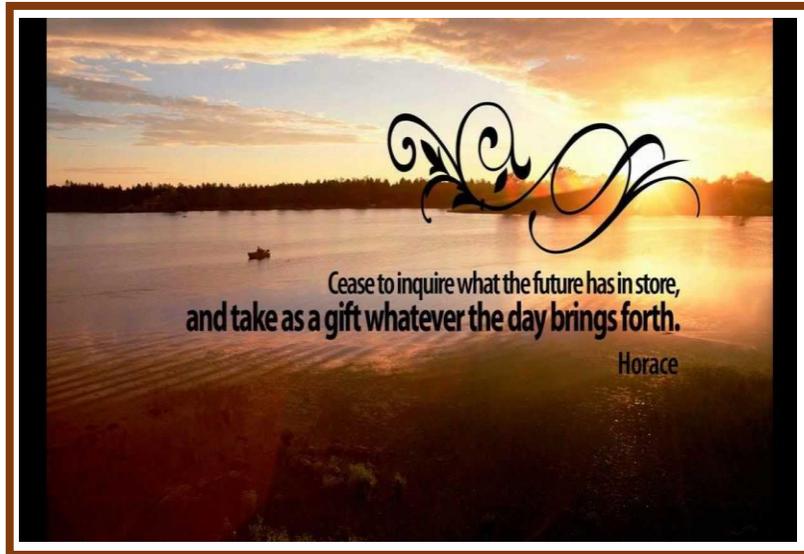




SYDENHAM STREET AND CHALMERS  
UNITED CHURCHES OF CANADA  
SHARING WORSHIP



23 AUGUST 2020

**12th Sunday after Pentecost**

***"Beginning as Strangers, Continuing as Friends"***

10:30 AM

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We gather to:  
Celebrate God's love; Search and be challenged; Nurture and be nurtured.  
We seek to:  
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and be a compassionate, hopeful presence in the world.  
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**Bold Text** *indicates parts we all read together*

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

*Fugas a cuatro voces* - Antonio de Cabezon (1510-1566)

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

Ian Malcolm

Since time immemorial,  
Indigenous peoples have occupied and cared for this land.  
In acknowledging this land,  
the traditional home of the Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee,  
we seek to rebuild right relations  
with First Nations, Metis and Inuit peoples,  
to learn from them,  
and to live on this land with respect and gratitude for its bounty.

#### LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Deborah Elliott

(As we light the Christ candle,  
you are invited to light a candle at home in a safe place)

#### GATHERING IN COMMUNITY

Monika Holzschuh

This is the time. This is the place.

**For us to remember that we meet you, Holy One,  
in all times, all places, and all people.**

In what we have and who we are,  
help us to see your gifts,  
given to us, but not for ourselves alone.

**Teach us to spread your love.  
In the name of our teacher, by the power of the Spirit,  
held close by the Creator, we ask it.**

#### HYMN **MV 90** *Don't Be Afraid!* (sung 3x's)

Don't be afraid.  
My love is stronger, my love is stronger than your fear.  
Don't be afraid.  
My love is stronger and I have promised,  
promised to be always near.

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**CENTERING PRAYER**

Rosemary MacLachlan

Holy Mystery, Great One of Love and Life,  
we give you thanks for this new day.  
In this time we have set apart for worship,  
we come to find ourselves in you.  
Restore our souls, and refresh our hearts  
so that we learn that all we have, and all we are, is yours.  
And so that we find you in all we see  
and serve you in all we do.  
We name ourselves as followers of Christ  
and pray in Christ's name. Amen

**A WORLD ENGAGED WITH GOD**

Al Fletcher

**One:** Scripture is a song for the journey,  
the living word passed on from generation to generation  
to guide and inspire.  
Through Scripture, we meet the Living God.  
**All:** Your word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light onto my path.

**READING**

Romans 12, 1-12

Ross Drummond

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God!**

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC**

*Lead me, Lord* - Georg Friedrich Handel

Donna Delyea

**REFLECTION**

*Beginning as Strangers, Continuing as Friends*  
Members of the Transition Team

**SHARING OF OUR GIFTS**

Offerings gratefully received online through  
Canada Helps or by Canada Post.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*A Prayer in the form of The Lord's Prayer* by G. Epp, Edmonton

God, who gives birth to the world, who gives us breath,  
fill us with your light, and help us to usher in  
your reign of love, justice, and peace here on hearth.  
Tune us to the harmony of the heavens.  
Teach us to sing your name.  
grant us wisdom, hope and compassion  
for all living things, and feed us what we need each day.  
Free us from what binds us,  
as we release others from guilt and shame.  
Helps us to focus on what is good, and to do what is right.  
Teach us how to love. Renew our hearts, our minds,  
our strength, and make us whole, and wholly yours. Amen.

### HYMN VU 633 *Bless Now, O God, the Journey*

1 Bless now, O God, the journey  
that all your people make,  
the path through noise and silence,  
the way of give and take.  
The trail is found in desert  
and winds the mountains round,  
then leads beside still waters,  
the road where faith is found.

2 Bless sojourners and pilgrims  
who share this winding way,  
whose hope burns through the terrors,  
whose love sustains the day.  
We yearn for holy freedom  
while often we are bound.  
Together we are seeking  
the road where faith is found.

3 Divine Eternal Lover,  
you meet us on the road.  
We wait for lands of promise  
where milk and honey flow,  
But waiting not for places,  
you meet us all around.  
Our covenant is written  
on roads, as faith is found.

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## SENDING FORTH AND BLESSING

### POSTLUDE

*Nun Danket alle Gott* - Armin Knab (1881-1951)

### THANK YOU TO ALL TALENTS SHARED

<b>Organist:</b>	Murray Rielly
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