

# CUMMER AVENUE UNITED CHURCH



*Kindness • Justice • Hope*

*We are an inclusive Christian community celebrating God's presence  
as we work to enrich lives and transform our world.*

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**Sunday, May 17, 2020, 9:00 a.m.**

## **Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**bold face type:** congregational response

VU: Voices United, MV: More Voices,

*As we gather today, we acknowledge the history, spirituality, culture,  
and stewardship of the land of the Indigenous people of this region,  
most recently the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation who are  
Anishinaabe Ojibwe people. We seek to live in respect, peace, and right  
relations with them as we live, work, and worship upon their  
traditional territory. We are also mindful of broken covenants and the  
need to strive to make right with all our relations.*

## **Welcome and Announcements**

## **Lighting the Christ Candle**

## **Musical Meditation:**

The Spring Has Come (from VU#187) - Murray

**Music:** Praise to God, Your Praises Show (VU#875, vv 1&4)

## **Call to Worship**

Do not let your hearts be troubled...

**Easy for you to say, you are not going through what we  
are going through.**

It is true, I don't know what you are going through, but neither  
do you know my pain.

**There are no easy answers, but perhaps in our worship  
together, we can work toward understanding,  
and in the process we can bear each other's burdens.**

## **Opening Prayer:**

Loving, accepting, welcoming God, your people come before  
you in gratitude for the things you have done and in awesome  
wonder of the things we are capable of doing with you.

We come before you, humbly asking for your Spirit to shower  
us with the love you have for all humanity.

**We come before you, ready to follow Jesus' steps in  
proclaiming the good news of your love, of liberation, of  
joy and reconciliation.**

**We come as one body, yet many members; we are people  
of many colours, of many genders, of many sexual  
orientations, of many economic situations, of different  
kinds of families, yet we are one in you.**

Be with us as we continue proclaiming your grace in our lives  
through our faith in action.

**Music:** Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New (MV#115)

**Bible Reading:** Acts 11:1-18 (NRSV)

**Reflection:** The Stranger Who Dwells Among Us

- Jordan Sullivan

**Music:** We Are Pilgrims (VU#595, vv. 1,3 4&5)

## **Offering**

## **Offering Prayer**

We give these gifts and our whole selves  
to the ministry and mission of Cummer Avenue  
United Church.

We are your disciples, O God, and it is a blessing  
to serve you through serving others. Amen.

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## **Prayers of the People**

## **The Prayer of Jesus**

*(You are invited to pray in the language of your choice)*

**Loving God in heaven,  
hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive  
those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

**Music:** Deep in Our Hearts (MV#154, vv 1,2&4)

## **Sending Forth**

O God, you are Hospitality, You are Welcome. You are the Invitation, the Table and the Feast. By your Spirit may we learn to receive and offer grace, to share from the sustenance of our lives and not simply its crumbs. Embolden us as we serve as the voice of those who continue to ask the church for justice and full participation. In Christ we pray,  
Amen.

**Closing Music:** Les Carillons

- Kirnberger

*We leave this time of worship knowing that we are not alone. While we cannot be together in body, we can continue to be together in spirit. Reach out. Call a friend. Call a neighbour. Share Kindness, Justice and Hope wherever you can.*

## Lyrics

### **Praise to God, Your Praises Show** (VU#875, vv 1&4)

Praise to God, your praises show, Hallelujah!  
saints within God's courts below, Hallelujah!  
angels round the throne above, Hallelujah!  
all that see and share God's love. Hallelujah!

Strings and voices, hands and hearts, Hallelujah!  
all in concert play your parts; Hallelujah!  
all that breathe, your God adore, Hallelujah!  
sing your praise forevermore. Hallelujah!

### **Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New** (MV#115)

Behold, behold,  
I make all things new,  
beginning with you  
and starting from today.  
Behold, behold,  
I make all things new,  
my promise is true,  
for I am Christ the way.

### **We Are Pilgrims** (VU#595, vv. 1,3 4&5)

We are pilgrims on a journey,  
fellow travellers on the road;  
we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ light for you  
in the night-time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping,  
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;  
I will share your joy and sorrow,  
till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven,  
we shall find such harmony,  
born of all we've known together  
of Christ's love and agony.

### **Deep in Our Hearts** (MV#154, vv 1,2&4)

Deep in our hearts, there is a common vision;  
deep in our hearts, there is a common song;  
deep in our hearts, there is a common story,  
telling Creation that we are one.

Deep in our hearts, there is a common purpose;  
deep in our hearts, there is a common goal;  
deep in our hearts, there is a sacred message,  
justice and peace in harmony.

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deep in our hearts, there is a common song;  
deep in our hearts, there is a common story,  
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