

Welcome to

The Festival of Faith

Celebration of Ministry Service



Sunday, June 15, 2025

10:30 Hymn Sing

11:00 Worship Service



Grace Hartman Amphitheatre

Bell Park, Sudbury, ON



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Hymn Sing:

VU 315 Holy, Holy, Holy

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
All thy words shall praise thy name
in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and might,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

VU 238 How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.
**Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!**
**Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!**

TLUS 103 Bambelela/Never Give Up

Bambelela, bambelela, bambelela, bambelela,
Bumba, bamba, bamba, bamba, bamba,
O bamba, bambelela
Never give up, never give up, never give up, never give up,
Never, never, never, never, never, never,
O never, never give up.

VU 509 Here I Am, Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

MV 135 Called by Earth and Sky

**Called by earth and sky,
promise of hope held high.
This is our sacred living trust,
treasure of life sanctified,
Called by earth and sky.**

2. Precious this gift, air we breathe; wind born and free.
Breath of the Spirit, blow through this place,
Our gathering and our grace. **Refrain**

MV 1 Let Us Build a House

5. Let us build a house where all are named,
Their songs and visions heard
And loved and treasured, taught and claimed
As words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
Prayers of faith and songs of grace;
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
**All are welcome, all are welcome,
All are welcome in this place.**

VU 122 This is the Day

This is the day that God has made;
We will rejoice and be glad!
This is the day that God has made;
We will rejoice and be glad!
Singing hallelu, singing hallelu,
Singing hallelu! We will rejoice and be glad.
Singing hallelu, singing hallelu,
Singing hallelu! We will rejoice and be glad.

VU 713 I See a New Heaven

**I see a new heaven. I see a new earth
As the old one will pass away,
Where the fountain of life flows
And without price goes
To all people who abide in the land.**

2. There, there where the darkness
brings visions from above.
There where the night, bearing new light,
Reveals the promise of love. **Refrain**

There, there where we work
with the love of healing hands.
Labour we must, true to our trust
To build a promised new land. **Refrain**

MV 85 Take, O Take Me as I Am

Take, O take me as I am;
Summon out what I shall be;
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

Welcome

Miigwetch, Merci

Jane Best

Miigwetch, merci, thank you, God

Miigwetch, merci, thank you, God

Territorial Acknowledgement:

Commitment to Safe Space:

Welcoming the Light of Christ:

Opening Hymn: MV 104 Know That God is Good

Mungu ni mwema, mungu ni mwema,
Mongu ni mwema, ni mwema, ni mema.

Know that God is good, know that God is good,
Know that God is good, God is good, God is good.

C'est vrai: Dieu est bon! C'est vrai: Dieu est bon!
C'est vrai: Dieu est bon! Dieu est bon! Dieu est bon!

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer:

Anthem

Jesus Loves Me

Jesus Loves Me by Anna Warner & William Bradbury
We are All God's Children by Joel Raney, Choral Setting by Joel Raney

Prayer for Illumination:

Reading from the Scriptures:

John 15: 7-16

Hymn MV 196 We Will Take What You Offer

We will take what you offer, we will live by your word;
We will love one another and be fed by you, God. *(repeat)*

We will take what you offer, we will live by your word;
We will love one another and be led by you, God. *(repeat)*

Message: "Chosen" The Rev. John L. Bell

Anthem: A Place of Beginning Again

by Dr. Calvin S. Metcalf & Mary McDonald

Service of Ordination and Commissioning

Presentation of Candidates

Ordination

Hymn: TLUS 6 God Lights a Lamp

God lights a lamp, and she searches ev'rywhere
For the hidden, lonely heart.
God lights a lamp, and she searches ev'rywhere.
When she find you, oh, she sings:
"I have found my treasure, my precious silver coin.
I have found my love!"
Even angels will hear the news:
What once was lost is found.

Candidate: Pamela Brown

Hymn: VU 578 As a Fire is Meant for Burning vs 2

2. We are learners; we are teachers;
 We are pilgrims on the way.
 We are seekers; we are givers;
 We are vessels made of clay.
 By our gentle, loving actions,
 We would show that Christ is light.
 In a humble, listening Spirit,
 We would live to God's delight.

Candidate: Laura Hutchison

Hymn: VU 567 Will You Come and Follow Me, vs 2, 5

2. Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?
5. Christ, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus, I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

Candidate: Steven Loweth

Choir Hymn: Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures high and low!
Give thanks to God, in love made known.
Creator, Word, and Spirit one!

Candidate: Caitlin Smithers

Choral Response: VU 958 "Halle, Halle, Halle"

Halle, halle, hallelujah! (*3 times*)
Halllujah! Hallelujah!

Offertory Prayer

Hymn: TLUS 23 For Everyone Born

1. For everyone born, a place at the table,
For everyone born, clean water and bread,
A shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
For everyone born, a star overhead.

2. For all who share life, a place at the table
Revising the roles, deciding the share,
With wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
For all who share life, a system that's fair.

And God will delight when we are creators of justice

And joy, compassion, and peace:

**Yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice,
Justice and joy!**

3. For those we neglect, a place at the table,
A voice to be heard, a part in the song,
The hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
For those we neglect, the right to belong
4. For all who have breath, a place at the table,
A covenant shared, a welcoming space,
A rainbow of race and gender and colour,
For all who have breath, the chalice of grace. **Refrain**
5. For you and for me, a place at the table,
Though wounded and sore, with need to forgive,
In anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy,
For you and for me, a new way to live.
6. For everyone born, a place at the table,
To live without fear, and simply to be,
To work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
For everyone born, the right to be free. **Refrain**

Sacrament of Communion

Invitation:

God is with us. **We are not alone.**

Christ is present here. **The Spirit is among us!**

Let us give thanks to God **in memory and in hope.**

Great Thanksgiving:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory,

Hosanna in the highest!

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!**

**Memorial Acclamation:
Christ has died. Christ is risen.
Christ will come again!**

**The Prayer of Jesus: (VU 916)
Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be.
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

**The hallowing of your name echo
Through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed
By peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done
By all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
Sustain our hope and come on earth.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us,
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.**

**For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
Now and for ever. Amen.**

**These are the gifts of God for the people of God.
For the people of God.**

Serving Communion

Hymn during Communion: VU 466 Eat This Bread

Eat this bread, drink this cup;
Come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup;
Trust in me and you will not thirst.

Prayer after Communion

Closing Hymn: MV 145 Draw the Circle Wide

**Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,
Standing side by side, draw the circle wide.**

1. God the still point of the circle,
‘round whom all creation turns;
Nothing lost, but help forever,
In God’s gracious arms.
**Traçons un grand cercle. Traçons le plus grand.
C’est notre seul chant, nul n’est solitaire,
Debout solidaires, traçons un grand cercle**
2. Let our hearts touch far horizons,
So encompass great and small;
Let our loving know no borders,
Faithful to God’s call. **English Refrain**
3. Let the dreams we dream be larger,
Than we’ve ever dreamed before;
Let the dream of Christ be in us,
Open every door.

French Refrain, then English Refrain

Benediction:

Sending Forth Hymn: VU 646 We Are Marching

We are marching in the light of God; *(4 times)*
We are marching, oo, we are marching in the light of God. *(2 times)*

Siyahamb’ ekukhanyen’kwenkhos’; *(4 times)*
Si ya hamba, oo, Siyahamb’ ekukhanyen’kwenkhos’ *(2 times)*

Special Thank You:

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