

 The congregation is invited to read/sing the **bold font**.
*Indicates the congregation may stand unannounced.
Amplification devices to assist with hearing are available at the sound booth.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE “Promise” (“Hymn of Promise”)
setting, Roberta Roland-Raybold

CALL TO WORSHIP Adapted from Psalm 67

Bless our God, O peoples;
Let the sound of praise be heard!
God has kept us among the living and has not let our feet slip.
**We went through fire and through water,
yet God has brought us out to a spacious place.**
Come and hear what God has done for us, all who fear God.
**Surely God has listened to us and heard our prayers!
Blessed be God, who is steadfast love.**

*SONG OF WORSHIP #56 “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Adapted from *Call to Worship*, Vol. 56.1

Holy One,
**we love you imperfectly:
we do not always keep your commandments.
We love each other imperfectly:
we hurt those you call us to love
through our actions and inaction.
We love ourselves imperfectly:
we struggle to believe
that we are truly your children made in your image.
Have mercy upon us and forgive us, Lord.**

Please observe a time of silence for personal reflection and confession.

Living One,
**by the power of your Spirit,
make us more faithful
that we might live as Christ has shown us,
reflecting your love and grace. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Because Christ lives, we also live.
Not because of what we have done,
not because of our belief or faithfulness:
we live only because Christ lives.
**This is the Christ who forgives us.
This is the God who lives in us.
This is the Spirit who is with us.
Alleluia! Praise be to God!**

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Friends, the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Congregation, bless your children.
You are God’s beloved child. With you, God is well pleased.

*SONG OF PREPARATION #444 “Rain Down”

SCRIPTURE & SERMON 1 Peter 3:13-22

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH “A New Creed” (1968)
The United Church of Canada

**We are not alone,
we live in God’s world.**

**We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God’s presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

**We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

*SONG OF THANKSGIVING #147 “Praise God from Whom...”

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

*Tithes/offerings placed in the baskets at the entrance of the sanctuary
are brought forward as a sign of our response to God’s call on our lives.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Our Father 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.**

*SONG OF RESPONSE #590 “Rise Up, O Saints of God!”

*ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING SONG “My Friends, May You Grow in Grace”

*The congregation is invited to stand and turn toward the center aisle,
blessing one another in song.*

**My friends, may you grow in grace,
and in the knowledge of our Lord, and Savior.
My friends, may you grow in grace,
and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.
To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen.
To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen.**

*POSTLUDE “Celebration in D”
Stephen L. Aber

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THIS WILL ONLY TAKE A SECOND

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CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF May 10, 2026

TODAY

9:45 am Worship Service

MONDAY

6:30 pm Council Meetings

TUESDAY

2:00 pm Coffee, Cookies, & Conversation

WEDNESDAY

5:30 pm Congregational Meal

7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir

NEXT SUNDAY

8:30 am Take a Second Mom Group

9:45 am Worship Service

10:45 am Senior Sunday

Greeters: Cyndi Boertje, Cheri Scherr

Next Week:

Nursery:

Next Week: Liz Wilner, Annie Vande Kamp

Storyteller: Jaci Ray

Next Week: Julia Tjeerdsma

Barista:

Next Week: Pete & Cindy Peterson

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

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