Shining Waters Regional Council

Celebration of Ministries

Sanctuary: Towards a Kindom of Peace, Justice and Reconciliation

Sunday, October 26, 2025
Jubilee United Church, Toronto, Ontario

*Processional Hymn **I, the Lord and Sea and Sky** *VU #509*

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?

[Refrain] ***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.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain,
I have wept for love of them; they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? *[Retrain]*

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? *[Refrain]*

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Words of Welcome, Territorial Acknowledgement, Remembering our Ancestors

Emma: … May their wisdom steady our steps.

All: **Thanks be to God for the ancestors who guide us.**

Norm: …. May their resilience strengthen our ministry.

All: **Thanks be to God for the ancestors who guide us.**

YunJung: …. May their love widen our welcome.

All: **Thanks be to God for the ancestors who guide us.**

Emma: …. silence of your hearts or gently aloud.

All: **Holy One, we give thanks for those whose courage and compassion continue to shape our journey. Knit us together with them in service and ministry of justice, mercy, and abundant life. Amen.**

Christ Candle Lighting

Norm: …. illuminated by Jesus Christ and moved by the Spirit.

All: **May each of us find comfort in this flickering light as we are drawn closer to God during this time of worship, music, prayer and community.**

Call to Worship

YunJung: …. Spirit calls and the Church affirms.

All: **We come, ready to worship, to celebrate, and to bless.**

Emma: …. Spirit is sending disciples into the world.

All: **We rejoice in the ministry of Christ and give thanks for those called to serve.**

Norm: …. we are made one body in Christ.

All: **We come with joy, trusting the Spirit who makes all things new.**

YunJung: …. who empowers, who blesses.

All: **With hearts lifted high and lives opened wide, we celebrate together the life-giving presence of God.**

Hymn** **God Lights a Lamp** ***TLUS #6

[English]

God lights a lamp, and she searches everywhere
for the hidden, lonely heart.
God lights a lamp, and she searches everywhere.
When she finds 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.

[French]

Dieu allume la lampe et balaie la maison,

et cherche pour son cœur.

Elle allume la lampe et balaie la maison;

elle, Dieu, se réjouit:

"Célébrons ensemble, voici ma pièce précieuse.

Célébrons, ô mon âme."

Et les anges vont tremblés:

Perdue et là trouvée.

Words, Katie Graber, Music Anneli Loepp Thiessen

Prayers of Invitation, Transformation and New Life

YunJung: … to create and to serve.

All: **We confess that too often we turn away from your call. We turn up our chosen media and drown out your voice. We make excuses or cling to what is safe and familiar.**

Emma: …. or out of doubt that we could ever be enough.

All: **Forgive us, O God. Help us to forgive ourselves. Renew us in courage and trust. Open our ears to hear again your call, and our hearts to embrace the life you set before us. For when we dare to follow, we discover not only our own**

transformation but the healing and renewal of others as well.

Norm: In Jesus' name we pray.

All: **Amen.**

Words of Assurance

*Hymn **Trust these words** ***TLUS #78***

Trust these words: you are forgiven!
Through Christ's mercy, broken hearts can be restored;
trust these words: You are forgiven!
Live in peace, beloved, know that you are adored;
trust these words, trust these words, trust these words.
Trust these words: you are forgiven!
Through Christ's mercy, broken hearts can be restored;
trust these words: You are forgiven!
Live in grace and peace, oh, love and serve the Lord.
trust these words, trust these words, trust these words.

Words and music: Lisa Waiters, 2021.

Scripture Reading 1 Kings 17:1-16

(Multi Languages - Cantonese, Filipino, French and Korean)

Now Elijah the Tishbite, from Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the Lord, the God of Israel, lives, whom I serve, there will be neither dew nor rain in the next few years except at my word."

[2] Then the word of the Lord came to Elijah: [3] "Leave here, turn eastward and hide in the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan. [4] You will drink from the brook, and I have directed the ravens to supply you with food there."

[5] So he did what the Lord had told him. He went to the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan, and stayed there. [6] The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the brook.

[7] Some time later the brook dried up because there had been no rain in the land. [8] Then the word of the Lord came to him: [9] "Go at once to Zarephath in the region of Sidon and stay there. I have directed a widow there to supply you with food." [10] So he went to Zarephath. When he came to the town gate, a widow was there gathering sticks. He called to her and asked, "Would you bring me a little water in a jar so I may have a drink?" [11] As she was going to get it, he called, "And bring me, please, a piece of bread."

[12] "As surely as the Lord your God lives," she replied, "I don't have any bread—only a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it—and die."

[13] Elijah said to her, "Don't be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small loaf of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your

son. [14] For this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: ‘The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the Lord sends rain on the land.’”

[15] She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. [16] For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the Lord spoken by Elijah.

Special Music **I See, I Hear, I know** ***Community Choir***

Lyrics by Herbert Brokering Music by Craig Courtney

Sermon

*Hymn **In You There Is a Refuge** ***MV84***

In you there is a refuge, in you we find our peace.
When all we know is chaos may our trust in you increase.
In you there is a silence, in you our minds are clear.
When all we hear is discord may your quiet draw us near.
In you there is a vision, in you we learn to dream.
When all we see is desert may you be our living stream.
In you there is a future, in you we find our way.
When hope has shed its brightness may you show us a new day.

Word: Keri K Wehlander, Music: Linnea Good, 2005

Celebration of Retirees

The Rev. Warren Ball
The Reverend Dr. Deborah Hart
The Reverend Elizabeth Mackenzie
The Reverend Dr. Todd McDonald

The Reverend Lee-Ann Ahlstrom
The Reverend Andrew Comar
The Reverend Karen Dale
The Reverend Lorraine Newton-Comar
The Reverend Susan Woods

Recognition of the Outgoing President *The Rev. Tina Conlon*

Installation of New President *The Rev. Eric Nyarko*

Tina: Do you, the members of Shining Waters Regional Council, promise to support and encourage Eric Nyarko with your prayers and work?

All: **We will hold you in our prayers and ask for blessings upon you in your work amongst us.**

Presentation of Candidates

ORDINATION
Susan Wood
Adele Halliday
Hunanyun (Julia) Ye
Zixian (Cathy) Zou

ADMISSION
Ariel Siagan
Jason Byassee

Response: *After each person is ordained / admitted*
One: …. and so we sing
All: ***(Hallelujah!) Hosanna!***

Offering

Special Music **What was I made for** ***Jubilee Grove Band***
B. Eilish, F.O'Connell

Dedication Prayer

Emma: … and love as signs of our shared calling in Christ.

All: **We give in gratitude for the blessings of life and community. We give in hope, trusting that your Spirit makes all things new. We give in faith, believing that your church can be a sign of justice and peace.**

Norm: …. love may abound and hope be made real in this world.

All: **Receive what we bring, O Holy One, and take who we are. By your Spirit, transform us and our gifts for the work of your kin-dom — a kin-dom of peace, justice, and joy. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Hymn **For everyone born** ***TLUS #23***

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,

[Refrain] ***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!

For all who share life, a place at the table,
revising the roles, deciding the share,
with a wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
for all who share life, a system that's fair, *[Refrain]*

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, *[Refrain]*

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]*

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, *[Refrain]*

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]*

Words: Shirley Erena Murray, 1998, alt Music: Brian Mann, 2006

Communion

Hymn **In the Singing** ***TLUS #26***

In the singing, in the silence,
in the hands expectant open,
in the blessing, in the breaking,
in the Presence at this table,
[Refrain] ***Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ,***
be the wine of grace:
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ,
be the bread of peace
In the question, in the answer,
in the moment of acceptance,
in the heart's cry, in the healing,
in the circle of your people, *[Refrain]*

Words, Shirley Erena Murray, 1994 Mandarin Trans Music I-toLoh, 2023

YunJung: God be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Emma: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to God.**

Norm: Let us give thanks to God.

All: **It is right to do so.**

All ***(Sung response)*****: Waites Communion Set (Sanctus Benedictus)**

TLUS #19

Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might;
heav'n and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who comes in the name,

comes in the name for our God.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name,

comes in the name of our God.

Hosanna in the highest; hosanna in the highest!

Words, Traditional liturgical text Music: Lisa Waites

YunJung: Fill our church with vision.

All: **Fill our world with hope. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer **Notre Père. Notre Mère** ***TLUS #69***

Notre Père. Notre Mère. Créateur de l'Univers.

Toi que Tes enfants appellant Dieu, l'Éternel

Dieu d'espoir et de Lumière Pain de Vie et Source claire

Que Ton nom soit sanctifié Chanté partout et glorifié

Et sur la terre comme au ciel… Ô Dieu de grace et de bonté

Aide nous à rester fidèles à Ta vo-lon-té,

Donne nous chaque jour nourriture et amour

Apprends-nous à pardonner, Comme Tu sais nous pardonner,

Protège-nous des fleurs du mal. Des nuits d'orage et de la peur,

Et guide-nous vers les étoiles au coeur de Ton coeur.

Notre Père, Notre Mère. Que nos vies soient des prières

Qui nous élèvent jusqu'à Toi. Amen, Amen.

Paroles et musique: Lambert, 2022 arr. Jessica Gauthier, 2024

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

Special Music **The Majesty and Glory of Your Name** ***Jubilee Choir***

Tom Fettke

Prayer After Communion

YunJung: … now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

Hymn **You shall go out with joy** ***VU #884***

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;

the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;

there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field

will clap, will clap their hands!

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands (clap, clap)

the trees of the field will clap their hands, (clap, clap)

the trees of the field will clap their hands (clap, clap)

while you go out with joy.

Words: Steffi G. Rubin. Music: Stuart Dauermann

Commissioning and Benediction

YunJung: … guide you into every place you are called.

All: **Amen**.

Postlude **Unwritten** *N.Bedingfield* *Jubilee Grove Band*

Liturgical Leadership

The Rev. Emma Pipes Liturgist and Preacher
The Rev. Norm Seli, Liturgist
The Rev. Dr. YunJung Kim, Liturgist
The Rev. Tina Conlon, President
The Rev. Eric Nyarko, President-elect
The Rev. Peter Hartmans, Executive Minister
The Rev. Kellie McComb, Office of Vocation
The Rev. Eun-Joo Park, Regional Staff

Musical Leadership

Jubilee United Church Choir - Jeannie Wyse *(Music Director)*
Jubilee Grove Band – Kye Andrews
(Digital Production and Director, Grove Music School)
Other members of the Choir and the Band

Scripture Readers

Betty Yip & YoYo Mak - *Cantonese*
Wima Delo - *Filipino*
The Rev. Isaac Kamta - *French*
The Rev. Dr. YunJung Kim – *Korean*

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