

CAMBRIDGE STREET UNITED CHURCH

Lindsay, Ontario, Canada
October 24, 2021 at 10:40 a.m.

Today's service is being live streamed beginning 10 minutes early.

*Minister: Craig Donnelly; Director of Music: Erwin Stroobach
Audio-Visual: Walt Radda*

Order of Service

VU – Voices United hymn book MV – More Voices
Bold Print indicates congregational response

OPEN DOORS

Prelude: *Celtic Grace & Rejoice Greatly* Susan E. Geschke
Cambridge St. United Bellchoir

Call to Worship

We come, not alone,
but in the company of one another.
We share our happiness with each other,
and it becomes greater.
We share our troubles with each other,
and they became smaller.
We share one another's griefs and burdens,
and their weight becomes lighter,
more possible to bear together.

Lighting the Christ Candle

* Hymn: *Morning Has Broken* VU #409

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Prayer for Grace

We are part of a community of faith,
so we can draw on one another for strength and support.
The path of life is often too hard to be travelled alone.
Sometimes, we avoid hands outstretched to help us.
There are times when we prefer
to act alone or to struggle alone.
Beside us, walks a friend,
a spouse, a partner, a parent,
a neighbor, a fellow worker.
They are very near us, and sometimes,
we don't recognize their quiet presence.
And yet, it is together that we heal and hope,
and become whole again. Amen.

Words of Hope

We bring our scattered lives to God,
however divided, weak, tied up in knots.
Christ's love can begin to unravel,
straighten, smooth, and mend them.

Sung Refrain: *I Love You, God, Who Heard My Cry* VU #617

OPEN MINDS

Story for Children and the Young of Heart of All Ages

* Hymn: *Jesus, Friend of Little Children* VU #340

Scripture: Matthew 6:34

So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring
worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

Ministry of Music: *We Have Heard the Shepherd's Song*
Joseph Martin & Brad Nix

Message and Hymn: *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go* VU #658

OPEN HEARTS AND HANDS

Offering of Ourselves: Time, Treasures and Talents

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Offertory Dedication and Sung Response: *Simple Gifts* VU #353

Prayers of the People

**So many things in life can make us feel lonely,
losing a loved one or the breaking of a friendship,
being compelled by illness or infirmity to stay home,
feeling that nobody understands or appreciates us.**

**God, we pray for those who are lonely today,
who feel the loss of love or friendship,
who feel isolated or unwanted,
who fear being out of place or pushed aside.**

**Give them the rich experience of belonging.
Give to us eyes to recognize lonely people around us,
and the grace to offer friendship and love,
in the name of Jesus Christ, friend of all.
Amen.**

Moment of Silent Prayer and Reflection

**. . . for someone known to us,
. . . for situations in our world.**

The Prayer of Jesus

*** Hymn: What a Friend We Have in Jesus** VU #664

Benediction

May God be with us,
in our going out and in our coming in.
May God be with us
in life's hills and in its valleys.
May God be with us
in company and in solitude.
May God be with us
in all our journey.

Postlude

*The postlude music is offered as a time
of instrumental reflection and prayer.*