

Rosedale United Church

Learn. Grow. Serve.



"La multiplication des pains," by Corinne Vonaesch.

June 18, 2023

A Joint Service of the North Toronto Cluster
of the United Church of Canada

Meeting the Moment

with the Rt. Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne, Moderator

**Indicates the invitation to stand, in body or in spirit.*

🍁 Indicates Canadian musical content.

PRELUDE

Dr. Sarah Svendsen

"Introduction" and "Intermezzo" from *Petite Suite*

🍁 Gerald Bales

WELCOME

Rev. Ruth Noble and Rev. Dr. Kristin Philipson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Emily Gordon

... Here we gather.

We gather together in this place. On this land. In this moment.

*HYMN MV 143 We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky
How Can I Keep from Singing

*GREETING OF PEACE Rev. Ruth Noble

GATHERING PRAYER, CONFESSION Rev. Dr. Kristin Philipson

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our loving Parent, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

HYMN More Voices 37, Each Blade of Grass, verses 1&2
Rhode Island

Children are invited to go out to their special program.

OPENING THE THEME Rev. Cynthia O'Connell
*In response to deep change and out of necessity we have invested
time, money, and other resources into new ways of being church.
Who do these investments serve and how do they proclaim the good
news?*

HYMN More Voices 37, Each Blade of Grass, verse 3
Rhode Island

FIRST READING Genesis 18:1-15
Rev. Dr. John Joseph Mastandrea

OFFERING INVITATION Rev. Dr. Kristin Philipson
We offer the work of our hands and the love of our hearts.
The gifts of God as a blessing for the world!

OFFERING ANTHEM RUC Choir, Soloist, Laurie Hurst
"Operator" comp. W. Spivery; arr. K. Shaw

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Rev. Ruth Noble

"Here we gather. Here we sing." Text: E. Gordon; Music.. M. Boutda

**Here we gather. Here we sing
as our hearts and gifts we bring:
bold disciples, broken too -
with all we are we give for you.**

**Here we gather. Here we pray
for a world shaped by your Way:
healing tears and laughter strong -
we're co-creators of your Song.**

SECOND READING Matthew 9:35-10:8 Rev. Stephen Milton

ANTHEM North Toronto Cluster Mass Choir, Conductor, M. Boutda
"For the Beauty of the Earth" J. Rutter

REFLECTION Meeting the Moment, Together
Rt. Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER AND SERVICE OF COMMUNION

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Gathering, Pentecost 1 2019, page 65-66.
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Our Maker be with you!

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to our God.

Let us give thanks to the Maker of all.

It is great to give God thanks and praise.

It is indeed a joy to gather in community with
Friends and strangers to tell again our great, great,
Story. God is the source of all life, all stories, and
all voices. God made you and adores you. Wherever
you may be on your journey to claim this identity -
beloved child of God - you are welcome at this
table. It is not mine, nor does it belong to the United Church of
Canada.

It is God's, and Jesus is our host.

Thanks be to God!

We thank you, God for how you have gifted us
with imagination. This gift leads us to empathy,
possibility, creativity, and memory. It allows us to
have a faith story and ancestor and rituals, such
as this. We thank you for the imagination of Jesus
Christ, in whom you came to share stories, signs,

and symbols with all on earth. Thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit, which allows for these stories to continue to form and reform, create and recreate. And so, with all you have created and all you are going to create, along with all the voices in heaven and earth, we join to sing your praise:

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 come in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Jesus used parables to show us the mysterious depth of your love. Jesus taught us to turn our expectations upside down and awaken our imaginations to the possibility of a better world for all.

On the last night he had with his community, he retold the great story of how you freed the Hebrew people during the Passover and he included each disciple and follower in that great unfolding story. Help us realize that we, too, are a part of that story - your holy providence of making all things new! Let us hear the story again.

It was during supper that he took bread, giving thanks to you, God, and he broke it, saying: "This is my body, broken for you. Take and eat all of you, and when you do this, remember me." It was later that night that he took the cup, and after giving thanks to you, he poured it out, saying: "This is my blood, poured out for all in the making of a new covenant: one for the forgiveness of all sins. Take and drink, all of you. And when you do this, remember me."

And so, we come to break bread and have our thirst quenched by the Divine Mystery. Let us Declare the story of our faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Holy Spirit, breath of God, come now and

Transform these gifts and these people, so that we may be united with Christ and united as one body, one that is ready to serve your world. May these elements sustain our faith and strengthen our Imagination!

Here are the gifts of God for the people of God!
Thanks be to God. **Amen.**

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Dr. Daniel Rubinoff and Shawn Grenke
The Lake 🍁 Paul Halley
Variations on "O Beautiful Gaia" 🍁 comp. McDade; arr. Rubinoff

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Rev. Roberta Howey

*HYMN Voices United 625, I Feel the Winds of God Kingsfold

*SENDING OUT & BLESSING

Rev. Ruth Noble and Rev. Dr. Kristin Philipson

As we go forth, let us give thanks and glory to God.

**Glory to God,
whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the church, and in Christ Jesus,
forever and ever. Amen.**

POSTLUDE

"Toccata" from *Symphony no. 1*

Dr. Sarah Svendsen

🍁 Rachel Laurin

We welcome
Rev. Angie Hocking
Regent Park
Community Minister
in leadership with
Rev. Dr. Anne
Simmonds



Meeting the Moment
June 25, 2023

ALL STAR ORGAN CONCERT



June 26, 2023

7 pm



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***The flowers in the sanctuary today
Are in loving memory of my grandparents***

The Rev. Dr. Robert and Gwynneth Wallace

***With fond and loving memories of their services to
Rosedale United Church
1977 - 1994***

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne and family