

# First United Church

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Sunday, July 25, 2021 10:30 a.m.

Purpose: Building Relationships,  
Living God's Transforming Love.

## Gathering

**Prelude:** Flute piece in F

William Hine

## Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

**Introit** Open Our Hearts

MV 21

- **Call to Worship**

*Come, Wind of God, Holy Spirit.*

**Come that our minds might be open to wrestling with questions and doubts.**

*Come, Breath of God, Holy Spirit.*

**Let us hear you resound in thunder and storm. Let us hear you whisper in a still, small voice.**

*Come, Word of God.*

**Offer us a glimpse of the mystery of life. Open our hearts to the presence of love.**

*Come, Holy Spirit, enliven us as we worship God this day.*

- **Hymn** "Open My Eyes" Rebecca McKay

VU 371

- **Prayer of Approach** [based on Psalm 139:1-12]

**Gracious God, Faithful Friend, who searches us and knows us and is acquainted with all our ways, we need to search and know you, we need to become acquainted with your ways.**

**As you are always present with us, we need to endeavour to be always present to you, for often in pain and grief, or in guilt and doubt, we lose touch with you or forget about you.**

**Keep us from wandering aimlessly, lovelessly in such times. Let us be attuned to your Spirit when we seek direction, reassurance, or focus. Hear our prayers for one another, for your world in need, for the clarity that comes from fruitful discernment. Attend us, address us, renew us as we worship you this day.**

**Scripture Reading:** Proverbs 3:13-24 (NRSV inclusive version)

Herein is wisdom.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Ministry of Music:** The Lord's Prayer (Pater Noster) Ernest Chausson  
Rebecca McKay

**Sermon** "Discernment"

**Time of Offering:**

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Living God, receive our offerings this day and bless them. As we listen to your Word and respond to your Spirit, may we be empowered to share in your divine life, participate in your divine activity of transformation and renewal, and serve others and your world. So we pray in Jesus' name. Amen**

**Call to Prayer** Cradle Me in Your Arms

MV 91

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, 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, the power and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen

• **Hymn** "Spirit God, Be Our Breath" Rebecca McKay MV 150

• **Commissioning and Blessing**

**Postlude** Ogan - Galliard Bernard Schmid