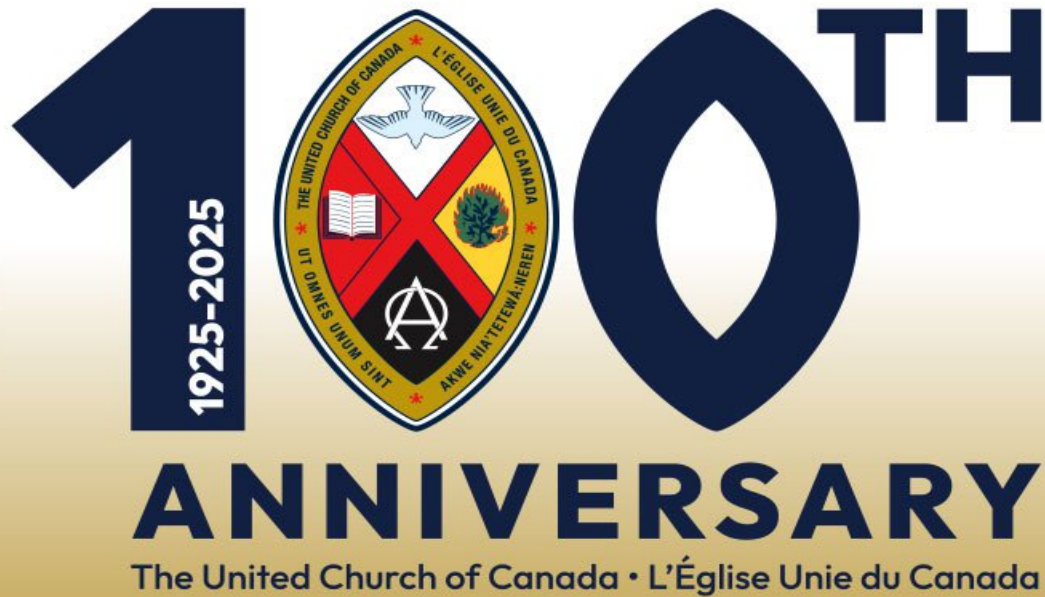


# Pentecost Sunday &



**June 8, 2025**

**Gathering Music** “Now Thank We All Our God” (VU # 236)

**Welcome**

# Light the Christ Candle



**All: We light the Christ candle, the sign of the light that lives with us and within us. God's generous light shines out from us ! We are God's generous light in the world ! Amen.**



**Announcements**



**Garage Sale**  
**June 07, 2025**  
**Thank you for coming to  
help !**















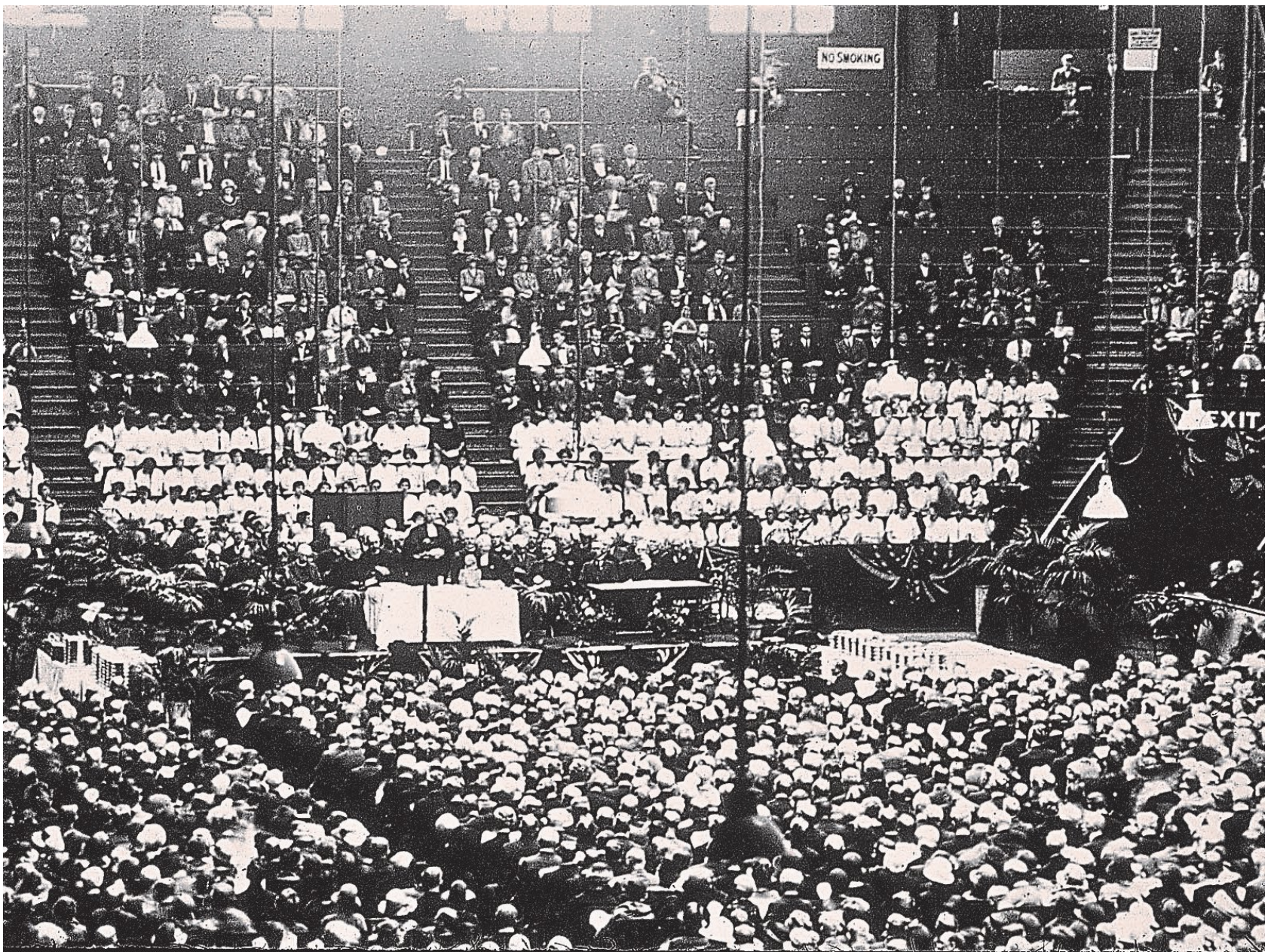












**Prelude**

***"Noble March"***



## **Call to Worship**

When the day of Pentecost came, the disciples were all together in one place...

**Today, we gather in many places and ways, yet we are one in heart !**

Touched by the Spirit, the first disciples were enlivened.

**By the Spirit, we live and thrive !**



On the day of Pentecost, the Church was born.

**Today, we celebrate 100 years of being the United Church !**

In their gathering that day, people were changed by the Spirit.

**In our gathering today, we share our personal faith journey with the Church and seek the Spirit's direction for tomorrow.**

With open hearts, let us worship God and pray for the Spirit's presence amongst us.

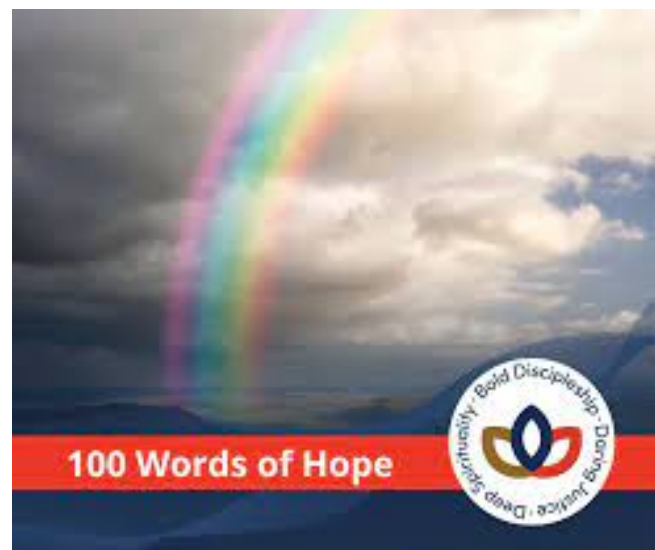
**Come, Holy Spirit, Come !**



# Hymn VU # 651

*“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”*

1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,  
pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but thou art mighty,  
hold me with thy powerful hand.  
Bread of Heaven, Bread of Heaven,  
feed me 'til I want no more,  
feed me 'til I want no more.



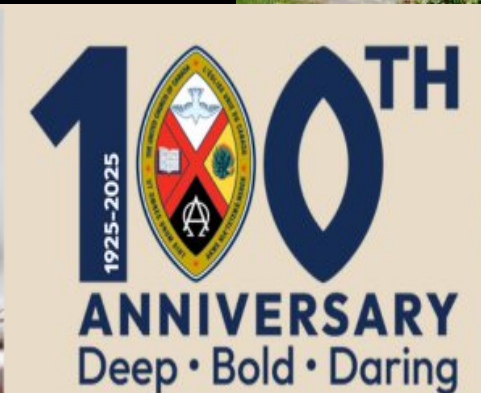
2      Open now the crystal fountain,  
whence the healing stream doth flow;  
let the fire and cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,  
        be thou still my strength and shield,  
        be thou still my strength and shield.

3      **When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of Death, and Hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side:  
songs of praises, songs of praises  
        I will ever give to thee,  
        I will ever give to thee.**



# Reflection

*by Rev. Yun-Hee*





# My Journey with the Church

*by Donna, Marian & Vida*

**Hymn VU # 649**

*“Walk with Me”*

## *Refrain*

**Walk with me, I will walk with you  
and build the land that God has planned  
where love shines through.**







1969-Donna Shortill's wedding to Paul Metcalfe... sisters





**1965-Shortill family ready for Sunday School and church**

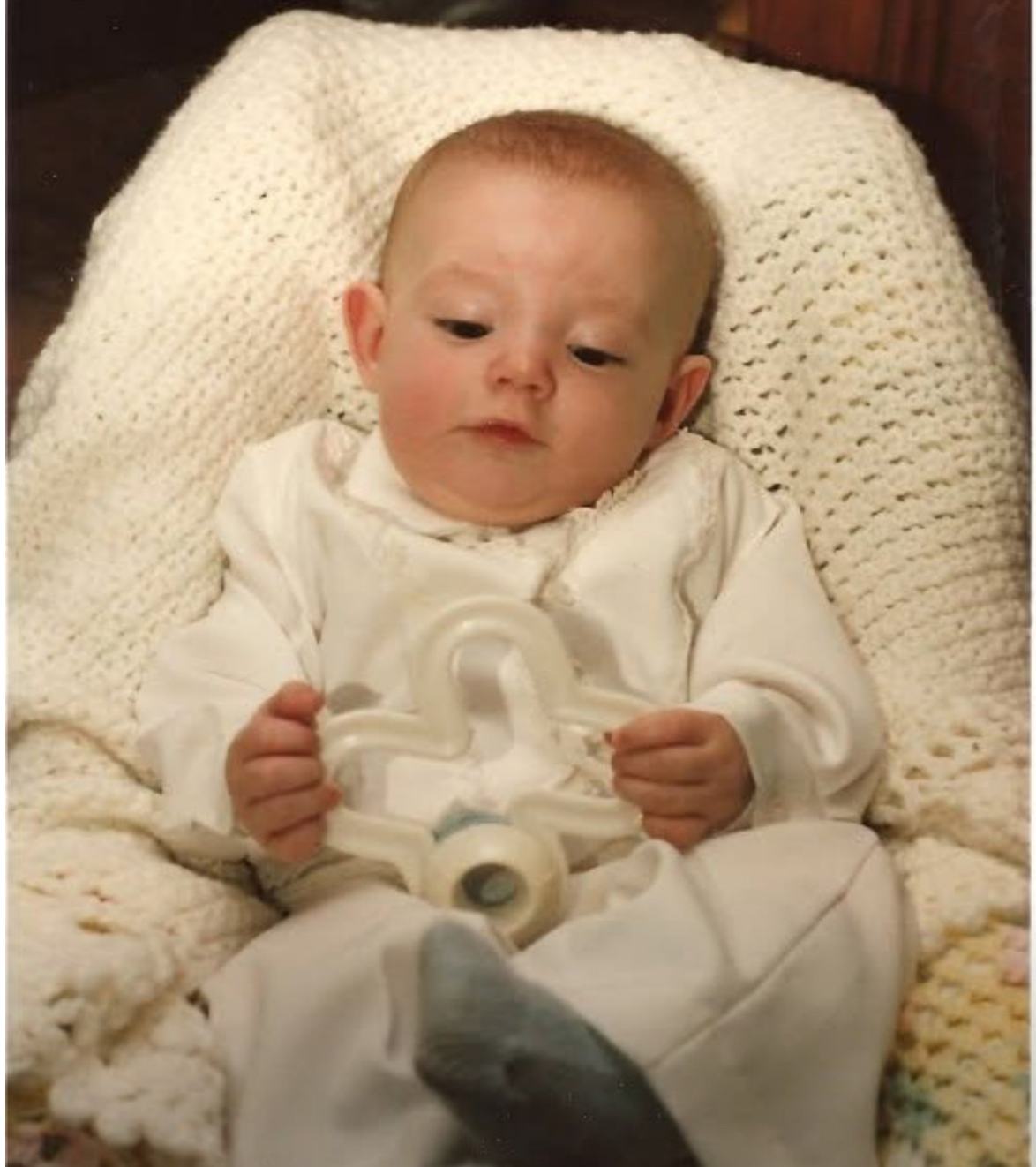


**1963-Shortill family ready for church**





1935 - Harry Shortill at 11 plus Richard and Lillian ready for Sunday School and church



**1982- David Metcalfe is baptized**



# Time with the Young People

*led by Wendy*





## Children Song

*"Rise & Shine"*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jnI0Lnd65bE>

*(The children may now proceed with their guardians to have sharing time.)*





**Choir Anthem**

**"Sanctus"**

## **The Prayer of Illumination**

Spirit of God, you hovered over the waters before the first days of Creation, and you hovered over the disciples on the first day that Christ's Church came alive.

**God of memory and hope, 186 years ago your people, founded your Church in Erin and 147 years ago you inspired your people to form your Church in Ballinafad.**

**You were present to our ancestors in faith 100 years ago as they came together to form The United Church of Canada.**



You were present in all those who continued to build a uniting church in the generations that followed, and we believe that you are still present with us today.

**By your Grace your Ballinafad and Erin Churches united in 2020.**

**May you open our hearts to you in this time so that we might know your wisdom, trust in the ways you proclaim, and live into them with hope !**

**All this we pray,  
in Jesus' name. Amen.**



**100 years in 2025**

# **The Scriptures**

*read by Lynda W.*

## **First Reading**

**Ephesians 1:15–19, 3:16–21**

[Paul wrote] I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.



I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

[Jesus said] I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.



Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

Hear what the Spirit is saying  
to the Church.

**We give thanks for inspiration.**



# My Journey with the Church

*by Ed & Midge and Linda J.*

**Hymn VU # 649**

*“Walk with Me”*

**Refrain**

**Walk with me, I will walk with you  
and build the land that God has planned  
where love shines through.**





# My Journey with the Church

*by Lynne and Al*



## **Hymn VU # 240**

*“Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven”*

**1**

Praise, my soul, the God of Heaven,  
glad of heart your carols raise;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
who, like me, should sing God's praise.  
Hallelujah ! Hallelujah !

Praise the Maker all your days !

**2      Praise God for the grace and favour  
shown our forebears in distress;  
God is still the same forever,  
slow to chide and swift to bless.  
Hallelujah ! Hallelujah !  
Sing our Maker's faithfulness !**



3     Like a loving parent caring,  
         God knows well our feeble frame;  
gladly all our burdens bearing,  
         still to countless years the same.  
Hallelujah ! Hallelujah !  
         All within me, praise God's name !

4     Frail as summer's flower we flourish;  
         blows the wind and it is gone;  
but, while mortals rise and perish,  
         God endures unchanging on.  
Hallelujah ! Hallelujah !  
         Praise the high eternal one !

5      Angels, teach us adoration,  
you behold God face to face;  
Sun and Moon and all Creation,  
dwellers all in time and space.  
Hallelujah ! Hallelujah !  
Praise with us the God of grace !





## Prayers for the Church

Triune God, we are your Church, your people gathered. Since the beginning, you have been with us. In the dry and desert-like moments, when decline and death surround us, you teach us that we need you and to trust in you. When these truths have been remembered, your people have flourished.

**We have been together as The United Church of Canada for 100 years. On this historic threshold, we remember yet again that we live and move and have our being in you. It is time to dance with the Holy Spirit as we move past this moment. Empower us loving God, to live by your Spirit, unafraid of where we are being led.**

Now is the time to dig deep in our faith ! To dare to be your resurrection people, for Christ's Way is our way. Let us be alive by your Spirit's power !

**May you awaken us to your moving among us even now so we can boldly follow your call into tomorrow. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer VU # 960**

**Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowéd 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, for ever and ever. Amen.**



## **Musical Offering VU # 540**

Grant us, God, the grace of giving,  
with a spirit large and free,  
that ourselves and all our living  
we may offer faithfully.



## **Offering Prayer**

**Empowering God, we believe your Spirit is with us this day, leading us into a new future. We offer our time, talents, finances, and hopes, trusting you to do more than we can dream possible. May you bless us and these offerings with your Spirit. May we be bold disciples, deeply connected to you, who dare to act for justice. This we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen**

- 1 We are one as we come,  
as we come, joyful to be here,  
in the praise on our lips  
there's a sense that God is near.  
We are one as we sing,  
as we seek, we are found;  
and we come needful of God's grace  
as we meet, together in this place.

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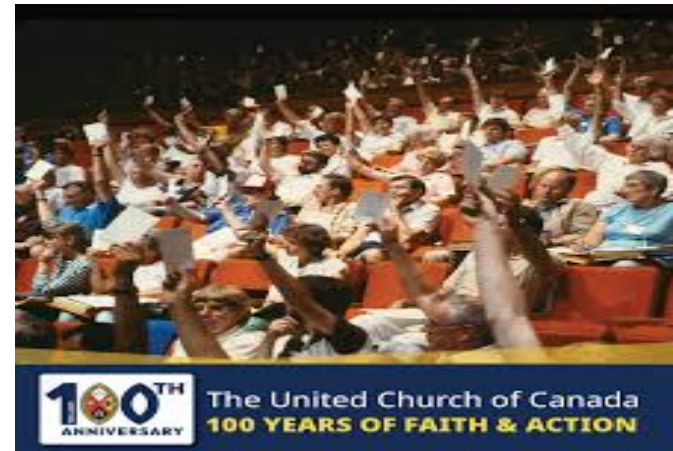
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We are one as we share,  
as we share brokenness and fear,  
in the touch of a hand  
there's a sense that God is here.  
We are one as we care,  
as we heal, we are healed;  
and we share warmth in God's embrace  
as we pray together in this place.

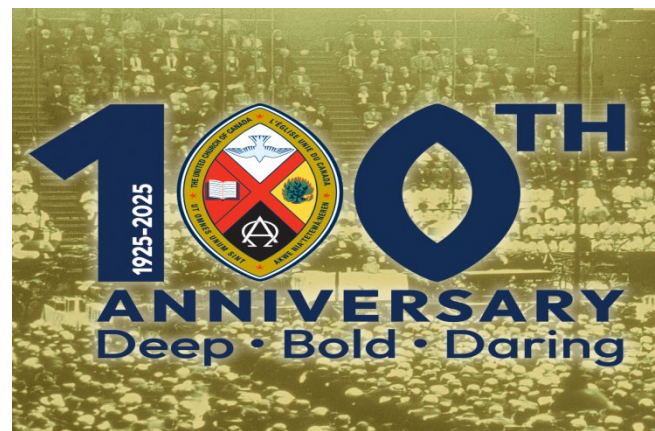




3      We are one as we feast,  
          as we feast, peace becomes the sign;  
in the bread and the wine  
          there's a sense of love divine.  
We are one as we come,  
          as we feed, we are fed;  
and we feel God's refreshing Grace  
          as we meet at table in this place.



4      We are one as we hear,  
          as we hear, heart and hand unite;  
in the word we receive  
          there's a sense that God is light.  
We are one as we leave,  
          as we love, we are loved;  
and we seek justice in God's ways  
          as we move together from this place.



## Blessing

Beloved, as you go out into the world this year, hold this blessing on your heart: God who created you has chosen you for hope. May the power of the Spirit awaken your heart with awe, and may your witness awaken the world in which you live.

**May we travel together, listen together, love together, and grow together in the life of Christ, as the Body of Christ. For we are called to life - to live a Deep Spirituality, a Bold Discipleship, and a Daring Justice in Christ's name, through whom all things are possible.**

Praise be to God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine ! Glory be to God, in the Church, and in Christ Jesus, from generation to generation. **Amen**



## **Commissioning**     **“Go Now in Peace”**

***Go now in peace. Never be afraid.***

***God will go with you each hour of every day.***

***Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true.***

***Know God will guide you in all you do.***

***Go now in love and show you believe.***

***Reach out to others so all the world can see.***

***God will be there within, around, above.***

***Go now in peace, in faith and in love.***

***Amen, amen, amen.***



**God, we thank you for being with us.**

**Thank you Congregation for worshipping today  
in person and by Zoom and for participating in the Service !**

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