



**East Central Ontario  
Regional Council**  
of the United Church of Canada



## **East Central Ontario Regional Council**

Celebration of Ministries Service

September 19, 2020

11:00 a.m.

St-Mark's United Church  
Cannifton, Ontario



**PROCESSIONAL HYMN** ♪ Called by Earth and Sky (MV135)  
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**WORDS OF WELCOME** Assembly of Elders' Speaker Rev. Paul Reed, and Minister of host congregation, Rev. Ryan McNally

**CALL TO WORSHIP - WELCOMING TO THE LAND**

This is no ordinary place: this is the Creator's sanctuary. This is the place where the prophets cry out for peace and justice and righteousness. It is the place where God reaches down into the corners of our lives, to offer us the mystery of Holy love.

For thousands of years, First Nations people have walked on this land; their relationship with the land is at the center of their lives and spirituality. We gather on the traditional lands of the Haudenasone people (Mohawk of the Bay of Quinte) and of the Michi Saagig Anishnaabe people, known in English as the Mississauga or Ojibwe, and we acknowledge their stewardship of this land throughout the ages.

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This is no ordinary place: this is the Creator's sanctuary.

**LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE**

As we light this candle, let the light remind us of the sacred fire that dwells within our hearts and that our hearts are connected with Creator God, with our families, with our communities, and with our universal family. May the flame of Christ's Eternal Light find and welcome every spirit.

**PRAYER OF APPROACH**

Holy, Sacred One, we celebrate your presence,  
within us, among us, beyond us.  
Open our hearts to you, to one another,  
and to the inspiration of your living Word.

May this place be your sanctuary, filled with praise.  
May this gathering be your church, filled with promise.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen

**HYMN** ♪ God Says (MV 172) *sung to the tune of O WALY WALY* – page 17

**SCRIPTURES** † John 21: 1-19 (NIV)

*Jesus and the Miraculous Catch of Fish*

1 Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee.[a] It happened this way: 2 Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus[b]), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. 3 "I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

4 Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.

5 He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?"

"No," they answered.

6 He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

7 Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord," he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. 8 The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards.[c] 9 When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.

10 Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught." 11 So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. 12 Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. 13 Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. 14 This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

### *Jesus Reinstates Peter*

15 When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?"

"Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Feed my lambs."

16 Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep."

17 The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Feed my sheep. 18 Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." 19 Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, "Follow me!"

**SERMON** "On the Care and Feeding of Caprini"

**HYMN** ♪ We Have This Ministry (VU 510) – page 18

### **WE CELEBRATE WITH THANKSGIVING IN MEMORIAM**

#### **Executive Minister:**

We remember the members of the Order of Ministry of East Central Ontario Regional Council who have died during the last year. They shared passion for the Gospel. They loved, with heart, soul and mind, their God and their neighbours. They are missed by dear hearts and held in the peace of Christ.

### **Pastoral Relations Minister:**

We remember Rev. Dr. Michael Bohler, Rev. Rev. Joseph Sahadat, Rev. Dr. Arthur (Lloyd) Shorten, Rev. Dr. Bessie Lane, Rev. Dr. D'thea Webster, Rev. Robert (Bob) L. Flyndell, and Rev. Dr. Roger MacClement.

### **PRAYER**

Merciful God, support us all the day long of this troublous and glorious life until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, in your tender mercy, grant us a safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**We place our hope in God. We sing of a life beyond life and a future good beyond imagining: a new heaven and a new earth, the end of sorrow, pain, and tears, Christ's return and life with God, the making new of all things.**

**We yearn for the coming of that future, even while participating in eternal life now. Amen**

**HYMN** ♪ Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore (VU 563) – page 19

## **CELEBRATION OF THE MINISTRIES OF THOSE RETIRING**

### **Executive Minister:**

Long before we came to this moment, God has been at work and play, moving through the life of The United Church of Canada and through the lives of our retirees.

Through the movement of God's Spirit, each of our retirees have walked paths that have brought them to this time in their lives, and on this day - a moment where we have come together to celebrate and recognize Christ's ministry in and through them. With stories that are different and stories that are similar, all of them are, faithful to God's call.

Some think they are nearing the end of a long path while opening another, some feel they are just beginning. God's Spirit is active in each of them. Join us in a recognition and celebration of their ministries.

**Speaker, Assembly of Elders:**

God is glorified by the faithful lives of God's people. The Church of Jesus Christ is equipped for its ministry by the faithful service of its leaders. Today, the East Central Ontario Regional Council recognizes, with gratitude, those persons who are retiring from active ministry this year.

**All: We give thanks for their service among us, and pray that God's spirit will continue to guide and sustain them.**

**Pastoral Relations Minister:**

Here are the names of Ministers who are retiring: Rev. Beverly Sumbler, Rev Bruce Fraser and Rev. Nadene Grieve-Deslippe.

**PRAYER**

Creator God, Holy One, God of Covenant Love,  
We offer you praise and thanksgiving for remembered times when we have shared the life of faith.

We thank you for moments we have shared with these your ministers in Worship, in learning, in laughter, in tears, in prayer and in service. We pray that they will know with a sure and certain hope the sustenance of your continuing guidance as they move into retirement. And we pray, bless us all in the insights we have received and the relationships we have built.

May we always follow your hope for us and for a world in which your vision will prevail. In the strong name of Jesus we pray. Amen

**HYMN** ♪ I Have Called You By Your Name (MV 161) – page 20

## CELEBRATION OF NEW MINISTRIES

### **Our Affirmation of Faith**

We are not alone,  
    We live in God's world  
We believe in God:  
    who has created and is creating,  
    who has come in Jesus,  
    the Word made flesh,  
    to reconcile and make new  
    who works in us and others  
    by the Spirit  
We trust in God.  
We are called to be the Church  
    to celebrate God's presence  
    to live with respect in Creation  
    to love and serve others,  
    to seek justice and resist evil,  
    to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
    our judge and our hope.  
In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
    God is with us.  
We are not alone.  
Thanks be to God.

### **Speaker, Assembly of Elders:**

The church seeks to support the ministry of its members by nurturing faith, calling forth gifts, and equipping for the exercise of these gifts, within both lay and ordered ministries.

### **Executive Minister:**

Within the ministry of The United Church of Canada, some are called to an Ordained Ministry of Word, Sacrament, and Pastoral Care. Others are called to a ministry of Education, Service and Pastoral Care and are Commissioned to Diaconal Ministry. In what we are about to do, the Church, recognizing God's call to these varied ministries, prays that those who are called will continue to receive the gifts of the Spirit, as the church accepts and authorizes their ministries.

**Speaker, Assembly of Elders:**

Jesus came into the world to be the servant of God and all people. As servant Lord, Jesus calls his Church to a ministry of worship, education, service, witness, and reconciliation. In baptism, we were received as members of his Church and at confirmation we commit ourselves to its ministry. It is the responsibility of the Church to seek, train, and set apart those whom God calls to serve.

**Minister for the Office of Vocation:**

I present **Michiko Bown-Kai** to be ordained to the Ministry of Word, Sacrament, and Pastoral Care.

I present **Kim Lawrance** to be ordained to the Ministry of Word, Sacrament, and Pastoral Care.

I present **Cheryl McMurray** to be ordained to the Ministry of Word, Sacrament, and Pastoral Care.

I present **Stephanie Richmond** to be ordained to the Ministry of Word, Sacrament, and Pastoral Care.

I present **Marilyn G. Zehr** to be admitted to the Ministry of Word, Sacrament, and Pastoral Care.

**Pledge of Support**

**Speaker, Assembly of Elders:**

Dear friends in Christ, we are gathered here to ordain **(Michiko Bown-Kai) (Kim Lawrance) (Cheryl McMurray) (Stephanie Richmond)** who stands before us. Those who, on our behalf, have inquired about (Them/her) and examined (Them/her) believe, that (they are/she is/) called and equipped to serve God in (their/her) Ministry. Children in Christ, as witnesses of this celebration, will you support and uphold this disciple as (they/she) ministers among us?

**All: We will with God's grace.**



## Ordination Vows

**Speaker, Assembly of Elders:**

**(Michiko) (Kim) (Cheryl) (Stephanie)** do you believe in God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit? Do you believe in God who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, and who works in us and others by the Holy Spirit, and do you commit yourself anew to God?

**Ordinand:** I do believe and I commit myself anew to God.

**Speaker, Assembly of Elders:**

**(Michiko) (Kim) (Cheryl) (Stephanie)** do you believe that God is calling you to the Ordained Ministry of Word, Sacrament and Pastoral Care, within the United Church of Canada and do you accept God's call?

**Ordinand:** I do believe and I accept God's Call.

**Speaker, Assembly of Elders:**

**(Michiko) (Kim) (Cheryl) (Stephanie)** are you willing to exercise your Ministry in accordance with the scriptures, in continuity with the faith of the church, and subject to the oversight and discipline of The United Church of Canada?

**Ordinand:** I am, with God's help.

**Speaker, Assembly of Elders:**

Please kneel: With a humble and joyful heart, know that you are part of the long line of Christ's Ministers called and set apart to serve God!

## Laying on of Hands

**Speaker, Assembly of Elders:**

Flame-dancing Spirit, come sweep **(Michiko) (Kim) (Cheryl) (Stephanie)** off their/her feet and dance with them/her through their/her days. May Your Holy Spirit continue to be with **(Michiko) (Kim) (Cheryl)**

**(Stephanie)** and move in this moment, that they/she may rise an Ordained Minister of your Church.

**All: Amen.**

### **Declaration**

#### **Speaker, Assembly of Elders:**

In the name of Jesus Christ, the head of the church, and by authority vested in me by the East Central Ontario Regional Council, I declare that **(Michiko) (Kim) (Cheryl) (Stephanie)** has been Ordained a Minister of Word, Sacrament, and Pastoral Care within the Holy Catholic Church.

**All: Amen!**

### **Placing of the Stole**

#### **Presentation of Symbols**

##### **Executive Minister:**

Take this chalice, paten and certificate. Participate in your ministry with reverence and joy.

#### **Presentation of Bible**

##### **Minister for the Office of Vocation:**

Take this Bible. Proclaim in word and action the Gospel of Christ with diligence and love.

#### **Presentation of Prayer Shawl**

##### **Pastoral Relations Minister:**

Take this prayer shawl. May it bring you comfort and steadfastness in your disciplines of piety.

#### **SUNG ACCLAMATION ♪ Halle, Halle (VU 958)**

Halle, halle, hallelujah! (x4)

## **Pledge of Support**

### **Speaker, Assembly of Elders:**

Dear friends in Christ, we are gathered here to admit **Marilyn G. Zehr** who stands before us. Those who, on our behalf, have inquired about her and examined her believe, that she is called and equipped to serve God in her Ministry within the United Church of Canada. Children in Christ, as witnesses of this celebration, will you support and uphold this disciple as she ministers among us?

**All: We will with God's grace.**

## **Admittance Vows**

### **Speaker, Assembly of Elders:**

**Marilyn**, do you believe in God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit? Do you believe in God who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, and who works in us and others by the Holy Spirit, and do you commit yourself anew to God?

**Response:** I do believe and I commit myself anew to God.

### **Speaker, Assembly of Elders:**

**Marilyn**, do you believe that God called you to the ministry of Word, Sacrament and Pastoral Care within the United Church of Canada?

**Response:** I do believe and I accept God's Call.

### **Speaker, Assembly of Elders:**

**Marilyn**, are you willing to exercise your ministry in accordance with the scriptures, in continuity with the faith of the church, and subject to the oversight and discipline of The United Church of Canada?

**Response:** I am, with God's help.

**Speaker, Assembly of Elders:**

**Rev. Marilyn G. Zehr** may the Holy Spirit that called you to this Ministry of Word, Sacrament and Pastoral Care continue to guide you all the days of your life.

**Placing of the Stole**

**Presentation of Symbols**

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Halle, halle, hallelujah! (x4)

**HYMN ♪ My Soul Cries Out** (MV 120) – page 21

**THE WATER OF LIFE**

*(There will be a point in this section where people will be invited to remember their baptism through the act of touching water.)*

**Speaker, Assembly of Elders:**

We gather around this font – a rich and profound symbol of our faith. This is more than a vessel holding water – it is a remembrance of God’s grace. Grace, the power of love to redeem and make new – and the assurance that no matter the times in which we are living, there is a way through for

God's people. There is a way through because God – Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit – is with us, and just like God guided our ancestors in the faith, God will guide us too. For that we give our thanks and praise.

And so on this day of celebration, we gather as the Body of Christ in this time and in this place, and we remember the story of our common faith and common call to life.

Do you remember?

**All: Yes, I remember.**

**Executive Minister:**

Do you remember how in the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth, and how the Spirit hovered over the waters? And how the waters were separated so that life might emerge, and how those waters pooled into lakes and oceans, so that dry land could appear? Land upon which a garden emerged and was given by the Creator to humans, so that they might love it and care for it?

Do you remember?

**All: Yes, I remember.**

**Speaker, Assembly of Elders:**

Do you remember how when the people lost their way, God used the waters of the earth to help them find home? How as the Children of Israel were fleeing slavery, God parted the waters so that they might find their way through to freedom? And how after wandering in the wilderness they finally crossed the River Jordan and reclaimed their life and their name? And in that reclaiming, began a time of rebuilding their families, their faith, and their people? Do you remember?

**All: Yes, I remember.**

**Executive Minister:**

Do you remember how when the time was exactly right, God sent Jesus to be among us? How born of Mary and the waters of life, he was human as we are human? And baptized in the Jordan River, he rose up from the waters, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and a voice from heaven could be heard speaking the words "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him." And how from that day, Jesus began to preach words of love and new life to all who would listen, and to all who needed to find the freedom that he offered?

Do you remember?

**All: Yes, I remember.**

**Speaker, Assembly of Elders:**

Do you remember how the woman at the well, in the heat of mid-day had gone to the well alone, and was welcomed by Jesus, who offered her living water? And how filled with excitement and gratitude and grace, she ran through the village telling people about him, and all that had happened to her because of his words and his ways?

Do you remember?

**All: Yes, I remember.**

**Speaker, Assembly of Elders:**

And so it is we remember. We remember that there is one body and one Spirit, one Lord of all, and that we are all called to Christ's mission and ministry in this earthly garden we call home. By virtue of our passage through the waters of baptism we have experienced the grace of new beginnings. And so it is, we have made our choice to stand, not with the principalities and the powers of this world, but to stand with Christ and the kingdom where love, justice, and compassion are able to bring light to even the darkest of shadowed places.

Let us remember our baptism, and let us pray:

Holy One, your Spirit hovered over the waters of Creation, your saving love was made perfect in Jesus the Christ, and your Spirit is with us still. Bless this water. Infuse it with your Spirit of love and compassion, so that every time we touch and taste and share this water, we too might be filled with the Living Water of life and faith. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## **ACT OF REMEMBRANCE**

### **Speaker, Assembly of Elders:**

*(Running hands through water, letting it drip back into the font, making a splash)*

We celebrate God's Holy work and the Blessing of this water, and the baptism into Christ's body that makes us one. One faith. One Lord. One baptism.

Do you remember?

**All: Yes, I remember.**

### **Speaker, Assembly of Elders:**

Let the people say "amen". Let the people say, "Amen"! Let the people say, "Amen."

**HYMN** ♪ I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry (VU 644) – page 22

## **BENEDICTION**

This is no ordinary place; this is the Creator's sanctuary, where the prophets cry out for peace, justice and righteousness; where God reaches into the corners of our lives to offer us the mystery of Holy love. This is no ordinary gathering. This is no ordinary place. This is the Creator's sanctuary.

Go out into the world, spread peace, have courage; hold on to what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak, and help the suffering;

honour all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**RECESSIONAL HYMN** ♪ My Love Colours Outside the Lines (MV 138) – page 23

**HYMNS**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN** ♪ Called by Earth and Sky (MV135)

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R. Called by earth and sky  
Promise of hope held high  
This is our sacred living trust,  
Treasure of life sanctified,  
Called by earth and sky.

1. Precious these waters,  
endless seas,  
Deep ocean's dream  
Waters of healing, rivers of rain,  
The wash of love again.

R. Called by earth and sky  
Promise of hope held high  
This is our sacred living trust,  
Treasure of life sanctified,  
Called by earth and sky.

2. Precious this gift, the air we  
breathe  
Wind born and free.  
Breath of the Spirit,  
Blow through this place  
Our gathering and our grace.

R. Called by earth and sky  
Promise of hope held high  
This is our sacred living trust,  
Treasure of life sanctified,  
Called by earth and sky.

3. Precious these mountains,  
ancient sands,  
vast fragile land.  
Seeds of our waking,  
rooted and strong,  
Creation's faithful song.

R. Called by earth and sky  
Promise of hope held high  
This is our sacred living trust,  
Treasure of life sanctified,  
Called by earth and sky.

4. Precious the fire that lights  
our way, bright dawning day.  
Fire of passion, sorrows undone,  
our faith and justice one.

R. Called by earth and sky  
Promise of hope held high  
This is our sacred living trust,  
Treasure of life sanctified,  
Called by earth and sky.



**HYMN** ♪ *God Says (MV 172) sung to the tune of O WALY WALY*

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1. God says, "Be still so you may hear the words I whisper in your ear. If you will listen, you will know I'm with you always where you go."
2. God says, "Look up and see the prize I've placed here right before your eyes. Find beauty in the things of earth, A cause for wonder and rebirth."
3. God says, "Come here! I need your voice. Please teach my people to rejoice. In who you are, in what you do, Your life will show my love for you."
4. God says, "Reach out! The world's in need and wants a word, a song, a deed. I send you forth to speak, to sing, To act for Christ in everything."

## ♪ **HYMN** We Have This Ministry (VU 510)

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1. We have this ministry and we are not discouraged;  
it is by God's own power that we may live and serve.  
Openly we share God's word, speaking truth as we believe,  
praying that the shadowed world may healing light receive.  
We have this ministry, O God, receive our living.

2. O Christ, the tree of life, our end and our beginning,  
we grow to fullest flower when rooted in your love.  
Brothers, sisters, clergy, lay, called to service by your grace,  
different cultures, different gifts, the young and old a place.  
We have this ministry, O God, receive our giving.

3. The yoke of Christ is ours, the whole world is our parish;  
we daily take the cross, the burden and the joy.  
Bearing hurts of those we serve, wounded, bruised and  
bowed with pain,  
Holy Spirit, bread and wine, we die and rise again.  
We have this ministry, O God, receive our loving.

## **HYMN** ♪ Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore (VU 563)

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1. Jesus, you have come to the lakeshore  
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;  
you only asked me to follow humbly.
  
- R. O Jesus, with your eyes you have searched me,  
and while smiling, have spoken my name;  
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;  
by your side I will seek other seas.
  
2. You know so well my possessions;  
my boat carries no gold and no weapons;  
- you will find there my nets and labour. **R**
  
3. You need my hands, full of caring  
through my labours to give others rest,  
and constant love that keeps on loving. **R**
  
4. You, who have fished other oceans,  
ever longed for by souls who are waiting,  
my loving friend, as thus you call me. **R**

## **HYMN ♪ I Have Called You By Your Name (MV 161)**

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I have called you by your name, you are mine;  
I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.  
I will not abandon you; all my promises are true.  
You are gifted, called, and chosen; you are mine.

I will help you learn my name as you go;  
read it written in my people, help them grow.  
Pour the water in my name, speak the word your soul can claim,  
offer Jesus' body given long ago.

I know you will need my touch as you go;  
feel it pulsing in creation's ebb and flow.  
Like the woman reaching out, choosing faith in spite of doubt,  
hold the hem of Jesus' robe, then let it go.

I have given you a name, it is mine;  
I have given you my Spirit as a sign.  
With my wonder in your soul, make my wounded children whole;  
go and tell my precious people they are mine.

## **HYMN** ♪ My Soul Cries Out (MV 120)

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1. My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great, and my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.

You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?

R. My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn. Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, And the world is about to turn!

2. Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me, and your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.

Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn. **R**

3. From the halls of power to the fortress tower, not a stone will be left on stone. Let the king beware for your justice tears Ev'ry tyrant from his throne.

The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn; there are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn. **R**

4. Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast: God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp.

This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which hold us bound, 'til the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around. **R**

## **HYMN ♪ I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry (VU 644)**

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1. I was there to hear your borning cry,  
I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,  
to see your life unfold.

2. I was there when you were but a child,  
with a faith to suit you well;  
in a blaze of light you wandered off  
to find where demons dwell.

3. When you heard the wonder of the word,  
I was there to cheer you on;  
you were raised to praise the living Lord,  
to whom you now belong.

4. If you find someone to share your time  
and you join your hearts as one,  
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme  
from dusk till rising sun.

5. In the middle ages of your life,  
not too old, no longer young.  
I'll be there to guide you through the night,  
complete what I've begun.

6. When the evening gently closes in  
and you shut your weary eyes,  
I'll be there as I have always been  
with just one more surprise.

7. I was there to hear your borning cry,  
I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,  
to see your life unfold.

## **RECESSIONAL HYMN** ♪ My Love Colours Outside the Lines (MV 138)

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1. My love colours outside the lines,  
Exploring paths that few could ever find;  
And takes me into places where I've never been before  
and opens doors to worlds outside the lines.
  
2. My Lord colours outside the lines,  
Turns wounds to blessings, water into wine;  
And takes me into places where I've never been before  
and opens doors to worlds outside the lines.
  
- R. We'll never walk on water if we're not prepared to drown,  
Body and soul need a soaking from time to time;  
And we'll never move the gravestones if we're not prepared  
to die,  
and realize there are worlds outside the lines.
  
3. My soul longs to colour outside the lines,  
Tear back the curtains, sun come in and shine;  
I want to walk beyond the boundaries where I've never  
been before  
- throw open doors to worlds outside the lines.
  
- R. We'll never walk on water if we're not prepared to drown,  
Body and soul need a soaking from time to time;  
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**Michiko Bown-Kai**  
**Candidate for Ordination**  
**Pickering Village United Church, Ajax, Ontario**



I am loved and blessed by so many and I deeply honour these relationships as a child, sibling, partner, friend, minister, comrade, colleague (among many others) that nourish and challenge me every day. I am honoured and humbled by the support that has been given to me by all of those who have accompanied me on this 8 year journey as a candidate for ordained ministry. I am grateful to be able to bring my full self into ministry as a queer, non-binary, mixed race person. I am

thankful and mindful that so much of my faith has been shaped by people living, teaching, and struggling on the margins of society; artists, activists, bloggers, sex workers, queer and trans communities that have held me, people who are underhoused and homeless, and those who are lonely and isolated. Beyond the privilege of studying in seminary, it was also your thoughtful questions, models of loving and caring, challenging questions, and so much more are such an important part of my journey towards ministry.



**Kim Lawrance**  
**Candidate for Ordination**  
**St. Paul's United Church, Ajax, Ontario**



I am Kim Lawrance and I live in Ajax with my spouse, Gregors. I grew up in the United Church and enjoyed membership in youth groups, choirs and committees. I completed a Master of Theological Studies at Emmanuel College and upon graduating, returned for a Master of Divinity, which I received in 2018. My faith shapes every part of who I am, a hope-filled disciple of Jesus Christ who loves God's people and creation. I believe that God has called me to

ministry and has equipped me for this. Against a backdrop of brokenness in the world, I seek to bring compassion, healing, wisdom, gentleness, love and hope for better days and new possibilities. I am delighted to have accepted a call to Mount Zion United Church in north Pickering, where I have been serving since September 2015. Thank you to myfamily, friends, congregations and to all those who have helped and cared for me on this journey.

**Cheryl McMurray**  
**Candidate for Ordination**  
**New Hope United Church, Port Hope, Ontario**



I am Cheryl McMurray - a child of God: daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, friend, knitter, quilter, fan of the Blue Jays, Louis L'Amour westerns, and the Marvel Universe. I was born and raised in the rural village of Campbellcroft, and my childhood faith

community of Garden Hill United Church through amalgamation became New Hope United Church, located north of Port Hope, Ontario. I come to this work in ministry later than some, but I consider my previous work in family services just as much a calling as this is. I am blessed to have the support of my family throughout this adventure. I am blessed to have attended Emmanuel College where I learned much from faculty and peers. I am blessed to have practiced ministry thus far at New Hope United Church, at Trinity United Church, and now at the United Churches of Arden, Henderson and Mountain Grove. I offer my gratitude to God, Christ and Spirit for gifts given, and I pray for guidance in their use in service to God.

**Stephanie Richmond**  
**Candidate for Ordination**  
**Janetville United Church, Janetville, Ontario**



I am created in the image of God, and to me this means I am created in love, to love. I have often said that I am grateful to have been called to ordained ministry, within a church that is willing to look at it's self and ask the difficult questions, a church that has made apologies in the past, and is willing to do the work of Christ in the word, a church that seeks justice and is guided by the Spirit of God.

God has gifted me with the spirit of enthusiasm, creativity and compassion. I thrive when challenged to try new things. My love and appreciation for the children in my congregations brings joy to my heart. Hearing that a seven year old is highlighting parts of the bulletin so she can play church at home with her Daddy makes my heart sing. God is good and I am filled with gratitude today as I experience the laying on of hands of those who have journeyed with me and have supported me along the path towards Ordination. Thanks Be to God.

**Marilyn G. Zehr**  
**Candidate for Admission**  
**Maynooth Madawaska Pastoral Charge,**  
**Maynooth, Ontario**



I am grateful for all that brings me to this moment. Born and raised Mennonite, my call to ministry began in me as a child and I responded formally to this call by entering MDiv

studies in my late-twenties. I've worked as a Chaplain in an intergenerational facility and as a Spiritual Director (ongoing) and for 8 years as lead-minister at a vibrant Mennonite Church in Toronto. When my rural roots reclaimed me, I moved to Maynooth, On, and sought a call within the United Church of Canada. Within this call, my wife, The Rev. Svinda Heinrichs and I have been able to begin a forest church, The Cathedral of the Trees, sponsored by the Maynooth Madawaska communities of faith and Edge ministries of the UCC. Spirit brought me to serve the good people of the Maynooth Madawaska Pastoral Charge and the land and waters of this region. In the words of a new favourite hymn, "Called by Earth and Sky, promise of hope held high, this is our sacred living trust, treasure of life sanctified, ..." I treasure this calling, the people, the land and her creatures among whom we make our home.

## Milestones

<b>Minister Name</b>	<b>Minister Type</b>	<b>Anniversary (years)</b>
Springate, Laura Irvine	Ordained Minister	5
Hammond Croxall, Karen Nadine	Ordained Minister	5
McNally, Ryan Johnathan	Ordained Minister	10
Graham, James Malcolm	Ordained Minister	10
Sloan, Christine Anne	Ordained Minister	10
Lawton, Kenneth A	Desig. Lay Min. -- Recognized	15
Smart, Karen Marie	Ordained Minister	15
Doyle, Lawrence Price	Ordained Minister	15
Sumbler, Beverley Elizabeth	Ordained Minister	15
Fulcher, Victoria A	Ordained Minister	15
Giesbrecht, Caroline Ruth	Ordained Minister	20
York, James Robert	Ordained Minister	20
Brotherton, Michelle Elizabeth	Ordained Minister	20
Mahood, Barbara E	Ordained Minister	20
McAllister, Susan D.B.	Ordained Minister	20
King, Barry Donald	Ordained Minister	25
Sedore, Leslie Ann	Ordained Minister	25
Trothen, Tracy Joan	Ordained Minister	25
Davidson, Aleace R. F.	Ordained Minister	25
Rush, Alan Douglas	Ordained Minister	25
Elliott, Deborah Ann	Ordained Minister	25
MacDermaid, M. Anne	Ordained Minister	25
Constable, Kirby Blake	Ordained Minister	25
Derry, Kevin C.	Ordained Minister	30
King, G. David	Ordained Minister	30
Lecomte, Gloria Audrey	Ordained Minister	30
Uhryniw, Jennifer L.	Ordained Minister	30
Moorhouse, Paul F.	Ordained Minister	30
Reeve, Allan D.	Ordained Minister	30
Stobie, Janet L.	Ordained Minister	30
Uhryniw, Donaldson	Ordained Minister	30
Reed, Wayne W.	Ordained Minister	35
Milley, Timothy R.	Ordained Minister	35
Weeks, R. Bradley	Ordained Minister	35
Mewett, B. Josephine	Ordained Minister	35
Deline, Terrence R.	Ordained Minister	35

Macdonald, M. Elizabeth	Ordained Minister	35
Burnham, M. Anne	Diaconal Minister	40
Esdon, Norman S.D.	Ordained Minister	40
Genge, Susan L.	Ordained Minister	40
Mundy, David G. V.	Ordained Minister	40
King, Leslie-Elizabeth	Ordained Minister	40
Gowans-Blinn, Anne L.	Ordained Minister	40
Duke, Janet P.	Diaconal Minister	45
Miller, Allan K.	Ordained Minister	45
McManiman, John B.	Ordained Minister	45
Robinson, Susan J.	Diaconal Minister	50
Tadeja, Beltran C.	Ordained Minister	50
McDonald, Arnold A.	Ordained Minister	50
Wallace, Robert Golston	Ordained Minister	55
Stiles, Donald A.	Ordained Minister	60
Lane, Bessie E.	Ordained Minister	60
Hainer, Charles A.	Ordained Minister	60
Parsons, Victor M.	Ordained Minister	60
Lucyk, Stanford R.	Ordained Minister	65
Rose, Hugh A. A.	Ordained Minister	65
Norman, E. Kenneth	Ordained Minister	65

**Executive Minister**

Rev. Rosemary Lambie

**Speaker, Assembly of Elders**

Rev. Paul Reed

**Minister for the Office of Vocation**

Karen Valley

**Pastoral Relations Minister**

Rev. David Timpson

**Guest Speaker**

Rev. Ryan McNally

**Baptismal Liturgy**

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