



SHINING WATERS  
REGIONAL COUNCIL  
The United Church of Canada



*We are whole  
and we are holy*

**AFFIRMING MINISTRY CELEBRATION**

**Shining Waters Regional Council**

**March 14, 2021 2PM**

**[Link to Zoom](#)   [YouTube Livestream](#)**

## ORDER OF SERVICE

**Welcome and Territorial Acknowledgement**

**Call to Worship: *For the Great Diversity***

**Song: *We Are Whole and We Are Holy*  
Moon Joyce**

***A Community Founded by Keegan Hobson***

**Scripture: 2 Samuel 6: 14-22**

**Reflection: Rev. Michael Blair**

**Affirm United Presentation  
Affirm United and SWRC**

**Hymn: *Let Us Build A House* by Marty Haugen  
from Grace United Church, Barrie**

**Prayers of the People  
*We Are Whole and We Are Holy*, reprise**

**Blessing of Rainbow Flags: Rev. Sue Woods**

**Prayer: Rev. Lauren Hodgson + Rev. Sarah Chapman**

**Closing Hymn: *Can I Get an Amen* by Ru Paul  
from East End United Music Ministry**

**Blessing and Sending Forth: Rev. Evan Smith**

**Sending music: *Sing Thanks To Our God*  
by Rev. Amy Yea Kyong Lee**

# Thanks

Thank you to everyone who participated in the service today.

Special thanks to those who have offered leadership in liturgy and music.

Thanks to Keegan Hobson for permission to use **A Community Founded** a poem written for Grace United Church, Barrie.

A collective reading of **For the Great Diversity You Have Created**, a prayer by the Rev. Ruth Wood, was created for our virtual pride celebration in June 2020 in Shining Waters Regional Council <https://youtu.be/zLiKET9uRwM>

**Let Us Build A House** is from *More Voices #1* Words and Music by Marty Haugen. Presented by Grace United Church, Barrie One License #A-721027

**Can I Get an Amen** by Ru Paul was offered by East End United Music Ministry. Jeffrey Schissler (soloist), Sarah Hallikas, Hilary Donaldson, Laura Larson, Scott Pietrangelo, Andrew Hodwitz; video editing by David Kopulos.  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sWxl\\_JPzgUE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sWxl_JPzgUE)

**Sing Thanks To Our God** was written and recorded by Rev. Amy Yea Kyong Lee <https://united-church.ca/sites/default/files/sing-thanks-to-our-god.pdf>

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## We Are Whole and We Are Holy by Victoria Moon Joyce

C F C (or F) C

We are whole and we are ho - ly.

Em F G

We are whole and we are ho - ly.

F Dm7 C Em Am

Walk-ing in the sha-dow or walk-ing in the light.

F C F G C (or F) C

We are whole and we are ho - ly.

2. We are here and we are living  
We are here and we are living  
Walking in the shadow  
Or walking in the light.  
We are here and we are living.

3. We are sad and we are grieving  
4. We have loves that we remember  
5. We are strong and we are healing

LAST VERSE: repeat first verse

To end the song, sing the last line 4 times in honour of the four directions.

Moon Joyce is an artist and a musician who lives in Fredericton, New Brunswick. *We Are Whole and We Are Holy* was written for the Toronto AIDS vigil in 1990.