

STRATHROY UNITED CHURCH



Sunday, January 16, 2022

WELCOME & TELLING OUR STORY

Brad Morrison

▲ Gathering to Worship God ▲

PRELUDE

Andy Cloutier

CALL TO WORSHIP

*GATHERING HYMNS

Come all You People

2 MV

Come all you people, come and praise your maker,
Come all you people, come and praise your maker,
Come all you people, come and praise your maker
Come now and worship the Lord!

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Your Love Is Amazing!

26 MV

Your love is amazing, steady and unchanging,
Your love is a mountain, firm beneath my feet.
Your love is a myst'ry, how you gently lift me.
When I am surrounded your love carries me.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah,
Your love makes me sing.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah,
Your love makes me sing.

Your love is surprising, I can feel it rising,
All the joy that's growing deep inside of me.

Ev'ry time I see you all your goodness shines through.
I can feel this God song rising up in me.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah,
Your love makes me sing.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah,
Your love makes me sing.

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GATHERING PRAYER AND ASSURANCE OF GRACE

*PASSING THE PEACE

*Stand as able and greet others with:
"The Peace of Christ be with you," and "Also with you."*

CHILDREN'S TIME

▲ Blessed at Table & Font ▲

THANKSGIVING & OFFERING

*OFFERTORY SONG "What Child is This" 74 VU

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;
come, one and all, to own him.
The King of Kings salvation brings;
let loving hearts enthrone him.

This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the Babe, the Son of Mary!

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PASTORAL PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER

▲ Listening for God ▲

*HYMN "All Who Are Thirsty" 4 MV

All who are thirsty, all who are weak,
Come to the fountain.
Dip your heart in the stream of life.

Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away
In the waves of his mercy as deep cries out to deep.
We sing: Come, Lord Jesus, come (*repeat...Come*)

All who are thirsty, all who are weak,
Come to the fountain.
Dip your heart in the stream of life.
Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away
In the waves of his mercy as deep cries out to deep.
We sing: Come, Lord Jesus, come (*repeat ... Come*)

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RESPONSE Psalm 36 (VU 762)

SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

SERMON Brad Morrison

▲ **Sent into God's World** ▲

*HYMN "Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love" 574 VU

Come, let us sing of a wonderful love,
tender and true, tender and true,
out of the heart of the Father above,
streaming to me and to you:
wonderful love, wonderful love
dwells in the heart of the Father above.

Jesus the Saviour this gospel to tell
joyfully came, joyfully came,
came with the helpless and hopeless to dwell,
sharing their sorrow and shame,
seeking the lost, seeking the lost,
saving, redeeming at measureless cost.

Jesus is seeking the wanderers yet;
why do they roam? why do they roam?
Love only waits to forgive and forget;
home, weary wanderers, home!
Wonderful love, wonderful love
dwells in the heart of the Father above.

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*SENDING FORTH & BLESSING

One: Let us go, led by the mystery of God's brightness,

**All: To walk the gentle path
Lit by the light of Christ's love.**

One: Let us go with hearts

Willing to kneel at humble places,

**All: And hands ready to share our gifts
For the healing of this world. Amen.**

POSTLUDE

Andy Cloutier

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▲ worship ministry ▲

Livestream. In-person worship is cancelled for this coming Sunday. Join us on Zoom for 9:30am fellowship, 10:00am livestream worship, and fellowship again following the worship service using the Zoom link provided on the homepage of the website. The service will also be livestreamed as usual through the Facebook and YouTube Live links available at www.strathroyunitedchurch.ca.

▲ fellowship ministry ▲

Hospital Visits. Please notify the office (519.245.0276) when you or your loved one are in hospital. During pandemic, ministers cannot access the patient lists to know if parishioners are in hospital, so we depend on being notified by patients or family.

Meat Pies. Both turkey and beef meat pies are available for \$5.00 each. Please either email Barb MacKinnon at barb.mackinnon0927@gmail.com or call 519.245.1370 after 5:00pm. Pick-up will be Saturday, January 22 10:00am to 12:00pm at the Maria Street entrance. Payment methods accepted include cheques and cash (exact amounts only).

Pastoral Emergencies. Brad can be reached outside of office hours at 519.330.0074 for crisis care (deaths, hospitalizations). Please contact the church office for administrative matters.

▲ teaching ministry ▲

Children's Worship is unavailable until further notice as a precaution while children return to schools and await vaccination. If you are interested in leading Children's Worship in the future, please contact Brad Morrison (brad@strathroyunitedchurch.ca).

Youth Night. Due to pandemic restrictions, there are no Youth Nights scheduled for January. Please contact Kaeleigh Berdan via email (kaeleighb13@hotmail.com) to learn more information.

▲ proclamation ministry ▲

Vision Statement. The General Council of The United Church of Canada approved this vision statement: "Called by God, as disciples of Jesus, the United Church of Canada seeks to be a bold, connected, evolving church of diverse, courageous, hope-filled communities united in deep spirituality, inspiring worship, and daring justice."

▲ governance & support ▲

Congregational Meeting. A Congregational meeting will be held Sunday, January 16 via Zoom immediately following the worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the replacement of the carpeting in the Sanctuary.

Proposed Constitution. With changes to the 2021 edition of The Manual, Council is considering updates and changes to the Strathroy United Church Constitution. See the church website for details.

Racism in the Church. The Islington United Church Anti-Racism Working Group is pleased to present a speaker series on Racism in the Church, designed to educate ourselves and help us take action on racism within our church, the community, and the wider Canadian context. For more information or to register, visit <https://islingtonunited.org/racism-in-the-church-anti-racism-speaker-series/>

Racism is a Pandemic. You are invited to register for this anti-racism winter series, which focuses on Indigenous justice and reconciliation. Zoom Conversations are twice a month on Sunday nights, beginning January 16 at 7:00pm. For more information or to register, visit <https://arwrucc.ca/racism-is-a-pandemic/>

▲ community partners ▲

Welcome to our two new rental groups, the Strathroy-Caradoc Horticultural Society and the Strathroy and District Historical Society. Due to COVID-19, they will be unable to meet in-person until February. If you are interested in learning more about these groups, please do not hesitate to contact Monica Delmage (strathroy.caradoc.hort.society@gmail.com) at the Strathroy-Caradoc Horticultural Society or Crystal Loyst (sdhsociety@gmail.com) at the Strathroy and District Historical Society.

5th Strathroy Multi-Branch Guiding Unit. 5th Strathroy Multi-Branch Guiding Unit in-person meetings are cancelled until further notice. For more information, please contact Sara MacKinnon (519.246.1391)

AA Strathroy Friendly Group. Strathroy Friendly Group in-person meetings are cancelled until further notice. If you or someone you know requires assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Herb Vander Velden (519.245.1669).

The Skills of Wellbeing. South West Self Management Program presents The Skills of Wellbeing, an online workshop on where to start, so you can make it happen. The next workshop will be held Monday, January 17 from 10:00am to 11:30am. For more information or to register, visit www.swselfmanagement.ca.

Don't "Wing" It: Insight to Amazing Interviews. The job interview, for most, is a nerve-wracking, stress-inducing, no fun process that we'd rather not ever have to do again. In this two-part webinar, learn all the "ins" and "outs" of the interview process so your chances of getting the job get better and better. Part 1 will be held Tuesday, January 18 and Part 2 will be held Thursday, December 9, both at 10:00am. For more information or to register, call 519.245.4500 or email reception@communityemploymentchoices.ca

Youth Job Connection Virtual Info Session. The Youth Job Connection program offers professional job readiness and search support to high school students age 15 to 18 who are facing challenging life circumstances and are at risk of experiencing poor transition between education and work. A virtual info session will be held in two parts on Wednesday, January 19 at 2:00pm and Tuesday, January 25 at 7:00pm. For more information or to register, call 519.245.4500 or email reception@communityemploymentchoices.ca

Stepping into Stories. Explore ways to use folktales and folklore in a ministry setting. Learn some basic storytelling skills through demonstrations, pair work, and culminate in an afternoon story swap. The next session will be held Saturday, January 29 from 9:00am to 7:00pm. For more information or to register, call 519.442.3212 or email programs@fiveoaks.on.ca.

Poverty, Mental Health, and Social Inclusion. Join the Health Equity Impact Assessment Community of Interest on Wednesday, February 2 at 12:00pm for a webinar presented by Dr. Cheryl Forchuk and Dr. Rick Csiernik about their latest book which examines the connections between poverty, mental illness, and social exclusion in Canada. For more information or to register, email healthequity@camh.ca.