



Sunday, July 24, 2022

WELCOME & TELLING OUR STORY

Brad Morrison

▲ Gathering to Worship God ▲

PRELUDE

Andy Cloutier

CALL TO WORSHIP

*GATHERING HYMNS

I Sing the Mighty Power

231 VU

I sing the mighty power of God
that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad,
and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained
the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at God's command
and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the One
who filled the earth with food;
who formed the creatures with a word,
and then pronounced them good.
O God, your wonders are displayed
where'er I turn my eye;
if I survey the ground I tread,
or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flower below
but makes your glories known;
and clouds arise, and tempests blow,
by order from your throne;
while all that borrows life from you
is ever in your care,

and everywhere that I may be,
you, God, are present there.

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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 Can I Do?" 191 MV
What can I do? What can I bring?
What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.

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PASTORAL PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER

▲ Listening for God ▲

- *HYMN "The Lord's My Shepherd" 747 VU
The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
he makes me down to lie
In pastures green; he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again,
and me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
even for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale,
yet will I fear no ill;
For thou art with me, and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished
in presence of my foes;
My head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me,
And in God's house for evermore
my dwelling-place shall be.

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SOLO

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SCRIPTURE

Luke 11:1-13

SERMON

Brad Morrison

▲ **Sent into God's World** ▲

*HYMN

"One More Step Along the World I Go"

639 VU

[The "you" in this hymn is God]

One more step along the world I go,
One more step along the world I go,
From the old things to the new,
Keep me travelling along with you:
And it's from the old I travel to the new;
Keep me travelling along with you.

Round the corner of the world I turn,
More and more about the world I learn;
All the new things that I see
You'll be looking at along with me:
And it's from the old I travel to the new;
Keep me travelling along with you.

As I travel through the bad and good,
Keep me travelling the way I should;
Where I see no way to go
You'll be telling me the way, I know:

And it's from the old I travel to the new;
Keep me travelling along with you.

Give me courage when the world is rough,
Keep me loving though the world is tough,
Leap and sing in all I do,
Keep me travelling along with you:
And it's from the old I travel to the new;
Keep me travelling along with you.

You are older than the world can be,
You are younger than the life in me,
Ever old and ever new,
Keep me traveling along with you:
And it's from the old I travel to the new;
Keep me travelling along with you.

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*SENDING FORTH & BLESSING

One: Go forth to the life God has given.

All: We are heaven blessed, and heaven sent.

One: We have a high calling.

All: We are God's hands and feet in the world.

Amen.

POSTLUDE

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▲ **worship ministry** ▲

Service Cancellation. There will be no worship service on Sunday, July 31. Enjoy the long weekend!

Livestream. Are you unable to attend in-person worship? Our Sunday 10am worship is also available live online. We livestream on both Facebook and YouTube. Consider joining us online for an interactive experience. Livestream links, as well as a copy of the worship bulletin, are available at www.strathroyunitedchurch.ca.

▲ **fellowship ministry** ▲

Campfire Potluck. Enjoy campfire skits and songs on the church lawn on Friday, August 12 at 6:00pm. We'll have BBQ and you can bring potluck. We need volunteers – see Nancy or Wanda.

Fellowship Hour. You are all invited to join others in the congregation for a few minutes of fellowship and a cup of coffee following the worship service.

Hospital Visits. Please notify the office (519.245.0276) when you or your loved one are in hospital. The minister depends on being notified by patients or family to know that someone's in hospital.

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.

▲ outreach ministry ▲

Community Food Drive. The Oneida Nation of the Thames Reserve needs the following items: clothing, non-perishable food items, diapers, as well as tooth and feminine hygiene items. All donations go to Bub'z Drop In and Soup Kitchen. Items can be dropped off in the boxes available in the Golden Jubilee Room. To make a monetary donation, contact Anthony Ireland (519.694.1514).

▲ 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).

Emancipation Day Celebration. Join the United Church of Canada on July 31 at 7:30pm for "Emancipated, But Still Working for Freedom", an online panel discussion with members of the Black Clergy Network and other leaders. For more information, visit <https://united-church.ca/events>

▲ 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 ▲

Vacation. Rev. Brad will be on vacation from Monday, July 25 to Sunday, August 7.

▲ community partners ▲

211 can help you find the best camp program for your family with referrals to church programming, community groups, and parks & recreation departments. It can also assist low-income families with referrals to subsidies. Call 211 or visit www.211southwest.ca for more information.

Summer Learning 2022. This summer the Middlesex County Library is inviting children, youth, and adults of all ages to Read, Reconnect, and to Reimagine their library! Visit any Middlesex County Library branch to register. Check the 92 Maria St bulletin board for branch hours as well as a list of events.

Youth Job Connection. Are you between the ages of 15 and 29, not currently enrolled in full-time education or employment? Are you looking for support with planning your career? Starting Monday, July 26, Community Employment Choices is offering their Youth Job Connection virtually. For more information or to register, call 519.245.4500 or email reception@communityemploymentchoices.ca

Seeking Transformation. Join Derek Suderman, Professor of Religious and Theological Studies at Conrad Grebel College for a three-day program beginning Friday, September 30 at Five Oaks. This pilot program will look for ways to engage in the work of decolonization from a variety of angles and with specific focus groups. For more information or to register, call 519.442.3212 or email programs@fiveoaks.on.ca.