

STRATHROY UNITED CHURCH



Sunday, August 7, 2022

WELCOME & TELLING OUR STORY

Ida Traxler

▲ Gathering to Worship God ▲

PRELUDE

Andy Cloutier

CALL TO WORSHIP

*GATHERING HYMNS

We Praise You, Creator

293 VU

We praise you, Creator, in earth, sea, and sky:
our Ruler, our Maker, our Sovereign most high.
Each new generation lifts voices in praise;
how good your creation, how gracious your ways!

Each springtime the blossoms bloom fragrant once more;
each summer and autumn brings forth its rich store.
With witness compelling our praise and our prayer,
creation is telling of your faithful care.

Your wondrous works teach us, Creator, to trace
the limitless reaches of your love and grace.
Your grace dwells among us, your love goes before:
from eldest to youngest we praise and adore.

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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 “Seek Ye First the Kingdom” 356 VU
Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and God’s righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Hallelu, hallelujah.

Ask and it shall be given unto you;
seek and you shall find;
knock and the door shall be opened unto you.
Hallelu, hallelujah.

We do not live by bread alone,
but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of God.
Hallelu, hallelujah.
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RESPONSE Psalm 50 (VU 775) Ida Traxler

SOLO “Cantabile” *Carlo Domeniconi* Andy Cloutier

SCRIPTURE Kings 19:5-18

SERMON Tabitha Carey
When God Prescribes Eat, Sleep, and Repeat

▲ Sent into God's World ▲

*HYMN

“Teach Me, God, to Wonder”

299 VU

Teach me, God, to wonder, teach me, God, to see;
let your world of beauty capture me.

Praise to you be given, love for you be lived,
life be celebrated, joy you give.

Let me, God, be open, let me loving be;
let your world of people speak to me.

Praise to you be given, love for you be lived,
life be celebrated, joy you give.

Let me, God, be ready, let me be awake,
in your world of loving my place take.

Praise to you be given, love for you be lived,
life be celebrated, joy you give.

Teach me, God, to know you, hear you when you speak,
see you in my neighbour when we meet.

Praise to you be given, love for you be lived,
life be celebrated, joy you give.

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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

Andy Cloutier

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▲ worship ministry ▲

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 & drinks, and you can bring potluck. Plates and cutlery will be provided (but we encourage you to bring your own if you can). Don't forget your lawn chair! Please contact the church office if you plan to attend.

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).

Youth Night. The next Youth Night is Friday, August 19 from 7:30pm to 9:30pm. Come out for games, snacks, friends, community, and a great time! Open to youth in grades 6 to 12. Please contact Kaeleigh Berdan via email (kaeleighb13@hotmail.com) to register or to learn more information.

▲ proclamation ministry ▲

Vision Statement. The General Council of The United Church of Canada approved this 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.

Installation of the 44th Moderator. The United Church of Canada has elected the Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne, Kwisa'lakw, 47, as its 44th Moderator. She will be the church's spiritual leader for the next three years. You are invited to the installation of the new Moderator on Sunday, August 7 at 4:00pm. Watch online at <https://www.youtube.com/unitedchurchofcanada>.

Support Circles for People of Colour. Have you experienced racism in The United Church of Canada? Are you looking for supportive community with other people of colour? If so, please join us for our monthly POC Support Circles – the next one is scheduled for Wednesday, August 24 at 4:00pm on Zoom. For more information or to register, contact Ren Ito at rito@united-church.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.

Anti-Racism & the United Church. Are you interested in furthering your engagement with anti-racism? A two-session workshop will be held on Tuesday, February 7 at 10:00am and Tuesday, March 7 at 10:00am. In preparation to engage on a deep level with themes of White supremacy culture, racism, and antiracism, participants are required to complete the UCC's current 4-session Racial Justice Workshops (see www.United-in-Learning.com). For more information, contact Thérèse Samuel at tsamuel@united-church.ca