

# STRATHROY UNITED CHURCH



Sunday, August 14, 2022

WELCOME & TELLING OUR STORY

Brad Morrison

## ▲ Gathering to Worship God ▲

PRELUDE

Andy Cloutier

CALL TO WORSHIP

\*GATHERING HYMNS

### **God, We Praise You for the Morning**

415 VU

God, we praise you for the morning;  
Hope springs forth with each new day,  
New beginning, prayer, and promise,  
Joy in work and in play.

God, we praise you for creation,  
mountains, seas, and prairie land.  
Waking souls find joy and healing in your bountiful hand.

### **Sing Your Praise to God Eternal**

244 VU

Sing your praise to God eternal,  
Sing your praise to God the Son,  
Sing your praise to God the Spirit,  
Living and forever One.

God has made us, God has blessed us,  
God has called us to be true.  
God rules over all creation, daily making all things new.

Join the praise of every creature,  
Sing with singing birds at dawn;  
When the stars shine forth at nightfall,  
Hear their heavenly antiphon.

Praise God for the light of summer,

Autumn glories, winter snows,  
For the coming of the springtime  
And the life of all that grows.

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### **God, We Praise You for the Morning**

415 VU

God, we praise you for your Spirit,  
Comforter and daily friend,  
Restless searcher, gentle teacher,  
Strength and courage you send.

God, we praise you for the Saviour,  
Come that we may know your ways.  
In his loving, dying, rising, Christ is Lord of our days.

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### **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                                      “Blessed Assurance”                      337 VU  
Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of the Spirit, washed in Christ’s blood.  
  
*This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Saviour all the day long:  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Saviour all the day long.*  
  
Perfect submission, perfect delight!  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending, bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *R*  
  
Perfect submission. all is at rest,  
I in my Saviour am happy and blessed;  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with God’s goodness, lost in Christ’s love. *R.*  
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RESPONSE                                      Psalm 82 (VU 799)                      Ida Traxler  
SOLO                                              “Prelude” *J.S. Bach*                      Andy Cloutier

SCRIPTURE

SERMON

Brad Morrison

## ▲ Sent into God's World ▲

\*HYMN

“Precious Lord Take My Hand”

670 VU

Precious Lord, take my hand,  
lead me on, let me stand,  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;  
through the storm, through the night,  
lead me on to the light:  
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear,  
precious Lord, linger near,  
when my life is almost gone,  
hear my cry, hear my call,  
hold my hand lest I fall:  
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When the darkness appears,  
and the night draws near,  
and the day is past and gone,  
at the river I stand,  
guide my feet, hold my hand:  
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

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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](http://www.strathroyunitedchurch.ca).

## ▲ fellowship ministry ▲

**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 ▲

**Bub'z Drop In and Soup Kitchen.** We invite congregation members to support our \$500 target for Bub'z Drop In and Soup Kitchen to help them supply their weekly lunch on Monday, August 29. Please make cheques and e-transfers payable to *Strathroy United Church* with the memo: Bub'z

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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 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."

## ▲ 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](http://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.

**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](mailto:rito@united-church.ca)

**Investing in Reconciliation.** How are investors and managers addressing Indigenous rights issues, and advancing reconciliation in their portfolios and strategies? Join this special webinar, hosted by The United Church of Canada Foundation, on Indigenous reconciliation investment and engagement for UCC investing bodies on Wednesday, September 21 at 1:00pm. To register, visit [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_lh-soEmiRSC0XOwKhwtT3g](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_lh-soEmiRSC0XOwKhwtT3g)