

# STRATHROY UNITED CHURCH



Sunday, August 21, 2022

WELCOME & TELLING OUR STORY

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## ▲ Gathering to Worship God ▲

PRELUDE

Andy Cloutier

CALL TO WORSHIP

\*GATHERING HYMNS

### **Make a Joyful Noise**

820 VU

*Refrain:*

Make a joyful noise all the earth!  
Worship your God with gladness.  
Make a joyful noise all the earth.  
Come to this place with a song!

Know that your God has made you.  
Know it's to God we belong.  
And come to this place with joyfulness and praise.  
Worship your God with a song! *R*

Enter these gates, thanks giving.  
Enter these courts with praise.  
Sing thanks to your God and bless the holy Name.  
Worship your God with a song! *R*

Ages through endless ages,  
Seasons of endless years,  
The love of our Maker ever shall endure.  
Worship your God with a song! *R*

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### **Yahweh be Praised**

51 MV

Yahweh be praised in the heavens.  
Yahweh be praised in the streets.  
Yahweh be praised with our singing  
When in worship we meet.

Yahweh be praised. Yahweh be praised.  
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Yahweh be praised. Yahweh be praised.  
Yahweh be praised. Yahweh be praised.

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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 "Be Still My Soul" 652 VU

Be still, my soul, for God is on your side;  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.  
Trust in your God, your saviour and your guide,  
Who through all changes faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul, your best, your heavenly friend  
Through stormy ways leads to a peaceful end.

Be still, my soul, your God will undertake  
To guide the future surely as the past.  
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;  
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul, life's tempests still obey  
The voice that once the waves' wild fury stayed.

Be still, my soul, the hour is hastening on  
When we shall be forever in God's peace;  
When disappointment, grief and fear are gone,

Love's joys restored, our strivings all shall cease.  
Be still, my soul, when change and tears are past,  
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

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| RESPONSE  | Psalm 139 (VU 861) | Marjorie Harris         |
| SOLO      |                    | Andy Cloutier           |
| SCRIPTURE | Romans 12:1-13     |                         |
| SERMON    |                    | Tabitha McLachlin Carey |

### ▲ **Sent into God's World** ▲

\*HYMN "For the Faithful Who Have Answered" 707 VU

For the faithful who have answered  
When they heard your call to serve,  
For the many ways you led them  
Testing will and stretching nerve,  
For their work and for their witness  
As they strove against the odds,  
For their courage and obedience  
We give thanks and praise, O God.

Many eyes have glimpsed the promise,  
Many hearts have yearned to see.  
Many ears have heard you calling  
Us to greater liberty.  
Some have fallen in the struggle,  
Others still are fighting on.  
You are not ashamed to own us.  
We give thanks and praise, O God.

For this cloud of faithful witness,  
For the common life we share,  
For the work of peace and justice,  
For the gospel that we bear,  
For the vision that our homeland  
Is your love – deep, high, and broad –  
For the different roads we travel  
We give thanks and praised, O God.

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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 annual Youth Night Camping Trip is Friday, August 26 to Sunday, August 28. 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 ▲

**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)

**Single Parent Family Retreat.** From Friday, August 26 to Monday, August 29, enjoy a mini-vacation without having to think about making meals and planning activities. Experience camp magic with your family and connect with others who are parenting solo. For more information, visit [www.keemokee.com](http://www.keemokee.com)

**Andersen Windows & Doors** is hosting a job fair at 71 Second St on Saturday, August 27 from 8:00am to 12:00pm. Hiring production associates – bring a copy of your resume and be prepared to interview on-the-spot! For more information, call 519.245.4500 or email [reception@communityemploymentchoices.ca](mailto:reception@communityemploymentchoices.ca)

**Youth Job Connection** begins Tuesday, September 6. If you are a youth between ages 15-29, not working or in school, and facing barriers to employment, it may be time for a change. For more information or to register, call 519.245.4500 or email [reception@communityemploymentchoices.ca](mailto:reception@communityemploymentchoices.ca)

**RCMP Career Presentation** is being hosted by Community Employment Choices on Tuesday, September 13 at 7:00pm. This event is a great opportunity to explore a career as a police officer with the RCMP! For more information or to register, call 519.245.4500 or email [reception@communityemploymentchoices.ca](mailto:reception@communityemploymentchoices.ca)

**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, September 19 from 10:00am to 11:30am. For more information or to register, visit [www.swselfmanagement.ca](http://www.swselfmanagement.ca)

**Living Healthy with Diabetes.** Do you have or care for someone who has diabetes? The South West Self Management Program is hosting this free online workshop beginning Tuesday, September 20 at 1:00pm. For more information or to register, email [info@swselfmanagement.ca](mailto:info@swselfmanagement.ca)

**Powerful Tools for Caregivers.** Feeling stretched caring for a loved one? South West Self Management offers a free six-week online workshop to help caregivers care for themselves, beginning Tuesday, September 20 at 4:00pm. For more information or to register, email [info@swselfmanagement.ca](mailto:info@swselfmanagement.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)