

STRATHROY UNITED CHURCH



SEASON of CREATION
Sunday, September 18, 2022

WELCOME & TELLING OUR STORY

Brad Morrison

▲ Gathering to Worship God ▲

PRELUDE

Andy Cloutier

CALL TO WORSHIP

*GATHERING HYMNS

Sing, Sing Out!

180 MV

Sing, sing out! Sing a new song.
Sing oh people as one voice!
Sing, sing out! Sing a new song.
Sing of God. Each heart rejoice!
Sing! Hallelujah! Hallelujah, as one voice!
Sing! Hallelujah! Hallelujah, all rejoice!

Sing, sing out! Sing a new song.
Sing oh people for rebirth!
Sing, sing out! Sing a new song.
Sing of God, in all the earth!
Sing! Hallelujah! Hallelujah, for rebirth!
Sing! Hallelujah! Hallelujah, all rejoice!

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All Praise to Thee

327 VU

All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine,
didst yield the glory that of right was thine,
that in our troubled hearts thy grace might shine:
hallelujah; hallelujah!

Let every tongue confess with one accord

in heaven and earth that Jesus Christ is Lord;
and God eternal be by all adored:
hallelujah; hallelujah!

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GATHERING PRAYER AND ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Know That God is Good (repeat) 104 MV
Know that God is good, know that God is good,
Know that God is good, God is good, God is good!

Words: traditional song

*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 Water Flowing 87 MV

Water flowing from the mountains.
Water flowing o'er the earth.
Water comes to us, so precious. Living water gives us birth.

Drink deep this source of life. Drink deep and know.
For living water sings, and living water brings
The love that makes our spirit grow.

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PASTORAL PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER

▲ **Listening for God** ▲

*HYMN Crashing Waters at Creation 449 VU

Crashing waters at creation,
ordered by the Spirit's breath,
first to witness day's beginning
from the brightness of night's death.

Parting water stood and trembled
as the captives passed on through,
washing off the chains of bondage
channel to a life made new.

Cleansing water once at Jordan
closed around the one foretold,
opened to reveal the glory
ever new and ever old.

Living water, never ending,
quench the thirst and flood the soul.
Wellspring, Source of life eternal,
drench our dryness, make us whole.

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RESPONSE	Psalm 78 (VU 792)	Marjorie Harris
SOLO	"Prelude" S.L. Weiss	Andy Cloutier
SCRIPTURE	1 Corinthians 1:18-24	
SERMON		Brad Morrison

▲ Sent into God's World ▲

*HYMN Touch the Earth Lightly 307 VU

Touch the earth lightly, use the earth gently,
nourish the life of the world in our care:
gift of great wonder, ours to surrender,
trust for the children tomorrow will bear.

We who endanger, who create hunger,
agents of death for all creatures that live,
we who would foster clouds of disaster,
God of our planet, forestall and forgive!

Let there be greening, birth from the burning,
water that blesses and air that is sweet,
health in God's garden, hope in God's children,
regeneration that peace will complete.

God of all living, God of all loving,
God of the seedling, the snow and the sun,
teach us, deflect us, Christ reconnect us,
using us gently and making us one..

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*SENDING FORTH & BLESSING

One: As the air sings with songs of glory,

All: As the water flashes with the silver of creation,

One: As the forests bloom with leaves

For the healing of the nations,

All: May God's light fill our hearts and minds,

And lead us forth to walk

Gently and humbly upon the earth. 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.

Volunteer Needed. The Congregational Life Team is currently looking for an individual (or couple) to assume responsibility for coordinating the communion activities. This position works closely with Brad and the Congregational Life Team in organizing the sacrament of communion in accordance with church policy. If you are interested in volunteering for this position, please contact David Morton at 519.245.4482 or dmorton@uniserve.com

Communion. Our next Communion Sunday is October 5. All are welcome at the table. Gluten free option is available. During the pandemic we're using prepackaged elements. We encourage our livestream congregation to participate at home by preparing bread (bun, cracker, muffin) and cup (juice or wine).

▲ fellowship ministry ▲

Parlour Group. Join us for a Welcome Fall Picnic lunch on Monday, September 19 at 11:30am. Bring a bag lunch and beverage and meet at the Kiwanis Pavilion in Alexandra Park. Enjoy our beautiful park setting and time with our church friends. In case of rain, we will meet in the Golden Jubilee Room. For more information, contact Nancy Larocque (519.245.1304), Alma Robb (519.245.0717), or Ida Traxler (519.245.3524).

Friendship Club will be meeting in the Golden Jubilee Room on Tuesday, September 20 from 1:30pm to 3:30pm. For more information, contact Shirley and Andre Aerts (519.205.0961).

Women's Study & Support Group. Are you interested in a small group for discussion and support? Wanda Dickey is hosting a six-week small group for women, exploring spirituality and life challenges with mutual support, prayer, and book study. Meetings are Wednesday evenings 7:30pm – 9:00pm (September 21, 28, Oct 5, 12, 19, 26). Please contact Wanda at wandaedickey@gmail.com

Patti's Come-and-Go. Please drop by the church office on Patti's last day of work – Thursday, September 29 – to say thank you and give your best wishes to Patti as she wraps up three years as our Office Administrator. Join us for coffee and snacks from 9am to noon.

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. An anonymous donor has ensured we reach our \$500 target AND will match up to an additional \$500 of donations. To the anonymous donor and others helping us surpass our goal - Thank You! 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).

▲ 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 ▲

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

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

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

Thursdays in Black is an online conversation about how gender-based violence is a critical issue affecting our communities and ways local action can work to stop violence against women in Canada. Join Danielle Strickland, David Stevenson, and Sage Lacerte online Tuesday, September 20 at 1:00pm. For more information or to register, visit <https://united-church.ca/events>