



Worldwide Communion Sunday  
Sunday, October 2, 2022

WELCOME & TELLING OUR STORY

Brad Morrison

## ▲ Gathering to Worship God ▲

PRELUDE

Andy Cloutier

CALL TO WORSHIP

\*GATHERING HYMNS

### **Come, You Thankful People, Come**

516 VU

Come, you thankful people, come,  
Raise the song of harvest home!  
All is safely gathered in, safe before the storms begin;  
God, our Maker, does provide  
For our needs to be supplied:  
Come to God's own temple, come,  
Raise the song of harvest home!

All the world is God's own field,  
Harvests for God's praise to yield;  
Wheat and weeds together sown,  
Here for joy or sorrow grown;  
First the blade, and then the ear,  
Then the full corn shall appear:  
Harvest-giver, grant that we  
Wholesome grain and pure may be.

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**All Praise to Thee**

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:  
 Alleluia, alleluia!

Thou cam'st to us in lowliness of thought;  
 By thee the outcast and the poor were sought,  
 And by thy death was God's salvation wrought:  
 Alleluia, alleluia!

Let every tongue confess with one accord  
 In heaven and earth that Jesus Christ is Lord;  
 And God eternal be by all adored:  
 Alleluia, alleluia!

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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."*

**▲ Blessed at Table & Font ▲**

## THANKSGIVING &amp; 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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HOLY COMMUNION *bread and cup are available from ushers before worship. Gluten free bread is available. We eat the bread and drink the cup (grape juice) together when the Minister indicates.*

## GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: Let us give God thanks and praise.

**All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Holy, Holy, Holy (spoken)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of steadfast love,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one

who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Memorial Acclamation (spoken)

Christ has died, Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung) (*arr. R. Langdon*)

960 VU

SHARING BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

CHILDREN'S TIME

*Children gather at front with Brad  
and go to Children's Worship for remainder of service.*

## ▲ **Listening for God** ▲

\*HYMN

Let Us Break Bread Together

480 VU

Let us break bread together on our knees,

let us break bread together on our knees.

*When I fall down on my knees*

*with my face to the rising sun,*

*Oh, Lord, have mercy on me.*

Let us drink wine together on our knees,  
let us drink wine together on our knees. (*When I fall...*)

Let us praise God together on our knees,  
let us praise God together on our knees. (*When I fall...*)

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SOLO "Petites Litanies de Jésus" G.Grovlez Andy Cloutier

SCRIPTURE Lamentations 3:19-26

SERMON Brad Morrison

## ▲ Sent into God's World ▲

\*HYMNSent Forth by God's Blessings 481 VU

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,  
The people of God from this dwelling take leave.  
The supper is ended, O now be extended  
The fruits of this service in all who believe.  
The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching,  
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
God's grace did invite us, God's love shall unite us  
To work for the kingdom and answer its call.

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,  
The tasks of our everyday life we will face.  
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,  
Embracing God's children of each tribe and race.  
With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us;  
Unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving  
Give honour to Christ and the name that we bear.

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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

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## ▲ worship ministry ▲

**Communion.** Our next Communion Sunday is October 2. 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).

**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).

**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](mailto:dmorton@uniserve.com)

## ▲ fellowship ministry ▲

**Parlour Group** date has been changed to Tuesday, October 11 at 11:30am. Bring a sandwich to go with Homemade Squash Soup. Don't forget to wear something orange if you can. For more information, contact Irene Krupa at 519.205.0896

**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.

**Roast Beef Dinner.** Please note that there will be no Roast Beef Dinner this fall. Tentative plans are in place for its return in the spring.

**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's 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's.

**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's 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** returns Sunday, October 2!!

## ▲ 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 ▲

**Interim Office Admin.** The church office will be closed (no scheduled reception hours) for the month of October as we search for a new Office Administrator. We're pleased to announce that Cathy Adkin will cover essential office duties during this interim period (check emails, voicemail, donations, room bookings, etc.). For office business, please leave a message for Cathy using the church phone (519-245-0276 ext 0) or email ([office@strathroyunitedchurch.ca](mailto:office@strathroyunitedchurch.ca)), and she will return your message. We thank you for your patience as our Office Admin search continues.

## ▲ community partners ▲

**Fall Storytime.** Books for Babies and Tales for Tots returns to the Strathroy Library on Wednesdays at 10:00am and 10:45am respectively, beginning September 14. For more information, contact the Strathroy Library at 519.245.1290