



Welcome to worship!
Sunday October 11, 2020,
5th Sunday of Creation Time
THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

A joint online Zoom worship Service with:
Claremont, Fairbank & Goodwood United Churches and Guests

Worship Leaders:

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Announcements & Today's Worship Theme

We Joyfully Gather in God's Presence

Lighting the Christ Candle

There was a man named Jesus, who embodied God's love and compassion in such surprising ways. And he said: **I am the light of the world**

Acknowledgement of the Land

As we begin our worship, we acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land where each of us are gathered today. We pay our respects to the Elders past, present and emerging, for they hold the memories, the traditions, the culture and the hopes of all Indigenous peoples on Turtle Island.

God of justice, help us to embody your call to reconciliation with our First Nations in tangible, loving ways. Amen.

Call to Worship

We call upon the forests,
the great trees reaching strongly to the sky
With earth in their roots and the heavens in their branches
We call upon the fir and the pine and the cedar
and we ask them to teach us the Creator's way...

We call upon the creatures of the fields and forests
Our brothers and sisters the wolves and deer
The eagle and the dove
and we ask them to teach us the Creator's way...

We call upon the sun that warms the land and nurtures the growth
And the moon which guides us by night
The stars and comets and far away galaxies
and we ask them to teach us the Creator's way...

Opening Hymn: VU 291 All Things Bright and Beautiful

Refrain:

**All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
in love God made them all.**

**1 Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colours;
God made their tiny wings.** *Refrain*

**3 The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden,
God made them every one.** *Refrain*

**4. The rocky mountain splendor,
The lone wolf's haunting call,
The great lakes and the prairies,
The forest in the fall.** *Refrain*

Prayer of the Day

From: Prayers for an Inclusive People

**Generous God,
you call us to account for the use of your gifts.**

**Pull down the storehouses
of accumulated greed
which impoverish people
and despoil the earth.**

**Put our hands to work
sowing seeds of gratitude, justice and healing for our world,
through Jesus Christ,
the Lord of the Harvest. Amen.**

We Open our Hearts to the Spirit's Voice

One: Whether you take what is written in the Bible as fact, metaphor, myth or story, listen now to these words for the meaning they hold in your lives today.

All: **May the Spirit bless us with wisdom and wonder, as we ponder the meaning of these words in our lives.**

Deuteronomy 8:7-18

⁷For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, ⁸a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, ⁹a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper.

¹⁰You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you. ¹¹Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. ¹²When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, ¹³and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, ¹⁴then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, ¹⁵who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, ¹⁶and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. ¹⁷Do not say to yourself, "My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth." ¹⁸But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

Song: "Grateful"

More Voices # 182

VIDEO

Holy Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? ¹⁸Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

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Thanksgiving Video Message: Pastor Steven & Rev. Lionel

Hymn of the Day: MV # 27 Creator God you Gave us Life

VIDEO

1. Creator God you gave us life,
your image formed within our souls,
yet through the mist of time and space,
we search for that which makes us whole. **Refrain**

Refrain

**Through hands that paint majestic skies,
and voices chanting melody,
with words that reach beyond the page,
we comprehend your mystery.**

2. In ev'ry flow'r and ev'ry tree,
we see your great diversity,
yet greater still we see your love,
expressed in our humanity. **Refrain**

3. When with our hearts, our hands our minds,
we share our gifts with all the world,
our spirits soar beyond the veil,
to touch the very face of God. **Refrain**

Invitation to the Offering - Minute for Mission

Video

Prayer of Dedication for the Gifts:

Loving God,
we offer with joyful thanks
these gifts of your own abundance.
Help us to walk in solidarity
with all who are in need,
reaching out in love to our broken world.
We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Prayers for the People

By: Arnoldo Garcia, from: "Earth Prayers"

I breathe in rain
 I breathe out life
I breathe in wind
 I breathe out sky
I breathe in laughter
 I breathe out happiness
I breathe in the autumn colours
 I breathe out poetry
I breathe in sisters and brothers and friends
 I breathe out hope
I breathe in questions and struggles
 I breathe out clarity
I breathe in wounds
 I breathe out healing
I breathe in a still small voice
 I breathe out thanksgiving

God in your love, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, on this thanksgiving weekend,
we remember places in our world
where struggles have replaced joy,
where conflict has broken the peace,
where hunger has replaced abundance.

We remember places in our world
and people near and far
whose needs are close to our hearts this day; especially:

Prayers of intercession are spoken

God in your love, **hear our prayer**

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Loving God, on this day as we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis,
we ask your blessing on the animals and beloved pets who are part of our lives,
who bless us with companionship,
and fill us with delight.

Bless them
who curl themselves around our hearts
who twine themselves through our days
who call us to come and play.

Bless them
who will never be entirely tamed
who remind us that your love is wild,
and that you love what is wild,
that you rejoice in what lives close to the earth,
and that your heart beats
in the heart of these creatures
who you have entrusted to our care.

With gratitude, we ask your blessing upon
the precious animals who are part of our lives. **Amen.**

And so with our brother Jesus who walked on the earth that we might know
creation's beauty, we pray together:
"God, our Mother and Father in Heaven, hallowed be thy name... Amen."

We Go Forth to Serve our Neighbours

Recessional Hymn: VU 227 For the Fruit of All Creation

- 1. For the fruit of all creation,
thanks be to God.
gifts bestowed on every nation,
thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping,
thanks be to God.**

- 2. In the just reward of labour,
God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbour,
God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.**
- 3. For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us,
thanks be to God.**

Blessing and Commissioning

May we go forth to be a thanksgiving people -
With hearts open
 to the needs of our neighbours
With senses open
 to the beauty of the world around us
With our lives open
 to radiate autumn beauty.
And may the blessing of God
who creates, renews and sustains all of Creation
be with you now and always. **Amen.**

Sung Blessing: Go Now in Peace

VIDEO



CHURCH RE-OPENING SURVEY – (Claremont & Goodwood)

This Survey has been postponed until a more appropriate time.
Your church Board will be meeting shortly to discern next steps.

Upcoming Official Board Meetings:

Goodwood United Church - Wednesday October 14, 7:00 PM (on Zoom)
Claremont United Church – Thursday October 15, 7:00 PM (on Zoom)

New Book Study Series: Beginning Friday October 9th 10:30 am: Book Study Group: **21 Things You May Not Know About the Indian Act**, by Bob Joseph. After this book we will read Bob Joseph's second book: **Indigenous Relations: Insights, Tips and Suggestions to make Reconciliation a Reality**. This group is open to all members of Claremont, Fairbank and Goodwood United Churches, and friends. So please order your copy of both books now!

Next Joint Church Re-Opening Committee: Thurs October 8th, 7:00 pm on Zoom.

Goodwood United Church: Online Community Check-in: Tuesdays at 10:00 AM, on Zoom. Once our check-in time has come to a conclusion, the group will proceed with our weekly Bible Study / “Conversations about Life”, so feel free to join us for this as well.

Claremont United Church: Wednesdays @ 12:00 noon - Join us for a Zoom “drop-in” meeting Everyone is invited to join us for these “Virtual Brock Café” Zoom gatherings to connect with our congregational community.

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Past Services are being uploaded to YouTube

We are now live streaming to our YouTube Channel. The service will also be available for watching later. Please use this link to visit the uploaded services site. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1HPD2ai10bo-qbNaXvNVtw>

Continued Financial Support for our Congregations

Please prayerfully consider how you can continue to support your congregation's ongoing ministries during this time.



- Offerings can be **mailed to the church address itself**
- **PAR forms** (for pre-authorized debit) are available from your church treasurer
- You can send your offering by **E-TRANSFER** through your online banking. Here is where to send them:

For **Claremont United** send to: treasurercuc@outlook.com

For **Goodwood United** send to: goodwoodtreasurer@gmail.com

Thank you for your continued support of our congregation's ministry.



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