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Worship Service

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Thanksgiving Sunday

Sunday, October 10th, 2021 11:00 a.m.

Moment of Silent Reflection:

Simplicity is being content with the basic gifts of life. We live reflectively and mindfully, aware of what is important and what is not. We cherish those we love. We keep around us only what is useful or beautiful. We let go of excess, clutter and complexity. Simplicity gives us clarity and single-pointed concentration. It frees our minds from the stress of overdoing. We appreciate the little things, daily joys, and opportunities to be kind. We live in the moment and savour what is right before our eyes. We enjoy simply being. (The Virtues Project)

Page 2 Praising God

Prelude "Give Thanks/ Now Thank We All Our God"
H. Smith/J. Crüger, arr. J. Raney



Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

This is the day that God has made - let us rejoice and be glad in it! (Psalm 118:24)

Every flower that blossoms, every bird that sings, every fruit that ripens...speaks of God's creating power in the world.

Every act of love and kindness, every hug and smile, every word of hope and appreciation...speaks of God's affirming presence in our lives.

Let us join our hearts in a spirit of gratitude as we sing and shout our praises to God.

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Opening Prayer (together)

Creator God, You have painted our fall, a glorious picture of yellows, oranges and reds. The glory of this season enriches our sight and delights our spirits. You have given us yellow potatoes, orange pumpkins, and red burning bushes. The majesty of the harvest is ours for nourishment, enjoyment and sharing. You brought us together as family and friends around the table of Thanksgiving. In reunion and remembering, in love and laughter, we celebrate Your presence and give great thanks. Amen.

Hymn (520) "We Plough the Fields" vs. 1, 2, 3

1 We plough the fields and scatter
the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered
by your almighty hand;
you send the snow in winter,
the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes and the sunshine,
and soft refreshing rain.

**All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above;
we thank you, God, O holy God,
for all your love.**

2 You only are the maker
of all things near and far;
you paint the wayside flower,
you light the evening star;
the winds and waves obey you,
by you the birds are fed;

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much more to us, your children,
you give us daily bread. **R**

3 We thank you then, O Maker,
for all things bright and good,
the seed-time and the harvest,
our life, our health, our food;
accept the gifts we offer
for all your love imparts,
and, what from us you long for,
our humble, thankful hearts. **R**

Prayer for Grace (together)

Gracious God, whenever I complain about the noise of the city, make me thankful that I can hear. Whenever I close my eyes against the morning sun, make me thankful that I can see. Whenever I sit and relax and resent getting up, make me thankful that I can stand and walk. Whenever I complain about meals to cook, make me thankful that I have abundant food to eat. Help me, O God, to be grateful for all the gifts in my life! Amen.

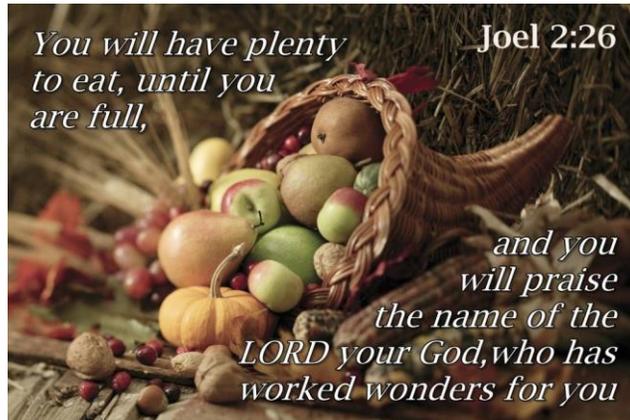
Sung Assurance (227) "For the Fruit of All Creation" vs. 1,2

1 For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.
For the ploughing, 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.

Hebrew Lesson Joel 2:21-27 P. Watanabe
(Do not fear, for God will provide for you.)



Gospel Reading Matthew 6:25-33 P. Watanabe
(Jesus calls us to trust in God, who provides
for all of creation.)

Solo "Praise God for the Harvest" Brian Wren
P. Tibbles-Cookson, Mezzo

Sermon "Grateful Hearts" Rev. Cooper

Hymn (226) "For the Beauty of the Earth" vs. 1,2,3
(tune 81)

1 For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,

**God of all, to you we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.**

2 For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light, R

3 For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild, R

Responding to God

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

**Our Father, Who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day, our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory.
For ever and ever. Amen.**

Hymn "Bringing In the Sheaves"

1. Sowing in the morning, sowing seeds of kindness,
Sowing in the noontide and the dewy eve;
Waiting for the harvest, and the time of reaping,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

Refrain:

**Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves,
Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.**

- 2. Sowing in the sunshine, sowing in the shadows,
Fearing neither clouds nor winter’s chilling breeze;
By and by the harvest, and the labour ended,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

Refrain

- 3. Going forth with weeping, sowing for the Master,
Though the loss sustained our spirit often grieves;
When our weeping's over, He will bid us welcome,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

Refrain

Commissioning and Benediction

God is your shade at your right hand;
The sun will not harm you by day,
nor the moon by night.

God will watch over your life;

God will watch over your coming and going
both now and forever more. (Psalm 121:5-8)

And until we meet again,

May God hold you in the palm of God’s hand.
(Irish Blessing)

Choral Blessing (424) “May the God of Hope”

- 1 May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,

bringing light and hope to every land and race.

**Praying, let us work for peace,
singing, share our joy with all,
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

- 2 May the God of healing free the earth from fear,
freeing us for peace, both treasured and pursued.
May the God of love keep our commitment clear
to a world restored, to human life renewed. **R**

Postlude “For the Fruit of All Creation”

Welsh melody, arr. Jane Holstein

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Thank you for joining our Zoom audio and video
worship service today. We hope you found the
worship service a meaningful experience.

Many thanks to B. Kai, J. Brooker and R. Kunihiro for
coordinating our Zoom audio and video service.
Thanks to P. Watanabe for reading our scriptures.
Thanks to K. Quinton, L. Lazar, and P. Tibbles
Cookson for inspiring us with their music.

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The e-transfer will go directly into the BUC bank account as we are set up for direct deposit. Thank you for your support of BUC.

We will continue to offer Zoom audio and video worship services. Our priority is to keep everyone safe and well. This also means everyone who would like to attend our services is able to do so from their homes.

Today, Sunday, October 10th, we celebrate Thanksgiving Sunday.

Sunday, October 17th, our theme will be Creation Time.

Sunday, October 24th, our theme will be World Food Day. We invite you to give a special offering to support the Mission and Service Fund.

Sunday, October 31st, will be our **Annual Memorial Sunday** to remember loved ones who have died since Nov. 2020. If you have had a loved one or friend pass away this past year, please let Rev. Cooper know their name and date of passing by Oct. 24th. You will be invited to light a candle in your home in memory of your loved one when their name is read.

Newsletter - Do you have something you would like to contribute to the BUC Fall & Advent Newsletter? We are looking for tidbits that have encouraged or inspired you over these last several months...maybe a poem, a joke, an inspirational saying, pictures from your garden or a worship service picture. Perhaps, you would like to write an article. Please send your

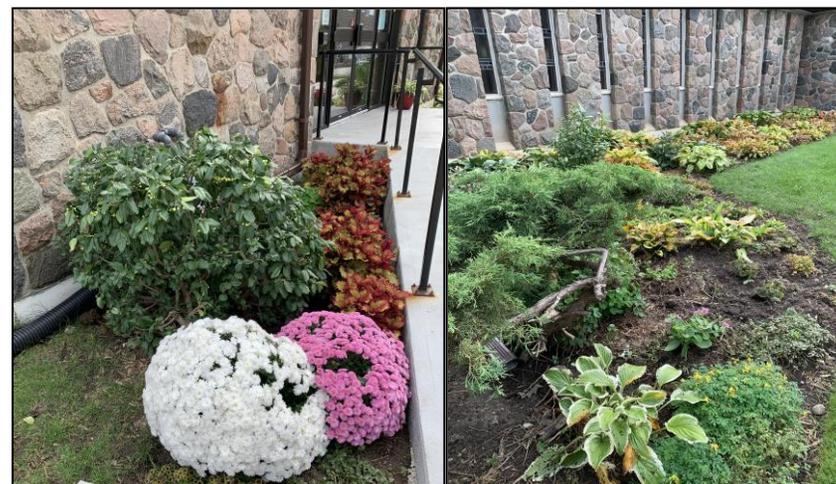
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contributions to office@bayviewunitedchurch.ca by October 31st. Thank you.

God bless you, stay well, stay safe and we hope you tune in next week...same day, same time, and same Zoom phone number or video link.



Happy Thanksgiving



Our BUC Garden
Thank you Christine & Henry!!