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**Creation Time** 

Sunday, October 17th, 2021

11:00 a.m.

## **Moment of Silent Reflection:**

Creativity is the power of imagination. We are open to inspiration, which ignites our originality. With creativity, we are resourceful and intuitive. We solve problems in new and surprising ways. We know how to play. We take time for dreaming. Discovering our own special talents is a gift to the world, whether making a meal, playing a sport, or creating a craft. Creativity connects us to beauty of sound, design, colour, movement, ideas and words, and allows us to bring something new into the world. Creativity brings our gifts to fruition. (Virtues Project)

# Page 2 Praising God

**Prelude** 

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God" Gesangbuch der Herzogl



Words of Welcome Acknowledging the Territory

## **Call to Worship**

Let us take a moment to open our hearts to worship and praise God...

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

With every shower of rain, clap of thunder or fork of lightning...

## The heavens declare the glory of God.

With gale-force winds, white-capped waves or blizzard snow storms...

## We marvel at the power of storms.

Come, let us rejoice and give thanks for the raging storms at work in our lives.

**Hymn (235)** "O Worship the King" vs. 1,2,3

- O worship the King, all glorious above, O gratefully sing God's power and God's love; our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendour, and girded with praise.
- O tell of God's might, O sing of God's grace, whose robe is the light, whose canopy space, whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, and broad is God's path on the wings of the storm.
- The earth with its store of wonders untold, Almighty, your power has founded of old; has stablished it fast by a changeless decree, and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

## **Opening Prayer (together)**

Creating God, we live in an ever-changing world. One day it is calm and warm. The next day there are strong winds and cooler temperatures. We never know what to expect from one day to the next. But we do know that no matter what we experience outdoors or in our hearts, You are with us to support and nurture us. Amen.

**Solo** "Stormy Weather" Harold Arlen/Ted Koehler J. Brooker, baritone

**Prayer for Grace (together)** 

Awesome God, we marvel at the diversity of storms that are around us. From wind storms, to hail storms, to twisters, to hurricanes. No matter the level or magnitude, You are present to guide

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and sustain our lives so that we do not get off track. However, when we do sway, You are right there to support and guide us so that we can find our way back home to You. With gratitude we pray. Amen.

- Sung Assurance (291) "All Things Bright & Beautiful"
  All things bright and beautiful,
  all creatures great and small,
  all things wise and wonderful:
  in love, God made them all.
- The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun, the ripe fruits in the garden: God made them every one.
- God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell how great is God our maker, who has made all things well. (R)

## Listening for God's Word

**Hebrew Reading** Job 28:20-27 J. Cermak (Where is wisdom found? God knows it is found in the elements of the weather.)

**Gospel Lesson** Luke 8:22-25 J. Cermak (Jesus calms a storm.)



Solo

"You'll Never Walk Alone"

R. Rodgers & O. Hammerstein L. Lazar, soprano

**Sermon** "The Gift of Storms" Rev. Cooper

**Hymn (297)** "All Praise to You" vs.1, 2

- All praise to you, O God of all creation: you made the world, and it is yours alone. The planet earth you spun in its location amid the stars adorning heaven's dome. We lease the earth but for a life's duration, yet for this life it is our cherished home.
- With wondrous grace you clothed the earth in splendour; with teeming life you filled the sea and land. Instil in us a sense of awe and wonder when we behold the bounty of your hand. Then when we hear the voice of bird or thunder, we hear the voice our faith can understand.

## **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,

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But deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory. For ever and ever. Amen.

**Hymn (675)** "Will Your Anchor Hold" vs. 1,2,3

- Will your anchor hold in the storms of life?
  When the clouds unfold their wings of strife,
  when the strong tides lift and the cables strain,
  will your anchor drift or firm remain?
  - We have an anchor that keeps the soul steadfast and sure while the billows roll, fastened to the rock which cannot move, grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love!
- 2 It will surely hold in the straits of fear, when the breakers tell that the reef is near; though the tempest rave and the wild winds blow, not an angry wave shall our bark o'erflow. R
- It will surely hold in the floods of death, when the waters cold chill our latest breath; on the rising tide it can never fail while our hopes abide within the veil. **R**

## **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"

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,

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 "Here I Am, Lord" D. L. Schutte arr. Jack Schrader

**Welcome and thank you** for joining BUC zoom audio and video worship service today. 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.

Many thanks to B. Kai and the Zoom Team for coordinating our zoom audio and video service. Thanks to J. Cermak for reading our scriptures. Thanks to K. Quinton, L. Lazar, and P. Tibbles Cookson for inspiring us with their music.

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Our special thanks, to J. Brooker for singing a solo today in our service. It is always wonderful to have you sing for us. Thank you!

Today, Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, our theme is Creation Time and Holy Storms. 1:00 p.m. – Council Meeting on Zoom.

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

**Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup>,** 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. 24<sup>th</sup>. 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 contributions to <a href="mailto:office@bayviewunitedchurch.ca">office@bayviewunitedchurch.ca</a> by October 31st. Thank you.

Sunday, November 7th Remembrance Sunday.

**Prayers and Concerns:** Please remember in your prayers all those in need of hope, comfort and healing.

**BUC Prayer Group:** These individuals offer confidential prayer support to anyone who is in need of God's healing love, support and compassion in their lives. Prayers may be for a relative, a close friend or yourself. Please contact Rev. Cooper or R. Shikaze with your prayer request.

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**God bless you**, stay well, and we hope you join in next week...same day, same time, same Zoom number and video link.



Have a lovely fall afternoon!!