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## Worship Service

Zoom Audio Call Call: 647-374-4685 ID#: 896-7180-8158# Participant ID: Press #

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#### **Moment of Silent Reflection:**

What we are doing to the forests of the world is but a mirror reflection of what we are doing to ourselves and to one another. – Mahatma Gandhi

## "With Respect in Creation" – a hymn festival July 10, 2022

## **Praising God**

**Prelude** "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

Ken Medema

arr. Jack Schrader

**Words of Welcome** 

**Acknowledging the Territory** 

**Call to Worship** 

One: In the beginning, God created the heavens

and the earth,

Many: ...and the Spirit of God was moving over the

water.

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One: God created sun, moon and stars, plants and animals.

Many: ...and God was pleased.

One: Then God placed the human in the Garden of

Eden to care for it.

All: And it was all very good!

\*Hymn (409) "Morning Has Broken" vs.1,2,3

- 1 Morning has broken like the first morning, blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!
- 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass. Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.
- Ours is the sunlight! Ours is the morning born of the one light Eden saw play!
  Praise with elation, praise every morning,
  God's recreation of the new day!

#### **Opening Prayer (together)**

This is your garden, Creator God; a thing of beauty beyond understanding, a poem that is being written not in words, but in colours; wind's whisper, soaring bird, snowdrop's petal, gentle rain and sunlight's warmth. This is your garden, Creator God, a thing of beauty beyond understanding, and we give thanks. Amen.

## Listening for God's Word

Introduction

# Scripture Reading Psalm 19: 1-6, 14 (Creation tells of God's glory.)

# Scripture Reading Matthew 6: 25-34 (Do not worry about tomorrow.)

Hymn (229) "God of the Sparrow" (vs.1, 2, 5 & 6)1 God of the sparrow, God of the whaleGod of the swirling stars

How does the creature say Awe How does the creature say Praise

- 2 God of the earthquake, God of the storm God of the trumpet blast How does the creature cry Woe How does the creature cry Save
- 5 God of the neighbour, God of the foe God of the pruning hook How does the creature say Love How does the creature say Peace
- 6 God of the ages, God near at hand God of the loving heart How do your children say Joy How do your children say Home

#### Hymn (243) "Praise to God"

1 Praise to God, praise to God, for the greenness of the trees, for the beauty of the flowers, for the blueness of the sky, for the greatness of the sea. Praise to God, praise to God, now and forever more.

- 2 Thanks to God, thanks to God, for the gift of friends in Christ, for the church, our house of faith, for the gift of wondrous love, for the gift of endless grace. Thanks to God, thanks to God, now and forever more.
- 3 Glory to God, glory to God, for the grace of Christ, the Son, for the love of parent God, for the comfort and the strength of the Spirit, holy God. Glory to God, glory to God, now and forever more.

**Hymn (MV 135)** "Called by Earth and Sky" (vs.1, 2 & 4)

Called by earth and sky, promise of hope held high.

This is our scared living trust, treasure of life sanctified, called by earth and sky.

- 1 Precious these waters, endless seas, deep ocean's dream, waters of healing, rivers of rain, the wash of love again. **R**
- 2 Precious this gift, the air we breathe; wind born and free. Breath of the Spirit, blow through this place, our gathering and our grace. R

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4 Precious the fire that lights our way, bright dawning day.
Fire of passion, sorrows undone, our faith and justice one. **R** 

### Hymn (307) "Touch the Earth Lightly"

(vs.1, 2 & 4)

- 1 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!
- 4 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.

Meditation "With Respect In Creation"

Solo "With Respect in Creation" D. Kai Tune: New Denver K. Davidson, Soprano

All creation groans as earth, our fragile home turns in paths that lead to devastation, Fish and bird and tree, threatened until we will live with respect in creation.

Skies and seas and land, created for God's plan, not for our own selfish domination,
Drought or rising sea, threaten until we will live with respect in creation.

All creation sighs, we hear the Spirit's cries, calling for rebirth and restoration, warmth for every heart, healing of each part that lives with respect in creation.

All creation sings, let fields and forests ring as we make this holy declaration, Mountains, lakes, rejoice, joining every voice to live with respect in creation, We'll live with respect in creation.

## Responding to God's Word

### Prayers For the Family of God/Lord's Prayer

**Hymn (238)** "O Lord My God (How Great Thou Art)" (vs.1, 2 & 4)

Oh Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee, How great thou art! how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee, How great thou art! how great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander, I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze. R -7-

4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!"R

#### **Commissioning and Benediction**

Postlude "Here I Am, Lord" Daniel Schutte arr. J. Schrader

Thank you for joining our worship service today.

Many thanks to D. Kai for leading our worship service today. D. Kai grew up in Toronto attending the Centennial-Japanese United Church. He is a graduate of the University of Toronto, the Humber College music program and The Centre for Christian Studies. Commissioned as a diaconal minister in 1987, he served in pastoral charges in Birtle, Manitoba, Orleans and Ajax, Ontario. Since retirement, he and his spouse have lived near Grand Bend, Ontario and he has found more time for hymn and song writing.

**Thank you to** R. Bloor for coordinating our Zoom audio and video service. Thank you to K. Quinton, L. Lazar, P. Tibbles Cookson, and K. Davidson for inspiring us with their music.

#### **July Services:**

July 3<sup>rd</sup> - L. Kiff and K. Quinton

July 10<sup>th</sup> - D. Kai and K. Quinton

July17<sup>th</sup> - K. Chandler and K. Quinton

July 24th - D. Kai and K. Quinton

July 31st - K. Chandler and K. Quinton

While BUC is closed in August, you are welcome to join Cummer Avenue United Church at 9 am for their services.

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#### Pastoral Care while Rev. Cooper is on holidays:

July 1-31st you can contact:

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August 1-31st you can contact:

Rev. C. MacPherson at Cummer Avenue U.C.

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**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 call R. Shikaze with your prayer request.

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Please Note: The church office will be closed from August 1<sup>st</sup> and will reopen on August 29<sup>th</sup>. Phone messages and emails will be reviewed periodically. If you need an urgent response, please contact L. Fujita.