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Worship Service

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Thanksgiving Sunday

Sunday, October 9th, 2022 11:00 a.m.

Moment of Silent Reflection:

Did I offer peace today? Did I bring a smile to someone's face? Did I say words of healing? Did I let go of my anger and resentment? Did I forgive? Did I love? These are the real questions. I must trust that the little bit of love that I sow now will bear many fruits, here in this world and the life to come.

--**Henri Nouwen**

Gratitude is the inward feeling of kindness received. Thankfulness is the natural impulse to express that feeling. Thanksgiving is the following of that impulse.

-**Henry Van Dyke**

Page 2 Praising God

Prelude "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"
T. Ken/ L. Bourgeois, arr. Phillip Keveren



Words of Welcome Acknowledging the Territory

Call to Worship

When our eyes sparkle with wonder at a mountain's magnificent glory—we shout 'Amen!' for the gift of God's creation!

When our ears twitch with awe at the honking of geese gliding overhead-- we clap our hands with joy for the gift of God's creation.

When our mouths burst with delight at the bounty of our thanksgiving feasts—we sing with praise and offer our abundant thanks to God as we seek to live with gratitude.

Come, let us worship and praise God!

Opening Prayer (together)

Source of Abundance, we marvel at the beauty and bounty of our world. How happy we are to be planted here, growing and changing with the seasons. It is natural to give thanks for life when all is well. It is harder to give thanks when things take a turn for the worse. Help us to be thankful for the gift of life in all circumstances. We trust in Your Grace to give us what we need, so that our lives may yield a good harvest. Amen.

Hymn (227) "For the Fruit of All Creation" vs. 1,2,3

- 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.
- 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.

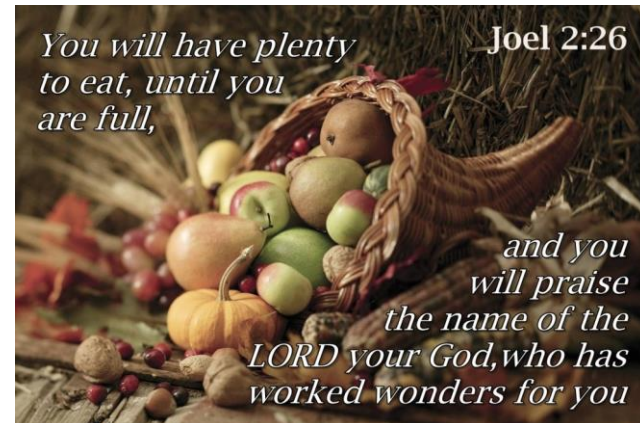
Prayer for Grace (together)

Holy God of unlimited Grace, at times we lavish our thanks on You, and at other times we forget to show You our gratitude. We sometimes focus on our own needs and wants, and take for granted the gifts You have given us. Help us, O God, to appreciate the blessings You have given us. Open our hearts and minds to the true meaning of giving thanks. Amen.

Sung Assurance (381) "Spirit of Life"

Spirit of Life, come unto me.
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;
move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me. **(repeat once)**

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



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

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Solo "Praise God for the Harvest" Brian Wren
P. Tibbles Cookson, mezzo soprano

Sermon "God Provides" 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.**

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**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" vs. 1,2,3

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 (528) "God of Life" vs. 1

1 God of life, in Christ you lead us,
guiding us along the way.
In our past, through joys and sorrows,
you have been our strength and stay.
Keep us faithful, true disciples,
in our learning and our praise,
celebrating past and present,
consecrating future days.

Postlude "Give Thanks/Now Thank We All Our God"
H. Smith/ J. Crüger - arr. Joel Raney

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. Bloor for
coordinating our Zoom audio and video service.
Thanks to J. Brooker for reading our scriptures.
Thanks to K. Quinton, L. Lazar, and P. Tibbles
Cookson for inspiring us with their music.

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Memorial, etc. Thank you for your support of BUC.

Today, Sunday, October 9th, we celebrate
Thanksgiving Sunday.

Sunday, October 16th, our theme will be World Food
Day. We invite you to give a special offering to
support the Mission and Service Fund.

Sunday, October 23rd, Worship Service. This will be
an in-person service as well as Zoom service. There
will **not** be lunch provided this Sunday.

Sunday, October 30th, will be our **Annual Memorial
Service** to remember loved ones who have died since
Nov. 2021. 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.

Sunday, November 6th, Remembrance Sunday.

Newsletter - Do you have something you would like
to contribute to the BUC Fall 2022 Newsletter? We
are looking for pictures or stories that have
encouraged or inspired you over these last several
months...maybe a poem, a joke, inspirational saying,
your garden, a worship service picture. Perhaps, you
would like to write an article. Please send your
contribution to office@bayviewunitedchurch.ca by
October 30th.

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