



**Salisbury United Church**  
**October 27, 2024**  
**Welcome to Worship!**



**Welcome & Announcements**

**Acknowledgement of Territory**

**Hymn Medley:**

Praise to the Lord; #835VU, Psalm 113

Praise to the Lord, all of you God's Servants.  
 Blessed be the name of our God, now and ever.  
 From the rising up of the sun may the Lord be praised,  
 praise to the name of the Lord!



There is none like our God, in the heavens, or on earth,  
 who lifts the poor from the dust,  
 seating them with the mighty,  
 who stoops to raise the weak and low,  
 may the Lord be praised, praise to the name of the Lord!

Gather Us In; #7MV

Gather us in, ground us in you. Gather us in, ground us in you.  
 Gather us in, gather us in, ground us, ground us in you.

Come, (Christians), Join to Sing; #345VU

Come, Christians, join to sing: Hallelujah!  
 Praise to our Servant King: Hallelujah!  
 Let all with heart and voice,  
 saved by God's gracious choice,  
 now in this place rejoice: Hallelujah!

Come, lift your hearts on high: Hallelujah!  
 Let praises fill the sky: Hallelujah!  
 Christ calls his people friends,  
 the helpless he defends,  
 a love that never ends: Hallelujah!

Praise yet our Christ again: Hallelujah!  
 Raise high the joyous strain: Hallelujah!  
 The whole creation o'er  
 let all God's love adore,  
 singing for evermore: Hallelujah!

**Call To Prayer:** *(remain standing)*

We are in an in-between time, between the past and future.  
**God is in the space between past and future.**  
 We are in a place between what we know and what we will yet learn.  
**God knows what we know now and what we have yet to learn.**  
 We are in a reformation time, when the church must re-form into what  
 God dreams.  
**God is wisdom and knowledge that guides transformation.**  
 We open our hearts and spirits to experience the wisdom of the "in  
 between" as we worship today.  
**God is in our in-between time.**  
**Thanks be to God.**

*(Source: Written by Jeanne Wilson. Gathering, Pentecost 2  
 2024, page 48. Used with permission.)*

**Welcoming Each Other In:**

*(We greet each other with open hands of hospitality before sitting down)*

**Welcoming the Light of Christ:**

Let us proclaim the welcoming presence of the light of Christ together:  
**The light of Christ is with us, between us and all around us.**  
**Thanks be to God.**

*(The Christ Candle is lit)*



**Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer:**

Gentle God, who sees into the heart of each of us:  
 we lay open before you now our very human  
 selves. You see our failings, our weaknesses, the  
 ways we are less than you have called us to be.  
 Help us to recognize our brokenness and need of  
 restoration to wholeness. And then, Gentle God,  
 what you see, love; what you love, forgive; and  
 what you forgive, redeem and make new. This we  
 ask through Jesus, who came to bring wholeness  
 of all of creation, and taught us to pray together, saying, ...



**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.  
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever, amen.**

*(Source: Written by Kate Galea. Worship for All Seasons II, Year C, page 215)*

**Song for Peace:** as-Salaam, Shalom  
*as Sa-laam, Shalom*

Peace to my brother, my sister, my neighbour, (R)

Peace to all people, the war-torn, the hungry (R)

Peace to creation from river to mountain (R)

Peace is our prayer from waking to sleeping (R)

**Resting in Peace:** *(A time of silence)*

May the peace of Christ be with you all.

**And also with you!**

**Hymn:** All Will Be Well *(Refrain Only)*

*All will be well and all will be well.*

*All manner of things will be well.*

**Discovery Time:**

**Hymn:** Open Our Hearts; #21MV

Open our hearts, open our minds.

Open our lives to you O loving God.

Open our hearts.

**Scripture Reading:** Job 2:11-13; 3:1-2, 11-19; 4:1-6; 6:11-13, 26-27;  
8:1-4, 21-22; 10:15-19 (NIV)



**Salisbury Singers:** O God, Why Are You Silent?

**Scripture Reading:** Job 13:17-22; 15:1-4, 11-13; 16:1-3, 12, 15-17 (NIV)



**Sermon:**



**Hymn:** Spirit, Open My Heart; #79MV

*Spirit open my heart to the joy and pain of living.  
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving,  
Spirit, open my heart.*

God, replace my stony heart  
with a heart that's kind and tender.  
All my coldness and fear  
to your grace I now surrender. (R)

Write your love upon my heart  
as my law, my goal, my story.  
In each thought, word, and deed,  
may my living bring you glory. (R)

May I weep with those who weep,  
share the joy of sister, brother.  
In the welcome of Christ,  
may we welcome one another. (R)

**Acknowledgement of Offering:**

God created everything as a gift of love for  
all to share. May we go live in this world in  
such a way that we continue to make God's  
dreams come true.

*(Source: Written by Eileen Masse. Gathering, Pentecost 2 2024,  
page 41. Used with permission.)*



**Prayers for the Journey:**

Just and compassionate God,  
we turn to you in hope and gratitude.  
When the world around us seems troubled and troubling,  
we are grateful for your steadfast love.  
Thank you for your Spirit at work in all times and places,  
calling out the best in your people,  
showing us when we must repent,  
opening paths to reconciliation where we have  
offended.

With the proclamation of your prophets  
and the compassion of Jesus in mind,  
may we seek your justice and know your mercy day  
by day.



We pray for justice for the earth:  
Protect those creatures and communities at risk,  
from the effects of dramatic disasters and incremental changes in the climate..  
Open our eyes to see how we can live more responsibly  
and change our hearts to know we must.

*Hold silence for 10 seconds.*

We pray for justice among the nations:  
Create more generous sharing of resources  
between countries with good harvests and those depleted by famine.  
Where resources are extracted for export,  
protect brave advocates for fair wages and environmental protection.  
And where there is aggression and intimidation between nations,  
raise up the willingness to restrain violence and make peace as a first  
step to changed relationships.

*Hold silence for 10 seconds.*

We pray for justice in our court systems:  
Guide those who judge, prosecute or defend to serve with integrity,  
that those who are accused may receive fair trials,  
and that those who have been wronged are restored to fullness of life.  
Grant those who are convicted humane treatment  
so that your Spirit may lead them to rehabilitated potential.

*Hold silence for 10 seconds.*

We pray for justice in the work place:  
May those who work for others be treated with dignity and earn a fair  
wage.  
May all who create that work earn a fair return.  
Create equity and respect between those of different backgrounds  
and identities and guide young people to opportunities to develop  
their gifts.

*Hold silence for 10 seconds.*

God, we all need some kinds of healing in our lives:  
We remember before you those struggling with illness of body, mind  
or spirit,  
those waiting for diagnosis or treatment,  
and all whose health challenges are invisible to others.

### *Personal prayers in silence*

Your Spirit prays within us, O God,  
even when we cannot find the right words.  
So hear us this day and answer in ways that encourage our faith  
and change the world for the good,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ whose Spirit prays with us  
as we pray this prayer.  
Amen.

*(Source: Presbyterian Church in Canada, Worship Planner 23rd Sunday  
after Pentecost October 27th, 2024 Reformation Sunday Year B)*

### **Saying Goodbye to The Light of Christ:**

The Christ light can never really be put out.  
**Even when we blow it out, it simply changes form,  
and becomes like smoke,  
drifting toward all the four directions of the world.**

*(The light is extinguished)*

The smoke rises like a blessing,  
meant to sustain us until we meet again.

### **Hymn: Every Time I Feel the Spirit; #481W&R**

*Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.  
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.*

Upon the mountain when my Lord spoke,  
out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.  
Looked all around me, it looked so fine,  
till I asked my Lord if all was mine. (R)

Jordan river is chilly and cold,  
it chills the body but not the soul.  
There ain't but one train ridin' on this track;  
it runs to heaven and then right back. (R)

Oh there are trials and many a woe,  
that give us heartache here below.  
But while Love leads me I will not fear,  
for all is sheltered within God's care. (R)



## Blessing:

Let us go in celebration of God's goodness.

**Let us go with thanksgiving.**

Let us go with the love of God,  
the peace of Christ,

**and the zeal of the Holy Spirit in our hearts.**

**May it be so.**

**Amen**



(Source: Written by Ralph Taylor; Worship for All Seasons II, page 271. Used with permission.)

## Sung Blessing: May the Love of the Lord; #218MV

*May the love of our God, rest upon your soul,*

*May God's love dwell in you throughout every day.*

*Amen, Amen, Amen Amen, Amen, Amen.*

*Amen, Amen, Amen Amen, Amen, Amen.*

## Postlude

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## MEDITATION CIRCLE - WEDNESDAYS @ 10am

Meditation Circle has resumed in-person on Wednesdays at 10am.

Join us in the Church's Meditation Room each Wednesday.



## LOOKING FOR HELP SUNDAY MORNINGS

If you're able to help Sundays at 10:00am, to set up a few tables & chairs in the auditorium, it would be greatly appreciated.



## STRATHCONA COUNTY FOOD BANK DONATIONS



Please continue to bring non-perishable items for the Strathcona Food Bank. There is a yellow bin in the Narthex for donations along with a list of most-needed items.

## TruEarth Promotion - Oct. 10th - Nov. 10th

From now until November 10<sup>th</sup>, you can take advantage of an amazing promotion with our ongoing fundraiser with TruEarth. Same 20% on your entire order and our fundraiser earns 20% from every order. Use our [unique fundraising link](#) and the code **Save20** at checkout.

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## Finance Corner

Update for September 2024

	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Income:	\$199,437.36	\$145,616.08
Expense:	\$183,794.13	\$186,095.07
	\$15,643.23	(\$40,478.99)

Year to date net income was approximately \$15,600, compared to a budgeted loss of over \$40,000 - over \$55,000 better than planned! Special donations of more than \$30,000 made it possible. Expenses were \$2,300 less than budgeted for the same period.

Every person's contribution of time and finances helps maintain and grow Salisbury United Church. Thank you for your ongoing support.

If you need any help with giving envelopes – new supply, pick-up, etc. – or other giving options (monthly giving through PAR, e-transfer or donating online through Canada Helps on the Salisbury Website), please contact: Brittany at the Church Office.

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