



Salisbury United Church
September 29, 2024
Welcome to Worship!



Welcome & Announcements

Acknowledgement of Territory

Hymn Medley:

Many and Great, O God, Are Your Works; #308VU

Many and great, O God, are your works,
Maker of earth and sky.
Your hands have set the heavens with stars,
your fingers spread the mountains and plains.
Lo, at your word the waters were formed;
deep seas obey your voice.

Grant unto us communion with you,
O star abiding one.
Come unto us and dwell with us,
with you are found the gifts of life.
Bless us with life that has no end,
eternal life with you.

Come to My Heart; #661VU

Come to my heart, Lord Jesus; teach me to walk in your way.
Come to my heart, Lord Jesus; come to my heart today.
Give me the peace and joy that only you can bring.
Come to my heart, Lord Jesus; give me a song to sing.

Fill me with love, Lord Jesus; teach me to walk in your way.
Fill me with love, Lord Jesus; fill me with love today.
Give me the peace and joy that only you can bring.
Fill me with love, Lord Jesus; give me a song to sing.

Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus; teach me to walk in your way.
Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus; answer my prayer today.
Give me the peace and joy that only you can bring.
Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus; give me a song to sing.



Jesus, Teacher, Brave & Bold; #605VU

Jesus, teacher, brave and bold, let us serve you, young and old.
Let us faith-filled workers be, all around, your wisdom see.
Let us play and dance and sing, your goodness find in everything.

Jesus, friend, so strong and true, show us good, brave work to do.
Show us those who need a friend, all things broken help us mend.
Free our minds and stretch our care, teach us to serve you
everywhere.

Call To Prayer: (remain standing)

God of hope,
you gather us from every direction to sit together,

From the east (*face east*),
from the south (*face south*),
from the west (*face west*),
from the north (*face north*),



you summon us to learn from each other

(*face each other across the centre aisle*)

to walk the journey of reconciliation with the land and people of this
place.

**How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in
unity!**

(*all face the front*)

God of wisdom, soften our hearts, lower our defenses,
give us courage to learn about difficult and new things

**How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in
unity!**

God of love and compassion, let us come together, work together,
worship together, pray together and seek the wellbeing of all our
relations.

**How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in
unity!**

Amen

(Source: "Why We Wear An Orange Shirt, Salvation Army of Canada,
https://salvationist.ca/files/salvationarmy/indigenous-ministries/PDF/Call_to_Worship_Benediction.pdf)

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)



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

May the peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you!

Song for Peace: Psalm 133; Behold, How Pleasant
(Miren Qué Bueno); #856VU vv. 2 & 3

Behold how pleasant, how good it is!

Behold how pleasant, how good it is! (2x)



How pleasant and harmonious when God's people are together:
fresh like the morning dew that falls on Zion's holy hill. (2x) (R)

How pleasant and harmonious when God's people are together:
there is where God bestows the blessing, life for evermore. (2x) (R)

Opening Prayer: Lost and Found *(Matthew 18:10-14)*

Holy One,
how long,
how long until we realize that it is love
which set the stars in place
and binds the planets in their orbits?

How long until we understand
that the cardinal's whistle is a love song,
a canticle of praise for the lover,
and that Earth's long journey through this cosmos
is the time it has taken to awaken to Love's embrace?

How long until we realize that we are here,
not to increase net worth,
but to awaken to our own intrinsic value
as Love's progeny.



You are the hidden heart of the cosmos,
and when we turn our attention to the affairs of the heart,
there we find you,
smiling,
from everywhere and everyone,
joyous to know that another lost soul has been found.
Amen.

*(Source: If Darwin Prayed: Prayers for Evolutionary
Mystics, by Bruce Sanguin; page 125)*

Hymn: The Prayer of Jesus; Hans Van Nie "Yours the Commonwealth of Love", v. 1 & 2

God, Creator, God in heav'n; holy is your name.
May your Commonwealth of Love come for us to claim.
May your will be done on earth as it is above.
Give us now our daily bread; feed us God of Love.

God, forgive the wrong we do; help us to forgive.
Save us from the evil one; show us how to live.
God of glory, God of pow'r, yours the Reign of Love.
Amen, amen, evermore, yours the Reign of Love.



Discovery Time:

Hymn: O Great Spirit; #239VU

O Great Spirit, how I long to hear your name.
How I long to see your face.
A way hi ho a way hi ho a way hi hi ho.

O Great Spirit, how I long to touch your hands.
How I long to see your face.
A way hi ho a way hi ho a way hi hi ho.

Scripture Reading: Genesis 9:8-17 (NIV)



Salisbury Singers: Like a Healing Stream; #144MV

*Like a healing stream, like a gentle rain,
like a river strong, like a mighty sea*

Scripture Reading: Mark 4:21-34



(First Nations Version, An Indigenous Translation of the New Testament, 2023)

Sermon:

Hymn: There'll Be Sunshine In the Mornin'

There'll be sunshine in the mornin'
There'll be sunshine in the mornin'
There'll be sunshine in the mornin',
Sunshine in the mornin' one of these days.

Freedom will come to all our brothers
Freedom will come to all our sisters
Freedom will come to all God's children,
Freedom to all people one of these days.

Justice will flow like a mighty river
Justice will flow like a mighty river
Justice will flow like a mighty river,
Justice like a river one of these days.

Love shall live in every heart,
Love shall live in every heart,
Love shall live in every heart,
Love in every heart one of these days.

Peace shall come to every nation
Peace shall come to every nation
Peace shall come to every nation,
Peace to every nation one of these days.

(Source: strathdeemusic.com/sunshine.htm)

Acknowledgement of Offering:

Open our spirits that we may notice everything you have created and everything you long for your creation to become, O God, Creator and Author of all that is. Amen.

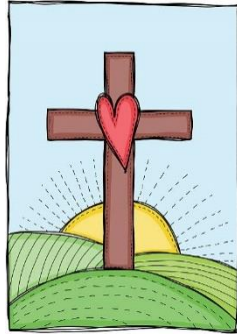


(Source: Written by Catherine Tovell. *Gathering, Pentecost 2 2024*, page 31. Used with permission)

Prayers for the Journey:

Holy One, Creator of all that is seen and unseen,
Creator of story and of song, of heartbeat and of tears
of earth and bodies, souls and voices
and all of our crawling, flying, swimming, leaping relations:
you are the God of all truth and the way of all reconciliation.

(silence)



Uphold with your love and compassion for all who open their lives in acknowledgement of residential school trauma, past and ongoing. In the sacred sharing of stories of pain and humiliation breathe in us the grace to trust in your loving forgiveness, that we may face our histories with compassionate courage; Guide us with holy wisdom to enter through the gates of remorse that our feet may walk gently and firmly on the way of justice and healing.

(silence)

In our awareness of our own past, help us to understand that all human suffering is also our own suffering. Make a right Spirit to flow among us and within us so that we are inwardly and outwardly changed. Help us to continually amend our lives, individually and collectively, so that we walk through life in a sacred manner which follows a good path of respect, love, humility, courage, honesty, wisdom and truth.

(silence)

Touch us through the holy gift of redeeming love and move us to pray continually for each other, for our Indigenous brothers and sisters, and cousins, and for creation itself which also bears the same suffering at human hands that human beings do to each other; We close this prayer with a prayer for the suffering of the whole world, that all those who live in hostility and anger and prejudice toward each other, might let go of resentment and a desire for revenge; May there be instead a turning toward the healing that we all need so that your peace may come on earth at last.

(silence)

In Jesus' name we pray,
Amen.

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: May the God of Hope Go with Us; #424VU

May the God of hope go with us everyday,
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.*

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 and human life renewed. (R)

Blessing:

May God our Creator, praised by creation, seen in
Christ Jesus, the Son, and brought near by the Spirit,
take from you what you need carry no longer, setting
you free again to serve and be served in the name of
God's love for the world. Amen.



(Source: A Wee Worship Book, pg. 37, adapted B. Aerhart)

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-person in the Church's Meditation Room each Wednesday. Find more information on our [website](#).



"SAVE A TURKEY - BUY A MEAT PIE" FUNDRAISER



Our Meat Pie Fundraiser kicks off today!
Order forms and details on all pies available for order are in the Narthex and can be picked up before or after worship. Orders must be submitted to the church office by noon on Thursday, October 10th.

**FAREWELL TO THE LOVIGS & PIE POTLUCK
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6TH AFTER WORSHIP**

Please join us in saying farewell to Grant & Frieda Lovig, as we host a pie potluck after worship on Sunday, October 6th. A potluck sign-up sheet is available in the Narthex. If you'd like to bring a pie to the potluck, please sign-up to indicate what kind of pie you will bring.



**THE 33RD ANNUAL ECUMENICAL MISSION OF
STRATHCONA COUNTY - OCTOBER 20-23, 2024**

From October 20-23, 2024, the 33rd Annual Ecumenical Mission of Strathcona County will host various worship services, bible studies and fellowship alongside mission leader Rev. Dr. Rob Fennell. Please join us during his series, "Taking Flight: The Holy Spirit and the Christian Life". Details posted in the Narthex with more information to follow in the coming weeks.



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.



Finance Corner

Update for August 2024

	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Income:	\$177,196.23	\$130,608.88
Expense:	\$162,188.64	\$167,459.71
	\$15,007.59	(\$36,850.83)

Year to date net income was approximately \$15,000, compared to a budgeted loss of nearly -\$37,000 - almost \$52,000 better than planned! Special donations of more than \$30,000 made it possible. Expenses were \$5,200 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.

Phone: 780-467-7310

