



Second Sunday in the Season of Creation

Sunday Worship

September 13 , 2020, 10:30am

Gathering Online

The service live stream will begin shortly before 10:30. However, there will be no sound until the service begins. You can find the stream on the FBCH Facebook page or from our website: fbchalifax.ca (click "Join us Online"). If you go to the FBCH page before the service begins, you will need to refresh your browser at 10:30 in order to connect to the live stream. Services are also posted to the FBCH YouTube page on Sunday afternoon.

Gathering in the FBCH Sanctuary

Once in your pew, we invite you to open yourself to God through prayer and reflection. You may take time to concentrate on your breathing and consider the worries and hopes you bring with you today. You may choose to allow the beauty of the sanctuary to inspire personal prayer and reflection. This time of prayer and reflection is for you. Welcome it even as God welcomes you.

Wifi Password for FBCH Guest: youareloved



Prelude

Aaron Ashton, Piano

Six Variations - Beethoven

Welcome

Rusty Edwards

If joining on Facebook Live, we invite you to say hello to everyone by posting a comment to the live stream.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

If you have a candle at home, we invite you to light it as a way to centre yourself for worship. Even though the FBCH community is not gathered in person, the lights of our candles remind us that Christ is with us and unites us together.

Introit

Sing Planet Earth

Call to Worship

Judy Whalen

From A Wee Worship Book, a publication of the Iona Community

Because the world is beautiful, and beauty is a tender thing, and we are caretakers of creation, we need you, God.

We need you, God.

Because we can live without you and are free to go against you and could worship our wisdom alone, we need you, God.

We need you, God.

Because you came among us and sat beside us and heard us speak and saw us ignore you and healed our pain and let us wound you and loved us to the end and triumphed over all our violence, we need you, God.

We need you, God.

Because you, not we, are God, we need you, God.

We need you, God.

Prayer of Approach

Maker of all, we are your children, the creatures of your kindness, the bearers of your image. This day, we will walk by your light, follow your Son, and live by your Spirit. This day we will not offer to you offerings that cost us nothing. For this is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. Amen.

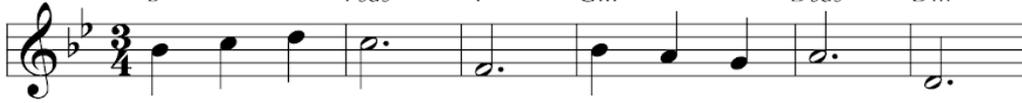
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DEDICATION AND STEWARDSHIP

713 Touch the Earth Lightly

Capo 3: (G) (Dsus) (D) (Em) (Bsus) (Bm)
 B^b Fsus F Gm Dsus Dm



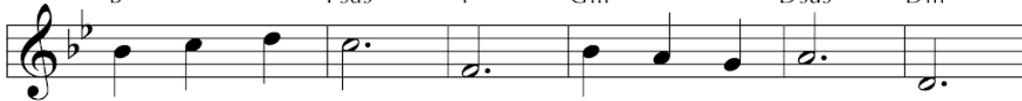
1 Touch the earth light - ly, use the earth gent - ly,
 2 We who en - dan - ger, who cre - ate hun - ger,
 3 Let there be green - ing, birth from the burn - ing,
 4 God of all liv - ing, God of all lov - ing,

(C) (D7) (G) (Am7) (Dsus) (D)
 E^b F7 B^b Cm7 Fsus F



nour - ish the life of the world in our care:
 a - gents of death for all crea - tures that live,
 wa - ter that bless - es and air that is sweet,
 God of the seed - ling, the snow, and the sun,

(G) (Dsus) (D) (Em) (Bsus) (Bm)
 B^b Fsus F Gm Dsus Dm



gift of great won - der, ours to sur - ren - der,
 we who would fos - ter clouds of di - sas - ter,
 health in God's gar - den, hope in God's chil - dren,
 teach us, de - flect us, Christ re - con - nect us,

(C) (G) (Em) (Am7) (D) (G) (G)
 E^b B^b Gm Cm7 F B^b B^b



trust for the chil - dren to - mor - row will bear.
 God of our plan - et, fore - stall and for - give!
 re - gen - er - a - tion that peace will com - plete.
 us - ing us gent - ly and mak - ing us one.

An Australian aboriginal saying opens this gentle hymn from New Zealand on the stewardship of creation. "Clouds of disaster" in the second stanza refers to the testing of nuclear devices then occurring in the Pacific Ocean, but the concern for all created things is timeless.

New Testament Reading**Luke 11:1-4****Rusty Edwards***New Revised Standard Version*

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, ‘Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.’

²He said to them, ‘When you pray, say:

Creator*, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

³ Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴ And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.’

**The Greek Πάτερ (Pater) is often translated “Father.” Bauer’s Greek Lexicon of the New Testament, states that when used of God, Πάτερ means “originator and ruler.” While all language falls short, especially in translation, “Creator” captures this image of God as our originator and the one who rules creation.*

Children’s Story - Blessing of the Backpacks**Rhonda Schofield &
Board of Christian Education****Responsive Psalm: Psalm 148:7-13****Judy Whalen***The Inclusive Bible Translation*

Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea creatures and ocean depths,
lightning and hail, snow and mist, and storm winds that fulfill God’s
word,

mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars, wild animals

and all cattle, small animals and flying birds,

rulers of the earth, leaders of all nations, and the judges in the world,
young men and young women, old people and children—

**let them all praise the Name of the LORD whose Name alone is
exalted!**

Doxology - OLD HUNDREDTH**First Testament Reading****Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-19; 3:1-8****Rusty Edwards***New Revised Standard Version*

2:4b In the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens,

⁵when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had
yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth,
and there was no one to till the ground [⁶‘adamah’]; ⁶but a stream would rise
from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground [⁷‘adamah’]— ⁷then
the LORD God formed man [⁸‘adam’] from the dust of the ground [⁹‘adamah’],
and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man [¹⁰‘adam’]
became a living being [creature]. ⁸And the LORD God planted a garden in

Eden, in the east; and there the LORD put the man [¹¹‘adam’] whom the

LORD had formed. ⁹Out of the ground [‘adamah] the LORD God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

15 The LORD God took the man [‘adam] and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it [to serve it]. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man [‘adam], ‘You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.’ ¹⁸ Then the LORD God said, ‘It is not good that the man [‘adam] should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.’ ¹⁹So out of the ground [‘adamah] the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man [‘adam] to see what he would call them; and whatever the man [‘adam] called each living creature, that was its name.

3.1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. The serpent said to the woman, ‘Did God say, “You shall not eat from any tree in the garden”?’ ²The woman said to the serpent, ‘We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³but God said, “You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.” ’ ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, ‘You will not die; ⁵for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.’ ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

8 They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man [‘adam] and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden

Reader For the Word of God in Scripture,
 for the Word of God among us,
 for the Word of God within us.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Interlude - SHADES MOUNTAIN

Prayers of the People

Rusty Edwards

During the silent pause, those following on Facebook Live are invited to participate by offering prayers and prayer requests. You might simply comment with the first name of a family member or friend you are praying for, for those in our community, or another need or prayer of thanksgiving you would like to offer. May the comment feed be a reminder that we are gathered as a community.

Lord's Prayer

**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 that trespass against us.
And 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.**

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226 There in God's Garden

1 There in God's gar - den stands the tree of Wis - dom,
 2 Its name is Je - sus, name that says, "Our Sav - ior!"
 3 Thorns not its own are tan - gled in its fo - liage;
 4 See how its branch - es reach to us in wel - come;

whose leaves hold forth the heal - ing of the na - tions:
 There on its branch - es see the scars of suf - fering;
 our greed has starved it; our de - spite has choked it.
 hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye wea - ry!

tree of all knowl - edge, tree of all com -
 see there the ten - drils of our hu - man
 Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not de -
 Give me your sick - ness; give me all your

These evocative stanzas on Christ's Passion come from a twelve-stanza hymn by a 17th-century Hungarian pastor, as translated by the preeminent 20th-century hymnologist of the English-speaking world. The tune name honors the composer's home in the foothills of the Appalachians.

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pas - sion, tree of all beau - ty.
self - hood feed on its life - blood.
stroyed it nor fire con - sumed it.
sor - row; I will give bless - ing."

Benediction

Rusty Edwards

Choral Amen

Postlude

Lynette Wahlstrom, organ and Andrea Mathis, Piano
The Heavens are Telling (The Creation) - F.J. Haydn



Offerings

All contributions to FBCH support our mission and ministry and are greatly appreciated. Many choose to give by setting-up recurring contributions. You may also give to FBCH by making an e-transfer or by giving on-line through a link on our website. You can go to our website www.fbchalifax.ca and click on the Ways to Give link on our homepage for instructions on how to give.



Thank you to our live stream worship leaders

Lynette Wahlstrom, Director of Music
Rhonda Schofield, Interim Minister of Faith Development
Jean Ferguson, Coordinator of Congregational and Community Engagement
Rusty Edwards, Senior Minister



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