

WESLEY UNITED CHURCH

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Wesley United Church, located on Treaty 4 land, is an Affirming Ministry of Jesus Christ,
nurturing spiritual exploration and growth. We advocate for justice and social action.
We love and care for ourselves and our neighbours throughout the world.

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17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 27, 2020 10:30 a.m.

Assisting in Worship

Soloist: Maureen Kolot

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Congregational responses are indicated by bold

***You are invited to stand**

WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY

PRELUDE

*WE SING MV #135

Called by Earth and Sky

Called by earth and sky,

promise of hope held high.

This is our sacred living trust,

**treasure of life sanctified,
called by earth and sky.**

Precious these waters, endless seas,
deep ocean's dream,
waters of healing, rivers of rain,
the wash of love again.

**Called by earth and sky,
promise of hope held high.
This is our sacred living trust,
treasure of life sanctified,
called by earth and sky.**

Precious this gift, the air we breathe;
wind born and free.
Breath of the Spirit, blow through this place,
our gathering and our grace.

**Called by earth and sky,
promise of hope held high.
This is our sacred living trust,
treasure of life sanctified,
called by earth and sky.**

Precious these mountains, ancient sands;
vast fragile land.
Seeds of our wakening, rooted and strong,
Creation's faithful song.

**Called by earth and sky,
promise of hope held high.
This is our sacred living trust,
treasure of life sanctified,
called by earth and sky.**

Precious the fire that lights our way,
bright dawning day.

Fire of passion, sorrows undone,
our faith and justice one.

**Called by earth and sky,
promise of hope held high.
This is our sacred living trust,
treasure of life sanctified,
called by earth and sky.
Called by earth and sky,
called by earth and sky.**

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GATHERING WORDS

We gather together, separated by a microscopic virus
but connected by fibreoptics.

Opening to the Cosmic Christ.

We gather on this pale blue dot in a far corner of the
cosmos.

Opening to the Cosmic Christ.

We gather seeking relationship in the goodness
creation, from the creeping things to the stars spanning
light years.

Opening to the Cosmic Christ.

Come! Let us enter into relationship through the Cosmic
Christ.

Opening to the Cosmic Christ.

Amen.

WELCOME

OUR OPENING PRAYER

...Unknowable Mystery,

We honour the presence of the holy in our midst.

May the “kin-dom” flourish among us.

**May we have only what we need each day that all
might have enough and more tomorrow.**

**May we be as generous in offering forgiveness as we
have been humbled and grateful in being forgiven.**

**May we be strengthened through our trials; and may
we face evil with courage, truth and love.**

**As we pray in Jesus’ name, may we also walk in his
way. Amen.**

- Paraphrase by John Haas

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

We light this candle as a community of Jesus the Christ
**nurturing spiritual exploration and growth, we
advocate for justice and social action. We love and
care for ourselves and our neighbours throughout
the world.**

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

WE LISTEN

SUNG PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

WE SING MV #62

There is Room for All

There is room for all in the shadow of God's wing;
there is room for all, sheltered in God's love.

And I rejoice and sing, "My refuge and my rock, in whom I
trust."

There is room for all, there is room for all!

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HEBREW BIBLE

Proverbs 8:22-31

GOSPEL

John 6:41-51

As we reflect on these words from our tradition,

may we find wisdom for living.

ANTHEM

Laughter Lit the Stars of Morning

Laughter lit the stars of morning singing at the dawn of
earth;

angel throngs rejoiced to witness so miraculous a
birth.

As they marveled at its wonder, teeming life forms,
multihued,
tenderly the world God cradled and pronounced it
very good.

Laughter filled a barren Sarah: "Shall this ancient womb
conceive?

When I feel new life within me, only then will I
believe!"

Sarah's laughter turned to wonder at the thing that
God had done
when our hearts in union cradling Isaac, her
beloved son.

Laughter binds the congregation in the joy of fam'ly
grown;

oil and water seal the promise each has made, to
be God's own.

Young and old, we share the wonder of God's
covenant renewed,
our baptismal vows remember, and give thanks, for
God is good.

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SPECULATION

WE RESPOND

*WE SING MV #41

O Beautiful Gaia

O beautiful Gaia, O Gaia, calling us home.

O beautiful Gaia, calling us on.

Soil yielding its harvest, O Gaia, calling us home.

Soil yielding its harvest, calling us on.

O beautiful Gaia, O Gaia, calling us home.

O beautiful Gaia, calling us on.

Waves crashing on granite, O Gaia, calling us home.

Waves crashing on granite, calling us on.

O beautiful Gaia, O Gaia, calling us home.

O beautiful Gaia, calling us on.

Pine bending in windstorm, O Gaia, calling us home.

Pine bending in windstorm, calling us on.

O beautiful Gaia, O Gaia, calling us home.

O beautiful Gaia, calling us on.

Loon nesting in marshland, O Gaia, calling us home.

Loon nesting in marshland, calling us on.

O beautiful Gaia, O Gaia, calling us home.

O beautiful Gaia, calling us on.

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MINUTE FOR MISSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR PRAYERS

WE ARE CHALLENGED TO SHARE

OFFERTORY

*OUR RESPONSE

Wesley Offering Song

People let us work together, striving for community

All are welcome in the circle, centre of diversity

Sharing, caring, learning, growing

Rising to each neighbour's needs

Celebrating all creation, following where Jesus leads!

*WE DEDICATE OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*WE SING VU #296

This is God's Wondrous World

This is God's wondrous world,

and to my listening ears

all nature sings, and round me rings

the music of the spheres.

This is God's wondrous world;

I rest me in the thought

of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,

God's hand the wonders wrought.

This is God's wondrous world:

the birds their carols raise;

the morning light, the lily white,

declare their Maker's praise.

This is God's wondrous world:
God shines in all that's fair;
 in the rustling grass or mountain pass,
God's voice speaks everywhere.

This is God's wondrous world:
O let me ne'er forget
 that though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is God's wondrous world:
why should my heart be sad?
 Let voices sing, let the heavens ring:
God reigns, let earth be glad!

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WORDS OF MISSION

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE