

Rooted in Creation  
Sunday, October 13, 2024  
Thanksgiving Sunday

Welcome and Announcements

Centring Music We Gather Together

*Netherlands Folk Song, Edward Kremser, "KREMSEER", arranged by John Carter*

Lighting of the Christ Candle (Moirra and Spirit Kids)

When the leaves begin to turn colour and fall,  
when the temperature gets cooler and the days grow shorter,  
we lean into creation's cycle of life as God's gift.

**We worship the One**

**who shows us the Way of self-giving love.**

We come to rejoice that God has made us for one another  
and teaches us faithfulness when sharing from our abundance.

**Let us join with God in prayer, song and praise.**

In our listening, O Spirit, may we recognize  
your signs of welcoming.

**In our living in your name,**

**may we dedicate ourselves to your purpose.**

Opening Hymn **This Is the Day** (Voices United 412)

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*Music: Fijian folk melody; arr. Darryl Nixon 1987*

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- 1 This is the day, this is the day  
that our God has made, that our God has made;  
we will rejoice, we will rejoice,  
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
This is the day that our God has made,  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.  
This is the day, this is the day  
that our God has made.
- 2 Open to us, open to us  
your gates, O God, your gates, O God;  
we will go in, we will go in,  
to your holy place, to your holy place.  
Open to us your gates, O God,  
we will go in to your holy place.  
Open to us, open to us  
your gates, O God.
- 3 You are our God, you are our God,  
we will praise your name, we will praise your name;  
we will give thanks, we will give thanks,  
for your faithfulness, for your faithfulness.  
You are our God, we will praise your name,  
we will give thanks for your faithfulness.  
You are our God, you are our God,  
we will praise your name.
- 4 This is the day, this is the day  
that our God has made, that our God has made;  
we will rejoice, we will rejoice,  
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
This is the day that our God has made,  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.  
This is the day, this is the day  
that our God has made.

## Morning Prayer

### A Time to Wonder

### Anthem For the Beauty of the Earth

*FS Pierpoint, John Rutter*

### Scripture Reading Luke 12:22-31

### Reflection “Don’t Worry, Be Happy”

### Hymn of the Day **Each Blade of Grass** (More Voices 37)

*Words: Keri K. Wehlander, 2005.*

*Music: Anonymous, from The United States’ Sacred Harmony, 1799,  
adapted; arrangement; Linnea Good, 2005.*

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- 1 Each blade of grass, ev’ry wing that soars,  
the waves that sweep across a distant shore,  
make full the circle of God.  
Each laughing child, ev’ry gentle eye,  
a forest lit beneath a moon-bright sky,  
make full the circle of God.
- 2 Each silent paw, ev’ry rounded stone,  
the buzz that echoes from a honey’d comb,  
make full the circle of God.  
Each fire-brimmed star, ev’ry out-stretched hand,  
the wind that leaps and sails across the land,  
make full the circle of God.

- 3 Each icy peak, ev’ry patterned shell,  
the joyous chorus that the dawn foretells,  
make full the circle of God.  
Each cosmic hue, ev’ry creature’s way,  
all form the beauty of this vast array,  
making full the circle of God.

### Invitation to Offering

### Offering Response *Please stand in body or spirit.*

#### **For the Gift of Creation**

(Voices United 538)

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For the gift of creation, the gift of your love,  
and the gift of the Spirit by which we live,  
we thank you and give you the fruit of our hands.  
May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give.

### Offering Prayer

### Joys and Concerns

### Pastoral Prayers and The Lord’s Prayer

### Parting Hymn **Give Thanks, My Soul, For Harvest**

(Voices United 522)

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*Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley 1864*

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- 1 Give thanks, my soul, for harvest,  
for store of fruit and grain;  
but know the owner gives so  
that we may share again.  
Where people suffer hunger,  
or little children cry,  
with gifts from God's rich bounty  
may thankfulness reply.
- 2 Give thanks, my soul, for riches  
of woodland, mine, and hill;  
but know that gold and timber  
are the Creator's still.  
God lends to us, as stewards,  
abundance we might share,  
and thus provide earth's children  
the blessing of God's care.
- 3 Give thanks, my soul, for labours,  
that strength and days employ;  
but know the Maker's purpose  
brings toil as well as joy.  
Show forth, O God, your purpose;  
direct our will and hand  
to share your love and bounty  
with all in every land.

### Benediction

### Postlude We Plow the Fields, and Scatter

*Johann Schultz, arranged by Robert J. Hughes*

Worship Leadership – Pastor Beth Parsons  
Music Leadership – Sharon Prindle-Collins and the CBU Choir  
Welcome and Announcements – Atholl Malcolm  
Greeters – John and Pat MacLeod  
Lighting of the Christ Candle – Moira Dennis and the Spirit Kids  
Morning Prayer – Margaret Bates  
A Time to Wonder – Moira Dennis  
Spirit Kids – Moira Dennis  
Scripture Reader – Sue Christensen  
Offering Invitation and Prayer – Clare Walker  
Technical Support – Karen Clark and Bob Krueckl  
Fellowship Time – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Brew Crew  
Flowers for the service are offered by Karen Clark  
in celebration of the life of her father, Bill Angell.