

Rooted in Creation  
Sunday, September 29, 2024  
Season of Creation

Welcome and Announcements

Centring Music Morning Has Broken

*traditional Gaelic melody arranged by Mark Looney*

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Acknowledgement

**We acknowledge that for thousands of years  
Indigenous people have lived on the land  
upon which we worship,  
and we gratefully acknowledge the Coast Salish people  
and their stewardship of the land throughout the ages.**

**Acknowledgements are only the smallest step  
in our journey towards reconciliation  
and we continue to travel on this journey  
with our brothers and sisters.**

Anthem Grant Us Mercy, O Lord

*ANTONIO LOTTI (c. 1667-1740), arranged and edited by Donald C. Ross*

Morning Prayer

Opening Hymn **Morning Has Broken** (Voices United 409)

*Words: Eleanor Farjeon 1931*

*Music: Gaelic melody; harm. Alec Wyton*

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- 1 Morning has broken like the first morning,  
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!
- 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,  
like the first dewfall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.
- 3 Ours is the sunlight! Ours is the morning  
born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise every morning,  
God's recreation of the new day!

A Time to Wonder The Lord's Prayer

Beacons of Light Presentation

We light a candle this morning to remember the children who left their homes, their families, their neighbourhoods and their way of life, for a land too far to imagine.

**We pray for all children who still live in fear and sadness.**

We light a candle this morning to remember the children who were mistreated, who laboured on farms, who did not understand the political and social reasons for leaving their homeland.

**We pray for all children who still live in fear and sadness.**

We light a candle as a beacon of hope that someday, all children will feel safe, nurtured and loved. We pray that all children can live in safety, in joy and in peace.

**We pray for all children as we pray for a world of peace and understanding.**

Poem

## Scripture Readings

### **Psalm 91 (Voices United 808)**

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*Refrain* 'And I will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of my hand.'

You who dwell in the shelter of our God,  
who abide in this shadow for life,  
**say to the Lord:**  
**'My refuge, my Rock in whom I trust.'**  
The snare of the fowler will never capture you,  
and famine will bring you no fear:  
**under God's wings your refuge,**  
**God's faithfulness your shield.** *Refrain*

You need not fear the terror of the night,  
nor the arrow that flies by day;  
**though thousands fall about you,**  
**near you it shall not come.**  
For to God's angels is given a command  
to guard you in all of your ways;  
**upon their hands they will bear you up,**  
**lest you dash your foot against a stone.** *Refrain*

'Because they have set their love upon me  
I will deliver them,  
**I will uphold them**  
**because they know my name.**  
When they call to me I will answer,  
**I will be with them in trouble;**  
I will rescue and bring them to honour.  
**With long life I will satisfy them,**  
**and show them my saving power.'** *Refrain*

Luke 18: 15-17

Reflection "Home Child"

Hymn of the Day **Come Touch Our Hearts**  
(More Voices 12, vs. 1, 2, 4 & 5)

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- 1 Come touch our hearts  
That we may know compassion,  
from failing embers build a blazing fire;  
love strong enough  
to overturn injustice,  
to seek a world more gracious,  
Come touch and bless our hearts.
- 2 Come touch our souls  
That we may know and love you,  
Your quiet presence  
all our fears dispel;  
Create a space for spirit to grow in us,  
Let life and beauty fill us,  
Come touch and bless our souls.
- 3 Come touch us in  
the moments we are fragile,  
and in our weakness  
your great strength reveal;  
that we may rise to follow and to serve,  
steady now our nerve,  
come touch and bless our wills.

- 4 Come touch us now,  
this people who are gathered,  
to break the bread  
and share the cup of peace;  
that we may love you with our heart, our soul,  
our mind, our strength, our all,  
come touch us with your grace.

### 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.

### Parting Hymn **Deep in Our Hearts** (More Voices 154)

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- 1 Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;  
Deep in our hearts there is a common song;  
Deep in our hearts there is a common story,  
telling Creation that we are one.

- 2 Deep in our hearts there is a common purpose;  
Deep in our hearts there is a common goal;  
Deep in our hearts there is a sacred message,  
justice and peace in harmony.

- 3 Deep in our hearts there is a common longing;  
Deep in our hearts there is a common theme;  
Deep in our hearts there is a common current,  
flowing to freedom like a stream.

- 4 Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;  
Deep in our hearts there is a common song;  
Deep in our hearts there is a common story,  
telling Creation that we are one.

### Benediction

### Postlude Allegro

*George F. Handel, Edited by Diane Bish*

Worship Leadership – Pastor Beth Parsons  
Music Leadership – Sharon Prindle-Collins and the CBU Choir  
Welcome and Announcements – Stephen Godfrey  
Greeters – Marlo, Maelynn, and McKinley Taylor  
Lighting of the Christ Candle – Rosalie Knogler  
Morning Prayer – Barbara Shobbrook  
Spirit Kids – Moira Dennis  
Scripture Reading – Rosalie Knogler  
Offering Invitation and Prayer – Clare Walker  
Pastoral Prayers - Barbara Barton-McMillan  
Technical Support – Louise Johnston and Ron Norman  
Fellowship Time – Caring Ministry  
Flowers for the service are offered by Barbara Shobbrook  
in celebration of the life of her mother, Evelyn  
and in memory of the British Home Children.