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**We acknowledge that we meet and live  
on the traditional territories of the  
Mississauga Anishinaabe People.**

**We give thanks for their care for the land  
over thousands of years and  
for their deep spirituality and  
honouring of the Creator and the creation.**

**May we live with respect in God's creation  
and in harmony with our neighbours.**



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Thanksgiving Sunday

*We Welcome All who Worship with us this morning*

**PRELUDE:** Pastoral Dance on “Bunessan” Andrew Clarke

**WELCOME**

**LIFE and ACTION of the COMMUNITY OF FAITH**

**CHOIR:** “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” Robert Lee

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**<sup>1</sup> (based on Psalm 65) (responsive)

Praise is due to you, O God in all the earth!

**By your awesome deeds, you answer us;  
you are the hope of all the ends of the earth  
and of the farthest seas.**

You have done many great and wonderful things;  
you have assured your people of your continued presence.

**You crown the year with your bounty:  
our lives overflow with abundance.**

People of God, gather to hear the wonders of what God has done.

**We gather to offer praise and thanksgiving  
for God’s abundant, unconditional love, mercy and grace.**

Let us sing together with joy!

**HYMN: VU409**<sup>2</sup> “Morning Has Broken”

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!

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.

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!

**PRAYER OF APPROACH**

**FAITH FORMATION**

Spiritual Practices: Beholding  
Stories to Share

**EPISTLE READINGS:** 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18  
II Corinthians 9: 6-8

**CHOIR:** "Look at the World" John Rutter

**GOSPEL READING:** Luke 17: 11-19

**REFLECTION:** “Dance With the Spirit”

**HYMN: MV135**<sup>3</sup> “Called by Earth and Sky”

*Refrain:* 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 oceans dream,  
Waters of healing, rivers of rain, the wash of love again. R

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

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

Precious the fire that lights our way, bright dawning day.  
Fire of passion, sorrows undone, our faith and justice one. R

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**LORD’S PRAYER**<sup>4</sup> (VU916)

Eternal Spirit,  
Earth-maker, Pain bearer, Life-giver,  
Source of all that is and that shall be.  
Father and Mother of us all,  
Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo  
through the universe!

The way of your justice be followed  
by peoples of the world!  
Your heavenly will be done  
by all created beings!  
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom  
sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.  
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.  
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.  
From trials too great to endure, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,  
now and forever. Amen.

### **CLOSING HYMN: VU518<sup>5</sup>** “As Those of Old Their First-Fruits Brought”

As those of old their first-fruits brought of vineyard, flock, and field  
to God, the giver of all good, the source of bounteous yield;  
so we today our first-fruits bring: the wealth of this good land,  
of farm and market, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.

A world in need now summons us to labour, love, and give,  
to make our life an offering to God, that all may live.  
The church of Christ is calling us to make the dream come true:  
a world redeemed, by Christ-like love, all life in Christ made new.

With gratitude and humble trust we bring our best to you,  
not just to serve your cause, but share your love with neighbours  
too.

O God, who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ, your son,  
help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

### **BENEDICTION**

#### **SUNG BENEDICTION: VU419<sup>6</sup>**

May the grace of Christ our Saviour,  
and our Maker's boundless love,  
with the Holy Spirit's favour,  
rest upon us all in love.

**POSTLUDE:** Chorale Fughetta on “Monkland”

David Blackwell

Leading in worship today are Rev. Joanna MacQuarrie; Robert Grandy,  
Minister of Music; Sheila Watt, Worship Leader; Chris Freeman, Margaret  
Marris, Barb Diceman, Mary Rawlings, Karla Buckborough, Anne Campbell,  
COVID Choir members and Dave Freeman, Choir and Technical Production.

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### **FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

“The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the  
world's deep hunger meet.”

- *Frederick Buechner, Wishful Thinking: A Seeker's ABC*

### **TODAY'S MUSIC**

**PRELUDE:** Sometimes the secular world helps make a sacred song  
popular, and this is the case with today's opening hymn "Morning Has  
Broken". The melody first appeared with the Christmas text "Child in a  
Manger". It was the source of inspiration for Eleanor Farjeon's morning  
text. On this Thanksgiving Sunday, this Gaelic tune, known as "Bunessan"  
will be heard in a setting by American composer and teacher Andrew  
Clarke (b. 1941), He wrote a joyful "Pastoral Dance" on this tune in 1991  
for the Berkshire Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. American  
composer Austin Lovelace says of the hymn, "How marvellous it is to think  
that the dawn of each new day is just as fresh and full of opportunities as  
was the first day of creation. God is always giving us another chance!"

**ANTHEMS:** The choir's first anthem is "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"  
by Robert Lee (b. 1951), a choral and history teacher from Kentucky.  
A church organist since the age of sixteen, his anthem is a tender setting  
of the hymn-paraphrase text of Psalm 23 by Henry Baker (1821-1877).  
Coincidentally, he died in the vicarage of Monkland, the name of the hymn  
tune on which today's postlude is based.

The King of love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never,  
I nothing lack if I am His and He is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow my ransomed soul He leadeth,  
And where the verdant pastures grow with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love He sought me,  
And on His shoulder gently laid and home, rejoicing, brought me.

And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise within Thy house forever.

The choir's second anthem is John Rutter's "Look at the World". Original text and music combine for an inspiring selection that speaks reverently of the many small miracles of nature that surround each of us. It was written in 1996 in celebration of the 70th anniversary of the council for the Protection of Rural England.

Look at the world, everything all around us: look at the world, and marvel every day. Look at the world: so many joys and wonders, so many miracles along our way. Praise to thee, O Lord, for all creation, give us thankful hearts, that we may see all the gifts we share, and every blessing, all things come of thee.

Look at the earth bringing forth fruit and flower; look at the sky, the sunshine and the rain; look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains, valley and flowing river, field and plain: Praise to thee...

Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer bringing the harvest before the winters cold. Everything grows, everything has a season, till it is gathered to the Father's fold: Praise to thee...

Every good gift, all that we need and cherish comes from the lord in token of his love; we are his hands, stewards of all his bounty; his is the earth, and his the heavens above: Praise to thee...

POSTLUDE: British organist David Blackwell (b. 1961) is an award-winning composer and former Head of Publishing at Oxford University Press. He is described as undoubtedly one of the finest educational writers in the United Kingdom. His Chorale Fughetta on "Monkland" (a tune by John Antes, one of the first American composers of chamber music), uses successive phrases of the tune to make a little fugue (or a piece with imitative entries). As an aside, the words we sing to this tune, "Let Us With a Gladsome Mind", were written by John Milton when he was only fifteen years old. He wrote 24 stanzas, but hymnals today usually only include the ones about nature.

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