



Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
October 20, 2024 10:30 a.m.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

RINGING THE BELL

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

PRELUDE “Prelude in E Minor” George Oldroyd

(* *Indicates that all are invited to stand*)

*CALL TO WORSHIP ⁽¹⁾

based on Psalm 104

One: Look at the heavens, stretched out like a tent!

All: Listen to the winds, the messengers of God.

One: Gaze at autumn’s changing colors, painted for us.

All: Reflect on God’s mountains, majestic and strong.

One: Blessing and honor to our Creator God!

All: Majesty and praise to the One who gives us life!

*GATHERING HYMN: “All Things Bright and Beautiful” #31 *New Century Hymnal*
(*For full music, the New Century Hymnal is located in each pew rack*)

**Refrain: All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, our dear God made them all.**

**Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors, and made their tiny wings. Refrain**

**The purple-headed mountain, the river running by,
The sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky. Refrain**

**The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden, God made them every one. Refrain**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (2)**

God of all creation, you loved us into being, yet we often flee our rightful place in your creation.

We confess that we exploit the gifts you place around us and dominate the richness of the natural order.

We confess our part in the devastation of our planet home, mirrored in the violence of cities, and the brokenness of hearts.

Forgive and restore us, O God, and remind us of other ways to live in a world where creation reflects your goodness and each thing lives in balance with all others.

(silent confession)

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Our world, broken and scarred, still belongs to God, and God's grace abounds.

Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE OF PRAISE "All Things Bright and Beautiful" *refrain

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,

All things wise and wonderful, our dear God made them all.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

CONVERSATION WITH OUR CHILDREN

CHORAL ANTHEM

LISTENING

God speaks to us in the Word proclaimed.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 104:1-9, 24

Pew Bible p. 483

A Word of God that is still speaking,

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

SILENT MEDITATION

HYMN OF REFLECTION “How Great Thou Art” #625 *Glory to God Hymnal*

**Oh Lord, my God, when I, in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed**

Refrain:

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee, how great Thou art, how great Thou art
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**And when I think that God, His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin. *Refrain***

**When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,
and then proclaim, my God, how great Thou art. *Refrain***

RESPONDING

We respond to God's Word through our prayers and our gifts.

NAMING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY “The Lord Is My Shepherd” Harold DeCou
(A QR code at the end of the bulletin is available for online giving.)

*** RESPONSE OF PRAISE #778 *New Century Hymnal***

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

COMMISSIONING HYMN “I Sing the Mighty Power of God” #12 *New Century Hymnal
(For full music, the New Century Hymnal is located in each pew rack)

**I sing the might power of God that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at God’s command, and all the stars obey.**

**I sing the goodness of our God that filled the earth with food;
God formed the creatures with a word, and then pronounced them good.
Oh, how your wonders are displayed, where’er I turn my eye:
If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!**

**On earth there’s not a plant or flower but makes your glory known.
The clouds arise and spread their showers by order from your throne.
All life is but a gift from you and ever in your care;
Wherever people gather, you, O God, are present there.**

***COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE “Voluntary in D Minor” John Stanley

SENDING

With God’s blessing, we are sent forth to follow Christ in the world.

Worship Endnotes

1. Adapted from www.ministrymatters.com
2. Adapted from [Celebrate God’s Presence: A Book of Services for the United Church of Canada](#)

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