

WALTER BRUEGGEMAN ON WISDOM

“The LORD created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. I was daily God’s delight, rejoicing before God always, Rejoicing in God’s inhabited world and delighting in the human race.”

Proverbs 8: 22, 30

This text is one of the loveliest and most important biblical texts that respond to the question: “What is the world like? How does it work?” The text is framed as a speech by “wisdom” who is presented as an active agent who has a voice for self-announcement. It is the work of the poet to bring to availability that which remains hidden but is deeply operative in the working of creation.

Wisdom identifies three relationships that are crucial to the working the world. First, wisdom has a peculiar relationship with the creator. “I was beside him” from the beginning.

Wisdom was a “master workman” who did the work of the creator. Wisdom brought delight and joy to the creator. Wisdom is the one in whom the creator is well pleased. This reflects a durable companionship between wisdom and the creator.

In Christian tradition this claim of wisdom has morphed into inchoate Trinitarian theology so that wisdom from this text appears as the “word” (*logos*) in John 1:1-18 or in other texts as God’s generative Spirit. The text itself does not articulate anything about “the Christ” or “the word” who creates, but the interpretive trajectory set in motion here makes that claim.

Second, wisdom describes its (her?) relationship to all the creatures who come after and in the wake of wisdom. Not only are all the other creatures after, but they are created in and through the work of wisdom. Thus before wisdom no deep seas, no springs of water, no hills, no fields, no “bits of soil.” The creator creates with wisdom:

He established the heavens;

He made firm the skies above;

He established the foundations of the deep;

He assigned to the sea its limits.

God did all of this; but wisdom was there with God and so is implicated in the act of creation and in the continuing sustenance of creation.

But third, wisdom has a practical connection to human beings who live in God’s created, well ordered world. Thus this entire speech of wisdom is a summons to humanity. (The wisdom tradition is famous for lacking all “sectarian” interest, so that no specific group or community or nation is addressed. The truth of wisdom pertains to all human beings without exception.) Wisdom summons human beings—all of them!—to “learn prudence, acquire intelligence”—that is, pay attention! And in the coda of verses 32-36 wisdom assures that those who heed wisdom are happy and have life. Conversely those who miss wisdom injure themselves and love death.

Read more: <http://www.onscripture.com/walter-brueggemann-wisdom>



This Week at Inca



Summer Activity at INCA

A reminder that during the month of July, we'll be joining our friends and worshipping at St. Aidan's church.

We welcome them to Incarnation in August!



Winds of Change Workshop for Truth and Reconciliation

Saturday June 11th from 9:00am to 12:30 pm, worship area

Following through on the Indian Residential Schools Truth and Reconciliation Commission's recommendations, the workshop will include the Blanket Exercise and a panel of experienced front line activists focusing on the following topics: Teaching about Indian Residential Schools; Murdered and Missing Aboriginal Women and Girls; Aboriginal Youth Suicide. There is no fee to attend, free will offerings are welcomed.



Wine Tasting Evening – Saturday, June 11, 7:00

\$45.00 per person

Join us for an evening exploring 6 different wines from Vieni Winery. We'll compare 6 of their wines with 6 wines from the LCBO. Following the tastings, you can enjoy matching the wines at several food stations. A unique fundraising event for Church of the Incarnation. Limited seats available. Tickets must be purchased before the event.

Contact Elvira Rago-Patterson for further details, elvirarago99@gmail.com



LAUDATO SI'

Laudato Si' – An Introduction Monday June 13th from 7:30-9pm

Pope Francis has written a document about 'Caring for Our Common Home' that has pleased scientists and inspired Christians of many traditions. Join us for an introduction to Laudato Si, using a complementary video: 'A Canadian Response'.

For further information, please contact Mervyn Russell: forsythe1003@gmail.com



INCA Spring Clean-up! – Saturday, June 4, 10-4

Thanks to all the people who have signed up - we're still looking for a few volunteers to help with some projects around the grounds and inside the church! More details to follow. Pizza and refreshments will be available. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the office



CONCERT

Melodies of May Concert - Saturday May 28th at 7:00pm.

A fundraising concert for KAIROS, the ecumenical social justice initiative group, will be held at St. Aidan's Anglican Church. The performers include: Melissa Dutch, gospel singer/songwriter; David Gowing, piano; Mervyn Russell, Tenor; accompanied by Anne Gardiner.

Tickets are \$15.00 and can be bought at St. Aidans (staidans318@hotmail.com) or at the door. Children 12 and under are free. This concert is sponsored by St. Aidan's Anglican Church.



Contemplative Fire – Sunday, June 19, 8:00pm.

Are you looking for time to reflect, meditate and recharge your spiritual life? Each meeting begins with a communal sharing of food followed by quiet and intentional reflection in the gathering area. The response to this has been very encouraging. We continue to see new faces at each meeting and look forward to growing this community. For more information, please speak to Michael. All are welcome.



Music News

The choir rehearses every Wednesday at 7:30. Share your voice, all welcome. In May the choir will meet on May 25 (May 18 is cancelled.)

The Incarnation choir is preparing a special presentation of "Sit Down, You're Rocking the Boat" from the musical *Guys and Dolls*, to close the service on Father's Day, June 12 (which will also be the final Sunday of our "choral season. Looking forward to hearing our own Graham Hughes as "Nicely-Nicely Johnson". Please be sure to attend!

Special music announcement:

On Sunday, June 26 we will welcome two young singers from St. Michael's Choir School (Toronto) to present special music during our morning service. Not to be missed!



Wing and a Prayer – May 26

We meet at 6:30pm at Monaghan's. Cost: \$25 per person including food and drink. RSVP Rob Moniuk (Robert@Moniuk.ca).

Everyone is welcome!



Youth Group Events-

For info contact Phil Carver at incayouthprogram@gmail.com



St. Luke's Vacation Bible School

August 22nd – 26th at St. Luke's Church

For children in JK through to Grade 5, as of September 2016

Meet new people and have fun while learning about the Christian faith. Application forms are available in the office.



Refugee Family – Update

The volunteers collecting "items" for the refugee family are overwhelmed by your generosity!

Please accept our sincere thanks for all the household items you have donated but we need to ask you to hold off bringing additional donations. We have more than we can hold in our houses!

We are still looking for infant clothes, receiving blankets and items for the baby that hasn't been born yet! Once the family arrives we can re-assess what other items they may still need.

Leslie, Jean and Mary

Community News



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Greening Sacred Spaces – Awards Night and Networking Event

Monday, May 30 6:30-9:00pm, Incarnation Worship Area

Awards

Faith Communities will be recognized for creating healthy, vibrant & sustainable communities

Networking

Meet others who are passionate about the environment and their faith.

Speaker

Spirit in Gardening with Terrylynn Brant, a member of the Mohawk Nation, Turtle Clan from Six Nations. She is a lifelong gardener who has learned her skills from a long line of traditional knowledge holders. She deeply understands her responsibility in developing garden rituals in an effort to move earth healing forward.

Entrance is FREE, [please register here](#)



Canterbury Hills Camp – Summer 2016

Just 20 minutes from downtown Hamilton, this camp offers a safe and nurturing environment, where campers build friendships, self-confidence and create life-long memories.

Now accepting reservations at www.canterburyhillscamp.ca. Brochures available in the office.

This & That



Buy Good Coffee – Available in the office

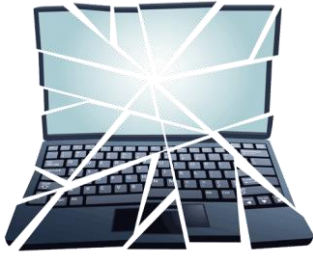
Delicious, organic, Arabica coffee grown by women in Peru who are paid above fair trade prices. \$15 for a 1lb bag, \$10 for a 10oz bag.

Remember, 30% of the proceeds will be donated to the missions of Incarnation.



Community Garden News

The R4R Youth group along with the INCA Youth Group will continue construction of the expanded Community Garden t
Look here for updates and watch their progress as they find wellness through community involvement.



Computer Collection

Do you have an old PC you no longer use? Please consider donating it to Ewan Lorimer who will strip the bad parts and sell the good ones. He'll donate 25% of his profits to the church. Ewan can also rebuild old PC's so they run better.



Looking to volunteer?

We have lots of way you can get involved. Positions include: altar prep, greeters, readers, hosts and coffee preparation. **Youth** can gain some volunteer high school hours. Training will be provided. Contact Claudine Boulert, at boulert@rogers.com for more information, or call 905-825-2851.



Looking for the big GREEN Paper bin?

We have decided to end our paper collection program and use that space to expand our community gardens.

Many thanks to all of you who used this bin in the past. Rest assured you can still put all your paper recyclables at the curb weekly in your home blue bin.



Our recycling efforts!

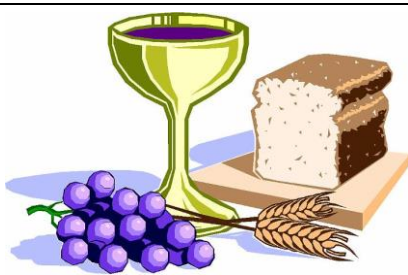
Thank you to all our hard-working volunteers who prepare the coffee and help with the set-up and clean-up of our premises. We have some new helpers and we thought it was time for a reminder about what to do with the garbage after each event

- All recycling needs to be emptied after each coffee hour or other event. The large blue recycling bins are located at the back door. Please dump all recycling into the larger bins before leaving the church.
- Green bin liners are located in one of the 3 stacked multi-coloured baskets in the kitchen on the counter by the small sink.
- Please place the green bin outside the back door at the end of coffee hour or any other event. No green bins are to be left in the kitchen after coffee hour.



Changes to Order of Service or Bulletin News - Any changes need to be sent to the office by Tuesday, noon. office@incarnationchurch.ca

Nametags let people know who you are and make it helpful for people to put names to faces, especially for newcomers



Receiving Communion

All people at Incarnation are invited to receive the bread and wine at communion. The bread is received from the priest who stands between the servers who offer wine from the common cup; choose whatever side is free. You may choose to receive from an individual wine cups available to the left of the altar. Take one, consume the wine and replace the empty cup in the same spot. We hope this provides an inclusive approach to communion where all are welcome.

VOLUNTEER!	May 22	May 29
Bread Making	C. Surphlis	A. Moniuk
Altar Prep	M. Stevens	L. Bird
Coffee	Moffat	MacLaughlan
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Host	S. Hutchinson	S. Sinclair
Reader 1	S. Curran	J. Bowden
Gospel	K. Pitt	B. Abrams
Prayers	D. Wieler	S. Curran
Server 1	A. MacNuaghton	P. Moffat
Server 2	J. Stevens	K. Pitt
Wine Cups	E. Lorimer	Z. Boulert
Counting	W. MacDougall	J. Smith