

# Incarnation



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Thanksgiving  
10:00 Hybrid Choral Worship  
Pentecost 18

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# Welcome.

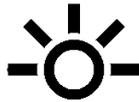
We are glad you have joined us today!

If you are visiting for the first time, we extend a special welcome. Please be assured, you are among friends. Everything you need for worship today is found within this bulletin.

We do not pass a collection plate. If you are among us for the first time, we would like you to be our guest and not donate. If you wish to support our work, you may add your donation to the offering plate found at the greeter's table.

We hope you leave invigorated by the power of the Spirit! Please join us for refreshments after the service.

Incarnation is a safe place for all people to worship regardless of race, creed, age, cultural background, gender identity or sexual orientation.



## **Welcome and Gathering of God's People**

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*Video Introduction*

WELCOME

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

**Today we gather on the Treaty Lands and Territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation as well as the traditional territory of the Huron-Wendat, and Haudenosaunee peoples in Treaty 22 territory. Incarnation sits on these lands, and it is our collective responsibility to honour and respect those who have gone before us, those who are here, and those who have yet to come. We are grateful for the opportunity to be living, working, and serving on this land. Amen**

## OPENING RESPONSES

One: We join with the earth and with each other

**All: To bring new life to the land, to restore the waters, to refresh the air.**

One: We join with the earth and with each other

**All: To renew the forests, to care for the plants, to protect the creatures.**

One: We join with the earth and with each other

**All: To celebrate the seas, to rejoice in the sunlight, to sing the song of the stars.**

One: We join with the earth and with each other

**All: To recreate the human community, to promote justice and peace, to remember our children.**

One: We join with the earth and with each other.

**All: We join together as many and diverse expressions of one loving memory: for the healing of the earth and the renewal of all life.**

*(UN Environmental Sabbath Prayer for Season of Creation 2022)*

### **Opening Hymn: VU 242 Let All Things Now Living**

*vs. 1 and 2 (words on screen)*

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
to God our Creator triumphantly raise;  
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
by guiding us on to the end of our days.  
God's banners are o'er us, pure light goes before us,  
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night;  
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,  
as forward we travel from light into Light.

By law God enforces, the stars in their courses  
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;  
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,  
the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.  
We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing;  
with glad adoration a song let us raise:  
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving,  
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise

## CENTERING MOMENT (video)

*“When the mind is festering with trouble or the heart torn, we can find healing among the silence of mountains or fields, or listen to the simple, steadying rhythm of waves. The slowness and stillness gradually take over. Our breathing deepens and our hearts calm and our hungers relent. When serenity is restored, new perspectives open to us and difficulty can begin to seem like an invitation to new growth. Indeed, the beauty of nature is often the wisest balm, for it gently relieves and releases the caged mind.”*

John O’Donohue Excerpt from *Beauty: The Invisible Embrace*

## **Telling God’s Story**

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Reader: The delight of a story well-known fills our hearts as we listen for its familiar end.

**All: May we hear in these stories, familiar and new,  
both wisdom and meaning for the days ahead.**

*Simple Sabbath* by Wendy Janzen

Sometimes grandeur is great –  
mountains and sunsets and oceans and such...  
But sometimes all I need is simplicity  
–a wildflower, a birdsong, a bit of blue sky,  
my feet connected to the good earth,  
the colour green, not much to do,  
someone to sit with, a cup of coffee,  
a prayer on the breeze –simple sabbath gifts  
to fill my soul and remind me  
that ordinary, everyday moments are holy too.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Traditional Hebrew Prayer for Creation

A: How wonderful, O Lord, are the works of your hands!

**B: The heavens declare your glory; the arch of sky displays your handiwork.**

A: In your love you have given us the power to behold the beauty of your world robed in all its splendour.

**B: The sun and the stars, the valleys and hills, the rivers and lakes all disclose your presence.**

A: The roaring breakers of the seas tell of your awesome might;

**B: the beasts of the field and the birds of the air Speak of your wondrous will.**

A: In your goodness you have made us able to hear the music of the world.

**B: You are in our midst.  
A divine voice sings through all creation.**

**Gradual Hymn:** *VU 297 All Praise to You vs. 1, 3 (Finlandia)*  
(words on screen)

All praise to you, O God of all creation:  
you made the world, and it is yours alone.  
The planet earth you spun in its location  
amid the stars adorning heaven's dome.  
We lease the earth but for a life's duration,  
yet for this life it is our cherished home.

To tend the earth is our entrusted duty,  
for earth is ours to use and not abuse.  
O gracious God, true source of all resources,  
forgive our greed that wields destruction's sword.  
Then let us serve as wise and faithful stewards  
while earth gives glory to creation's Lord.

## THE GOOD NEWS

Reader: May God be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Reader: The Good News according to John.

**All: Praise and glory to God.**

When they found Jesus on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent."

So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

JOHN 6:25-35

Reader: This is the Gospel of Christ.

**All: Praise to Christ the Word.**

HOMILY: Rev. Brian Galligan

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

One: Let us affirm our faith together.

A: *We believe that God creates all things, renews all things and celebrates all things.*

B: We believe Earth is a sanctuary, a sacred planet filled with God's presence, a home for us to share with our kin.

A: *We believe God became a piece of Earth, revealed in a human being called Jesus Christ, who lived and breathed and spoke among us, suffered and died on a cross, for all human beings and for all creation.*

B: We believe the risen Jesus is the Christ at the core of creation reconciling all things to God, renewing all creation and filling the cosmos.

A: *We believe the Spirit renews life in creation, groans in empathy with a suffering creation, and waits with us for the rebirth of creation.*

**All: We believe that with Christ we will rise and with Christ we will celebrate a new creation.**

## OUR PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One: God hears the voices of all creation.

**All: May we do the same**

## SHARING THE SIGN OF PEACE

One: Let us share the peace of God with one another.

**All: The peace of Christ be with us all.**

## Sharing God's Meal

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**Offertory Hymn:** *VU 218 We Praise You, O God*  
*v. 1, 3 (words on screen)*

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;  
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.  
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;  
we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.

With voices united our praises we offer  
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.  
Our sins now confessing, we pray for your blessing,  
to you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

### PRAYER AND BLESSING OVER THE GIFTS

One: Creator, knowing the abundance of our lives, we bring  
gifts of thankfulness, asking they be blessed, and  
knowing you make holy the ordinary things of life.

Bless these vessels made of human hands, this bread  
and wine, formed of the earth, this treasure shared of  
our abundance, in the name of the Creator, Redeemer  
and Sanctifier.

**All: Amen.**

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Creator be with you and all creation.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Open your hearts.

**All: We open them to God.**

One: Let us give thanks to our God.

**All: It is right to join creation in thanking you.**

One: It is right to give you thanks, loving Creator.  
Your Word is the impulse for all things to be, for space,  
stars and stardust to appear, for Earth to emerge from  
the deep, for life to be born of Earth and for humans to  
be born of Earth and the Spirit.

You chose to be born a human being, to become a part  
of Earth, to suffer, die and rise from death to redeem  
humankind, renew creation, and affirm all born of Earth  
and the Spirit.

Your presence is the living impulse in all things,  
the Christ deep among us, filling Earth—land, water and  
air; filling every element and place; filling the grain and  
the grape we share this day.

Therefore, with ancient voices in the forest,  
high voices from the sky, deep voices from the sea and  
the whole company of creation, we proclaim your  
presence among us singing:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest**

One: We remember the time Jesus gathered with his friends  
to share companionship and a meal. As they gathered  
together, Jesus took a piece of bread, gave thanks and  
broke it. He gave it to his disciples saying, “This is my  
body, it is broken for you. Do this to remember me.”

Later, after they had eaten, He took a cup of wine, gave  
thanks and said, “This cup is the new relationship with  
God, made possible because of my death. Drink this all  
of you, to remember me.”

So now we do as Jesus did.

**All: We take this bread and wine, the produce of the earth  
and fruit of human labour. In these, Jesus promised to  
be present; through these, Christ will make us whole.**

One: Loving God, send now your Holy Spirit to settle on this bread and wine and fill them with the fullness of Jesus.

**All** **And, let that same Spirit rest on us, transforming us from the patterns of this world so our lives wholly reflect the one whose food we now share. Amen.**

One: Come let us pray in the spirit of Jesus

**All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen**

### *Breaking of the Bread*

One: Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat, whose many grains we have gathered and made into this one bread

**All: So may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom**

One: Come, for all things are now ready. Come to the table with all your kin and share with all in need: the gift of healing for those in pain, the gift of forgiveness for those who betrayed, the gift of assurance for those in doubt, and the gift of hope for those in tears

**All: May we who share these gifts, share Christ with one another and all our kin.**

One: The gifts of a gracious God.

**All: Thanks be to God**

### COMMUNION

*All people are invited to receive communion. If you so choose, you may come forward for a blessing.*

## **Communion Video: “Look at the World”**

John Rutter and Choir

Video presentation

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

One: Now may the power of Christ’s body and blood reach deep into your heart, your mind and your body to heal your wounds and through you to bring healing to Earth. In Jesus’ name.

**All: Amen**

One: Let us give thanks for this meal.

**All: We thank you Christ, for the meal we have celebrated with you and we pray that through your body and blood we may be healed and become agents of healing for Earth and all life giving waters. Amen**

## **Sending out in God’s Mission**

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Closing Hymn:** *VU 236 Now Thank We All Our God*

*vs. 1, 2, 3 (words on screen)*

Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voices,  
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;  
who from our mother’s arms has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,  
and keep us strong in grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ill in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God for all that has been given,  
the Son, and Spirit blest who dwell in highest heaven,  
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore;  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

## DISMISSAL AND WORDS OF BLESSING

One: Christ calls you to be his disciples, to serve him with love and compassion, to serve Earth by caring for creation.  
Will you care for creation?

**All: We will care for the ocean! We will nurture our planet!  
We will celebrate life!**

One: May the Spirit of God, who is above all and in all and through all, fill you with the knowledge of God's presence. Go in peace, serving Christ and loving Earth!

**All: We go in peace, serving Christ and loving Earth.**