

**ZOOM Worship for November 14, 2021
25th Sunday after Pentecost**

Territorial Acknowledgment and Announcements

Ian Blackport

We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is situated upon traditional territories of the Erie, Neutral, Huron - Wyandot, the Haudenosaunee and later the Mississauga of the Credit First Nations. The territory is mutually covered by the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement between the Iroquois Confederacy and the Ojibway and other allied nations to peaceably share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes.

Today, this remains the home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island and we are grateful to have the opportunity to work in their community, and to share and respect Mother Earth.

Centering Music: "Every Day is a Day of thanksgiving" MV 185

Ev'ry day is a day of thanksgiving
God you've been so good to me
Ev'ry day you're blessing me
Ev'ry day is a day of thanksgiving
I will glorify you, O my Lord, today!

You keep blessing me, blessing me, blessing me.
You opened the door that I might see,
you're blessing me.
And you keep blessing me, blessing me, blessing me.
I will glorify you, O my Lord, today!

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer

Rob Carruthers and Rev. Joanne

One: God calls us into diverse community to learn and to grow.
Two: We learn from one another as we grow in faith.
One: Elders and younger ones, teens and middle-agers,
Two: parents and grandparents, children of God of all ages and stages.
One: God calls us into work and worship as one family.
Two: We sing and pray together, we laugh and play together,
One: we build a future together rooted in God's love for all.
Two: We open our hearts and our lives to God as we pray:
One: Holy one, as we gather in front of our screens for worship today,
help us to hear your word and your hope in scripture,
in song, and in the words of our youth and children.
Two: Help us all to listen deeply, hear with clarity,
and be moved to action in your world.
One: We pray in Jesus' name, who brought the children
into his circle of teaching, who called his followers to see and hear them,
and whose love still inspires us.
Amen

Opening Hymn: "In the Bulb There is a Flower" VU 703

In the bulb there is a flower,
in the seed, an apple tree,

in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see!

There's a song in every silence,
seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness,
bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;
what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning,
in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing,
in our life, eternity,
in our death, a resurrection,
at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

Sharing our Appreciation - Jennifer Linghorne

Lorne Browne and the Family Life Team

Prayer of Thanks and Commitment to Children and Youth Ministry *Erin Carruthers and Rev. Joanne*

One: God, we thank you for all the people who help us learn,
and today we especially thank you for Jenn and her work with us at Applewood.
We thank you for her sense of humour, her commitment to helping us grow,
and her creativity and imagination.

Two: We ask that you bless Jenn as she continues to share her gifts for teaching with others.

One: As God's church, we are all called to pray, to learn and to play.

*Two: We are called to share our experiences and our insights with each other,
respecting all voices regardless of age.*

One: We remember today promises made at each baptism in our community to
support all people – especially youth and children - as we grow in faith.

*Two: May God help us to honour and fulfill these promises.
May God hear our promises to encourage each other,
as we recommit our support to our children and youth programs
at Applewood United Church.*

One: We are connected in this journey of faith,
learning from each other, learning about God,
and deepening our faith.

*Two: May God bless us all as we continue the ministry of
life-long learning. Amen*

Sung Response: “Behold, Behold” MV 115

Behold, (behold,) behold (behold,) I make all things new,
beginning with you and starting from today.
Behold, (behold,) behold (behold,) I make all things new,
my promise is true, for I am Christ the way.

Scripture Reading: Mark 13:1-8 *from the Lectionary Story Bible*

William and Noah Miller

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, ‘Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!’ Then Jesus asked him, ‘Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.’ (Mark 13:1-2)

Choir: “All Who Are Thirsty”

Reflection: “Future Church” – a conversation with Applewood Youth and Children

In this week’s scripture passage, Jesus talks with his disciples about the future, one they can’t really imagine. As we celebrate and worship with our children and youth today, I asked them to think about what future and the church might look like for them. Their responses will be ‘live’ in our worship service, and I hope to be able to capture some notes from our conversations and share them with you next week. Please contact the office if you would like a copy of the full scripture read from the *Lectionary Story Bible*.

These are the questions I asked our youth and children to consider:

1. Do you think you will be involved in church when you are an adult or have a family of your own?
2. What should the church be doing in the future?
3. What should the church look like in the future?
4. What ONE thing is most important to you about church right now, and what would you miss if there was no church in the future?

Hymn: “God Help Us to Treasure” MV 147

God, help us to treasure these moments of myst'ry;
to hallow the Sacred in all that we do.
Throughout ev'ry season may we be your agents of love, joy,
and blessing as hearts are renewed.

God, help us to honour your presence among us
in newborn, in elder, in fam'ly in need.
By sharing with others we soon will discover your kindness
and loving in generous deeds.

God, help us to value each moment of wonder
when peace shall o'er shadow our sorrow and pain.
In times shared at Table with all who are kindred,
may we find the healing to sing Love's refrain.

Virtual Offering:

Gabriel Miller and Rev. Joanne

One: Let us commit our hearts and our treasures to serving God
in our community and throughout the world.

Two: *In the name and in the spirit of Jesus,
we bring our gifts to you, O God.*

*Help us to give with them a ready mind,
a willing spirit, and a joyful heart.
May all that we offer today bring hope to others,
reveal God's justice, and live God's love.
Amen*

Sung Response: "What Can I Do?" MV 191

What can I do? What can I bring?
What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.

Music to Prepare us for Prayer: "Centering Music" by Rob Carruthers

Prayers of the People: Elaine Batte and Sam Carruthers with Rev. Joanne

One: Loving God, today we bring our thanks and our grateful hearts to you.
Two: *We thank you for the people who teach us, and who have taught us,
and for the people who take time to listen and learn from us.*
Three: *We say thank you for teachers and leaders at school, and at church
in organizations like Scouting and Guiding, and coaches in team or individual sports.*
One: We are grateful, God, for professionals with a passion for teaching,
but also for the volunteers who help us to grow in body, mind and spirit.
Two: *We thank you for the people who truly see us and accept us as we are,
and encourage us to try new things or learn in a new way .*
Three: *We thank you for all the opportunities we have to gain skills and knowledge,
discover more about ourselves and the world, and thrive in what we do .*
One: We know, God, that not all people have the same opportunities to learn,
to be taught, to be heard and acknowledged, or to be nurtured in their faith.
Two: *So we pray, God, for children in refugee camps with no chance to go to school,
and for young people whose schools or universities have been destroyed by war.*
Three: *We pray, God, for children and youth who are ill and cannot attend classes,
and those who are still at home learning in this pandemic.*
One: We pray, Compassionate God, for families in countries where education is not
widely available, or where resources are scarce.
Two: *We pray for families and individuals who are worried about warm clothing for winter,
or how they will pay for their groceries or their rent.
We pray for people who are often unseen and unheard –the homeless, the lonely,
our indigenous people, members of the LGBTQ+ community.*
Three: *We pray for people who are sick and in hospital, or sick and staying in their homes.
We pray for anyone who is suffering with mental illness, or people who are waiting for tests
and treatments. We pray for everyone who is infected and fighting COVID-19 today,
and for the families that love them.*
One: Help us to learn how best to be your church, to share your love and do your justice, God.
Two: *Keep us praying, God, and keep us growing in faith and following your way through our actions
and our choices.*
Three: *Hear our prayers, God –and through Jesus our Light,
the Spirit our guide, and in your love, answer them.*

The Lord's Prayer (sung) VU 959

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 glory are yours
now and forever. Amen

Closing Hymn: "Draw the Circle Wide" MV 145

Refrain

Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,
standing side by side, draw the circle wide.

God the still-point of the circle,
round whom all creation turns;
nothing lost, but held forever,
in God's gracious arms. R

Let our hearts touch far horizons,
so encompass great and small;
let our loving know no borders,
faithful to God's call. R

Let the dreams we dream be larger,
than we've ever dreamed before;
let the dream of Christ be in us,
open every door. R

Commissioning /Blessing

Gabriel Miller and Rev. Joanne

One: Making us, shaping us,
Two: blessing us, trusting us,
One: leading us, disturbing us
Two: empowering us, loving us,
One: God of our childhood,
Two: God of our growing,
One: stay with us on our journey.
Two: Be with us as we leave this time of worship,
as we imagine the future of church,
as we work to bring your love to the world.
Amen

Choral Benediction: "A Quiet Blessing of Peace"