

## Eramosa Pastoral Charge

Barrie Hill and Speedside United Church of Canada Congregations

Sunday, 20 September, 2020 -25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in ordinary time, 2nd in Creation-Time

*Christ is Revealed in Suffering -Not an Escape from life's trials, but the courage  
to endure them in all faith and truth*



Due to a family emergency, the Reverend Lynn Hamilton is unable to lead worship today.

### Gathering

**The People Journey Together Responding to God's Call**

#### Prelude

**Lighting of the Candle:** May the Lord, whom we know through Jesus the Christ be with us now and forever.

**Welcome and Announcements:** Reminder that the bulletin and announcements can be delivered to your email or found on the Eramosa Pastoral Charge Website under the Sunday services.

## Call to Worship

### Adapted from Genesis 1

One: In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth, Darkness was over the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

**People: Centuries before Jesus walked among us,**

**The Spirit of God was promised to him, so that he would bring justice to the nations.**

One: Jesus sent the Spirit of truth to teach us and give us peace.

**People: At Pentecost the Spirit came, as the rush of violent wind and tongues of fire.**

**All: That same Spirit is among us now. Let us worship God!** *Submitted by Chip Hardwick*

### Hymn: *More Voices: 41 – O Beautiful Gaia*

**Opening Prayer:** *Holy One, We come into your presence we let go of daily demands we open our hearts to your welcome; we celebrate your love. Amen.* Adapted from Whole People of God 30/08/2020

### Prayer of Confession: **Prayer of Confession: Thanksgiving**

Here's a prayer of confession for Thanksgiving, written by Kevin Little.

### Prayer of Confession for Thanksgiving

**One:** In the midst of our thanksgiving,  
let us pause in silence  
to recall how we so often  
lose sight of the gifts of each day  
and of their Giver.

*(a moment of silence)*

Let us pray.  
O God, we know that we forget about you,  
we forget to love you,  
we forget to help our neighbours,  
we forget to thank you.

**All: Forgive us.**

*(a moment of silence for private confession)*

**Grant us clear minds to know you,  
new hearts to love you  
strong hands to serve you  
Help us live this day, this week, and always  
so that our whole life is a thanksgiving to you. Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardon

**One:** God did not send Christ into the world to condemn the world,  
but to be its Saviour.  
We can trust God's word.  
We are a forgiven people.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

— from *Thanksgiving Sunday: A Joyful Service of Hymn and Witness*, by Kevin Little.

**Words of Assurance:** The good news is you are with us. The good news is we have many second chances and your mercy extends over a lifetime. With faith, with prayer, with meditation in awareness of the divine, all things are possible. Amen

## The Word: We Open the Bible. We Receive the Word.

**Prayer for Understanding & Grace:** We share our prayer for grace and understanding as we prepare to hear God's holy word.

**Scripture: Philippians 1:21-30**

**Message: *The courage to endure sufferings in all faith and truth***

**Hymn: *Voices United: 306 God of Farmland verses 1-3 and 6***

**Thanksgiving: We Offer Ourselves and Our Gifts. Our Offering in a Spirit of Gratitude**

**Offering**

**Prayers of the People**

...All these things we pray in Jesus' name.

**Together we pray Lord's Prayer VU 921/959**

***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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.***

**Sending Forth We Go Out to Serve**

**\*Commissioning and Blessing**

*May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever; grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor. Open your eyes and see God's face, full of grace forever; may our God, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.*

**\*Choral Amen**