

# Eramosa Pastoral Charge

Barrie Hill and Speedside

United Church of Canada Congregations

**Sunday 2 October, 2020**

Forth Sunday of Creation Time in Pentecost



**We're glad you're here.**

*We welcome those with tons of faith, those with little faith  
and those who wonder if they have any faith at all.*

**Gathering**

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

**Prelude**

**Lighting of the Candle**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

Over half of your body is water,

**with currents and tides and waves that wash through you,**

second by second, minute by minute, year by year.

**Just like all other living things on this planet, Earth. Part of God's creation.**

We are not alone,  
we live in God's world.

**We believe in God:  
who has created and is creating....**

We are called to be the Church...  
to live with respect in Creation....

—The United Church of Canada, 1968; rev. 1980, 1995

Adapted from a prayer written by the Rev. Dr. Alydia Smith

**Hymn** VU 266 Amazing Grace Ted Kent, Mikalya Kent, and Wesley Knierim, and  
Theresa Knierim

**Opening Prayer**

**Holy and eternal God:**

**you are our Creator, and we are your creatures.**

**Every breath we take, every thought we have exist only because of you.**

**You have given us the world for our dwelling place,  
our earthly home: land, sea, and sky;  
a place of great beauty and deep mystery.  
How little is our thanks; how insufficient our praise  
for such generous blessings and overwhelming grace.  
And yet we are bold to pray  
that you will accept our worship now:  
our songs,  
our prayers,  
and our thoughts this day.**

**Keep us mindful of your presence and everlasting care for all your world,  
even us!**

**We ask it in the name of Jesus,  
who went before us on our human journey  
and showed the way to you.**

**Amen**

*Adapted from Opening Prayer in "Creation Time" by Rev. Dr. Alydia Smith*

## **Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance**

### **Word**

*We Open the Bible. We Receive the Word.*

### **Prayer for Understanding & Grace**

May the words from our mouths, the meditations of our hearts, and the songs sung from our hearts be acceptable in your sight, O God.

### **Psalm 19 God's Glory in Creation and the Law To the leader. A Psalm of David.**

<sup>1</sup> The heavens are telling the glory of God;  
and the firmament<sup>(a)</sup> proclaims his handiwork.

<sup>2</sup> Day to day pours forth speech,  
and night to night declares knowledge.

<sup>3</sup> There is no speech, nor are there words;

their voice is not heard;  
4 yet their voice<sup>[d]</sup> goes out through all the earth,  
and their words to the end of the world.

In the heavens<sup>[d]</sup> he has set a tent for the sun,  
5 which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,  
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.  
6 Its rising is from the end of the heavens,  
and its circuit to the end of them;  
and nothing is hid from its heat.

7 The law of the LORD is perfect,  
reviving the soul;  
the decrees of the LORD are sure,  
making wise the simple;  
8 the precepts of the LORD are right,  
rejoicing the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is clear,  
enlightening the eyes;  
9 the fear of the LORD is pure,  
enduring forever;  
the ordinances of the LORD are true  
and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold,  
even much fine gold;  
sweeter also than honey,  
and drippings of the honeycomb.

11 Moreover by them is your servant warned;  
in keeping them there is great reward.

12 But who can detect their errors?  
Clear me from hidden faults.

13 Keep back your servant also from the insolent;<sup>[d]</sup>  
do not let them have dominion over me.

Then I shall be blameless,  
and innocent of great transgression.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable to you,  
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**Conversation with Children and Youth** Bethany Parkinson

**Hymn** Over My Head

## **Thanksgiving**

*We Offer Ourselves and Our Gifts*

### **Our Offering in a Spirit of Gratitude**

**Communion Hymn** MV 195 Long Ago and Far away (On One License)

### **The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

The grace of Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you...**

### **Prayers of the People**

God of long and unknown journeys, you have travelled with us through all our days. Travel with us now. Assure us of your presence as we face uncertainties. Remind us that you go ahead of us; before we round a corner you are already there, to comfort us, and guide us, and protect us...

...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**

**\*Choral Amen**

**Remember!**

World Wide Communion, this week 4 October 2020

Have your wine, juice, coffee and your bread, cracker, pita, toast, cold pizza or muffin ready to share in Lord's Supper.

Thank you, Barrie Hill Choir!

A special thank you to **Judy Parker** , Soloist for her musical contribution last week.

Thank-you this week to **Ted and Mikalya Kent**, and **Wesley and Theresa Knierim** for sharing their musical gifts today.