



October 11, 2020, 10:30 AM

Welcome to Worship

It is a blessing to celebrate God's presence together.

We are in different places, and maybe doing this at different times. Still, the Holy Spirit is joining us together now. And not just us. God unites us in the global and timeless community of Jesus' people.

We also welcome you if you are new to worshipping with our congregations. We're happy you are joining us. We hope it is a blessing to you.

This booklet has all the information you need. Simply make your way through it on your own.

If you're joining in our online worship (by your computer or your phone) follow along. If you're able to watch online, all the words will be shown on your screen for you to see, if that's easier for you. (There's info about how to join online on the next page.)

Speaking or Singing

If you're sharing in the online worship the music will be playing and you can join in. Your computer microphone is muted, so you don't need to worry about others hearing you. Or, you can simply enjoy listening to the music.

Joining Worship Online

We're using Zoom for our worship times. It is an online tool that allows us to share in the experience together.

- You can participate as much or as little as you want.
- You will be able to control whether or not your picture is seen by others.
- You can access Zoom by computer.
- Or, you can phone in to hear the services live.
- For login information and password, or to get the phone number, please contact the church office:
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If you have questions or suggestions, please contact our minister Greg Smith-Young:
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What About our Building?

We will not be gathering for in-person activities in our church buildings for the next while.

The leadership boards of both Elora and Bethany UCs will continue to listen and discern next steps, taking a cautious approach and using the latest information available.

We are working on plans so that when we return to our sanctuaries for worship, we'll be able to do so safely.

We live and worship on the traditional territories of the Attawandaron, Wyandot, Mississauga, and Haudenosaunee First Nations. We are people of the "Between the Lakes" treaty and Haldemand land grant. Grateful for their stewardship of this land, we humbly seek to live together in pursuit of justice and right relations.

Today's Worship

God Gathers Us with Grace

Coming together is God's gift. Give thanks!

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Silence

Invitation to Worship

The sun rises and it is light; night falls and it is dark.

Bless the One who gives the life.

Sow the seed and cut the corn;
bear the child and build the house.

Bless the One who gives the life.

Lay the stone and light the fire;
cast the net and water the earth.

Bless the One who gives the life.

Serve the guest and cover the cost
cut the wood and pick the flowers.

Bless the One who gives the life.

Make the wine and bake the bread;
fill the cup and pass the plate.

Bless the One who gives the life.

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Prayer

Surely God is in this place!

**Help me notice. Help us notice
together!**

Sung:

Almighty God, to You all hearts are open,
and all desires known,
and no secrets are hidden.

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love You,
and worthily magnify Your holy name,
through Christ our Lord.

Words: Translated from the Latin by Thomas Cranmer

Music: Steve Bell, used with permission

www.youtube.com/watch?v=oxhKDshyI_Q

Song: Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love (VU 516)

Come, you thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home!
All is safely gathered in,
safe before the storms begin;
God, our maker, does provide
for our needs to be supplied:
come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home!

All the world is God's own field,
harvests for God's praise to yield;
wheat and weeds together sown,
here for joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade, and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear:
Harvest-giver, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

For our God, one day, shall come,
and shall take this harvest home;
from the field shall in that day
all offences purge away;
giving angels charge at last
in the fire the weeds to cast;
but the fruitful ears to store
in the garner evermore.

Even so, God, quickly come
to your final harvest home!
Gather all your people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin;
there for ever purified,
in your presence to abide:
come, with all your angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest home.

Words: Henry Alford, 1844
Music: George Job Elvey, 1858
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God Feeds Us with God's Word

Rejoice at what God has done and is doing!

Reflection on God's Word:

"Gratitude, Grief, and Remembering Well"

God's Word in Scripture: Deuteronomy 8.10-19

Responsive Reading: Psalm 77

I cry out loud to God—
out loud to God so that he can hear me!

**During the day when I'm in trouble
I look for my Lord.**

At night my hands are still outstretched
and don't grow numb;

my whole being refuses to be comforted.

I remember God and I moan.

I complain, and my spirit grows tired.

**You've kept my eyelids from closing.
I'm so upset I can't even speak.**

I think about days long past;

I remember years that seem an eternity in the past.

**I meditate with my heart at night;
I complain, and my spirit keeps searching:**

**Will my Lord reject me forever?
Will he never be pleased again?
Has his faithful love come to
a complete end?**

**Is his promise over for future generations?
Has God forgotten how to be gracious?
Has he angrily stopped up his
compassion?"**

It's my misfortune, I thought, that
the strong hand of the Most High is different now.
But I will remember the Lord's deeds;
yes, I will remember your wondrous acts
from times long past.

**I will meditate on all your works;
I will ponder your deeds.**

God, your way is holiness!

Who is as great a god as you, God?

**You are the God who works wonders;
you have demonstrated your strength
among all peoples.**

With your mighty arm you redeemed your people;
redeemed the children of Jacob and Joseph. Selah

**The waters saw you, God—
the waters saw you and reeled!**

Even the deep depths shook!

**The clouds poured water,
the skies cracked thunder;
your arrows were flying all around!**

The crash of your thunder was in the swirling storm;
lightning lit up the whole world;
the earth shook and quaked.

**Your way went straight through the sea;
your pathways went right through**

the mighty waters.

But your footprints left no trace!

**You led your people like sheep
under the care of Moses and Aaron.**

Common English Bible

Song: If Our God Had Simply Saved Us (VU 131)

If our God had simply saved us,
merely brought us out of Egypt,
only opened up our prison: Dayeinu!

Dadayeinu, dadayeinu,
Dadayeinu, dayeinu, Dayeinu, dayeinu!
Dadayeinu, dadayeinu,
Dadayeinu, dayeinu, dayeinu!

If our God had split the Red Sea:
made a way through walls of water,
only opened up the waters: Dayeinu!

If our God had kept our feet dry,
kept our heads above the waters,
kept us safely without drowning: Dayeinu!

If our God had brought us over,
led us safely on to dry land;
(even though it was a desert): Dayeinu!

If our God had from a mountain
let us glimpse the land of promise,
only gaze across the Jordan: Dayeinu!

If our God had fed us only:

feasted us upon the mountain -
not inviting all the neighbours: Dayeinu!

But, our God, who holds the banquet,
calls the whole world into freedom:
opens up the new creation: Dayeinu!

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Music: traditional Israeli
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Prayers of the Community

Lord's Prayer (spoken)

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.
Forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

In Our Church Family

The Gift of Our Offering

Video

www.youtube.com/watch?v=HwvH9W1jo48

Minute for Mission: Food is a Helping Hand

God Sends Us in Love

God is sending you! You are on a mission! Go well.

Song: As Those of Old Their First Fruits Brought (VU 518)

As those of old their first-fruits brought
of vineyard, flock, and field
to God, the giver of all good,
the source of bounteous yield;
so we today our first-fruits bring:
the wealth of this good land,
of farm and market, shop and home,
of mind and heart and hand.

A world in need now summons us
to labour, love, and give,
to make our life an offering
to God, that all may live.

The church of Christ is calling us
to make the dream come true:
a world redeemed, by Christ-like love,
all life in Christ made new.

With gratitude and humble trust
we bring our best to you,
not just to serve your cause, but share
your love with neighbours too.

O God, who gave yourself to us
in Jesus Christ, your son,
help us to give ourselves each day
until life's work is done.

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Music: traditional English melody

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Sent to be With and For the World

Wherever you go, surely God will be in that place.

Help me notice. Help us notice together.

Blessing

Music: The Blessing -- Canadian version

By Steven Furtick, Chris Brown, Kari Jobe, Cody Carnes
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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BSuwlEaQi54>

Sunday News

Thanksgiving Holy Hike

Alma United Church welcomes you to a Fall Family Event! Anytime during the week of October 12th to 16th between the hours of 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., you are invited to participate in a Self-Guided Thanksgiving "Holy Hike" to honour and celebrate all that we are thankful for. Within your own family bubble, come and participate at a time convenient for you and walk the loop from Alma United Church through Wallace Cumming Park. First station is at Alma United Church. Park your car there, pick up a map and station instructions at the side door of the church - or download your own bulletin from the Alma UC facebook page anytime after Saturday October 10th. Hike lasts approximately 1 hour and is family friendly!!

Growing As Followers of Jesus

These groups will be online using Zoom. You will need to register. Email Greg: ministerelorauc@wightman.ca

Following Jesus with Matthew

Friday evenings 9-10 pm

We're reading from Matthew's gospel of Jesus, talking about it together, and finishing with prayer. Beginners are welcome. No Bible experience needed.

So You Want to Talk about Race?

A book by Ijeoma Oluo

Thursday evenings 7-830 pm Oct 22, 29, Nov 5, 12

Ijeoma Oluo writes from her experience. She talks about tough questions. Her style is easy-to-understand, but the things she asks us to think and talk about are hard.

It's a crucial conversation. Let's read and learn together.

What's required? A willingness to read the book, accept being challenged, share in awkward conversations, make mistakes, and be gracious with each other.

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