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Third Sunday of Easter
May 1, 2022 11:00 AM

Welcome to Worship

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

Some of us are joining in person in our Sanctuary. Some of us are joining online from other places. No matter where we are worshipping, God is with us, and the Holy Spirit brings us together into the community of Jesus. So we are blessed.

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

If you're sharing in the online worship, all the words will be shown on your screen for you to see. The music will be playing too and you can join in. Or, you can simply enjoy listening to the music.

*We live and worship in the traditional places of the
Attawandaron, Wyandot, Mississauga,
and Haudenosaunee First Nations.*

*These are treaty lands and territory of the Mississaugas of the
Credit, which we share through the Between the Lakes Treaty.
These lands are also part of the crown grant to the Six Nations,
the Haldemand grant, which stretches along the Grand River.*

*We are grateful for their stewardship of these places.
We humbly seek to live together
in pursuit of justice and right relations.*

Today's Worship

God Gathers Us with Love

Coming together is God's gift. Give thanks!

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Silence & Candle Lighting

Song: Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing (VU 16g)

Invitation to Worship

I am the good shepherd, says Jesus.
I know my own sheep and they know me,
**just as the Father knows me
and I know the Father.
I give up my life for the sheep.**

My sheep listen to my voice.
I know them and they follow me.
**I give them eternal life.
They will never die,
and no one will snatch them
from my hand.**

(John 10.14-15, 27-28)

Rejoice! Draw close and worship.
For surely God is in this place.
**God, help me notice.
Help us notice together.**

Gathering Prayer

(Elora) **Music: Good God Almighty** Phil Irish
Written by David Crowder

God Feeds Us with God's Word

Listen to what God has done and is doing!

God's Word in Scripture: John 21.9-19

Reflection on God's Word

Song: Will You Come and Follow Me (VU 567)

We Respond with Gratitude and Hope

Offer your prayers and gifts in response to God's grace

Prayers of the Community

Lord's Prayer

God Sends Us in Love

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

Song: The Day of Resurrection (VU 164)

Sending to be With and For the World

The Lord is our God!

**We are the Lord's people,
the flock that God shepherds.** (Psalm 95:7)

Wherever you go, God is already there!

**God, help me notice!
Help us notice together!**

Blessing

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Alma-Bethany-Elora Amalgamation

The Journey Ahead

May 29 1:00 pm

Worship with all 3 congregations.

Alma Community Centre

*We'll receive the amalgamation proposal,
learn about it and talk together.*

June 12

Congregational Meetings

Bethany UC at 9:20 am

Elora UC at 12:30 pm

*Each congregation will discuss the amalgamation proposal and
decide whether it will be part of the new congregation.*

Fall 2022

*If the amalgamation proposal is approved, the joining congregations
will spend the fall coming to an end, and the new congregation will
begin. The particular timeline for that will still need to be decided.*

We're looking for our New Name

We need your ideas! The Amalgamation Team is asking for your input to compile a list of possible names that can be used for our new joint congregation. We appreciate any suggestions that you put forward. Please submit by July 1 to John Williams' email johnlw@sentex.net or by telephone 519-843-5050.

The Amalgamation Steering Team is:

Sandie Drummond (Alma)
Chris Grose (Alma) — chair
Gary Hall (Bethany)
Judy Howse-Ward (Bethany)
Phil Irish (Elora)

Judy McMullan (Elora)
John Williams (Alma)
Greg Smith-Young (minister)
John Neff (WOW Region)

Minister's Leave

Beginning on May 2, Greg will be taking a leave of absence consisting of two weeks study leave and followed by two weeks of rest from his ministerial duties.

Pastoral Care in May

If you need to access pastoral care during Greg's absence, please contact one of these local ministers

Susan Clarke (Knox Presbyterian) 613-246-3090
Shelley Smith (St. John's UC Belwood) 905-536-4232
Mark Laird (Drayton UC) 519-217-6627

Worship for May

May 8

11:00 at Elora UC and online

The Bethany & Elora congregations will be worshipping together.
Phil Irish will be leading our service.

May 15

9:20 at Bethany UC | 11:00 at Elora UC and online

Jeff Smith will be our worship leader.

May 22

9:20 at Bethany UC | 11:00 at Elora UC and online

Jeff Smith will be our worship leader.

May 29

1:00 pm at the Alma Community Centre and online

The Alma, Bethany, and Elora congregations will be gathering together. Worship will be led by our amalgamation steering time.

Share in God's Mission with Your Offerings

Your offerings are an important way you follow Jesus by sharing in our life and mission together. Here is information about how you can give to either of our congregations.

You can give to

- Bethany UC's or Elora UC's General Fund
- the Residential Schools Healing Fund
- the United Church of Canada's Mission & Service,
- Project Welcome Refugee Sponsorship
- Community Dinners

Pre-Authorized Giving

Monthly offerings automatically deducted from your account.

It's easy! To set this up, please contact

Bethany, Judy Howse-Ward (519.846.2288)

Elora, Beverly Bond (519.846.5597 | bond.beverly@wightman.ca)

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Please indicate if you want your gift directed to particular funds.

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When signing up, please use this email address for the payee:

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