

Elora United Church



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Creation Proclaims

September 25, 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 Chonnonton, 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.*

Season of Creation

September is the Season of Creation! This is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment together. We join Christians around the world in prayer and action for our common home. This year's theme is:

Listen to the Voice of Creation

Today's Worship

God Gathers Us with Love

Coming together is God's gift. Give thanks!

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Candle Lighting

A week has come to a close.
A new week is dawning.
Come, all of you, and enter into God's rest.

Silence

Invitation to Worship

(Eco Congregation Scotland)

Creator God of justice
You are with us now
Bright God of change
You will walk beside us

Dark God of comfort
You will see us through
Rainbow God of life
We will follow you!

Surely God is in this place.
God, help me notice.
Help us notice together.

Gathering Prayer

Song: Eternal, Unchanging, We sing (VU 223)

Children's Worship: *Hope Springs United Church banner*

God Feeds Us with God's Word

Listen to what God has done and is doing!

God's Word in Scripture

Reflection on God's Word

Genesis 1:3-5a, 14-18

Psalm 19:1-6

Heaven is declaring God's glory;
the sky is proclaiming his handiwork.
One day gushes the news to the next,
and one night informs another
what needs to be known.

Of course, there's no speech, no words
—their voices can't be heard—
but their sound extends
throughout the world;
their words reach the ends of the earth.

God has made a tent in heaven for the sun.
The sun is like a groom
coming out of his honeymoon suite;
like a warrior, it thrills at running its course.
It rises in one end of the sky;
its circuit is complete at the other.
Nothing escapes its heat.

*I love to tell the story,
'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story
of what our God has done.*

Exodus 24:12,15-18

Psalm 19:7-11

The Lord's Instruction is perfect,
reviving one's very being.
The Lord's laws are faithful,
making naive people wise.
The Lord's regulations are right,
gladdening the heart.
The Lord's commands are pure,
giving light to the eyes.
Honoring the Lord is correct,
lasting forever.
The Lord's judgments are true.
All of them are righteous!

They are more desirable than gold—
than tons of pure gold!
They are sweeter than honey—
even dripping off the honeycomb!
No doubt about it:
your servant is enlightened by them;
there is great reward in keeping them.

*I love to tell the story,
'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story
of what our God has done.*

Psalm 19:12-13

But can anyone know
what they've accidentally done wrong?
Clear me of any unknown sin
and save your servant from willful sins.
Don't let them rule me.
Then I'll be completely blameless;
I'll be innocent of great wrongdoing.

*I love to tell the story,
'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story
of what our God has done.*

Hebrews 1:1-2

Psalm 19:14

Let the words of my mouth
and the meditations of my heart
be pleasing to you,
Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

*I love to tell the story,
'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story
of what our God has done.*

We Respond with Gratitude and Hope

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

Song: God of the Sparrow

(VU 229)

Prayers of the Community; Lord's Prayer

The Gift of Our Offerings

God Sends Us in Love

God is Sending You. You are on a Mission! Go Well.

Song: Great is Thy Faithfulness

(VU 288)

Sent to be With and For the World

Wherever you go, God is already there!

God, help me notice! Help us notice together!

Blessing

Sending Verse: You Shall Go Out with Joy

(VU 884)

News for You

Worship

Here's our worship plan for the next few weeks.

October 2 World Communion Sunday

Our worship will include the Lord's Supper

October 9 Thanksgiving Sunday

Our final service together as Elora UC

October 16 No service at Elora UC. Alma (9:30) and Bethany (10:30) are having their closing services. Feel free to worship with either on this day.

October 23 and 30 no worship services

Hope Springs UC Opening Worship!

November 6

10:30 am

75 Geddes St, Elora

(corner of Church & Geddes)

Our Sunday worship will be at 10:30 for at least November-January.

In the new year, the Hope Springs Mission Committee will hear your feedback and review the start time.

New Office Administrator

Welcome Doris Detta!

On behalf of the congregation of Hope Springs United Church, the M&P Committee announces that Doris Detta is our new administrator. Doris will be in the office Wednesday and Thursday mornings, beginning this week. You can reach her at 519-846-0122 or elorabethanyuc@wightman.ca.

Doris has roots in the Bethany congregation. She is the daughter of Helen (Worton) Watson. We are so glad to have Doris as part of our staff team!

Garden & Lawn Clean-Up

Saturday, October 1

9:00 am

Join our work party! More hands make for lighter work, and it should not take too long. We will be edging, weeding and moving some plants in the gardens.

You just need to bring yourself. If you have gloves, shovels, and other garden tools, bring those too.

Jim Fairles and the Resources board

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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)

Cheque

Made out to "Bethany United Church" or "Elora United Church."

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

You can send your donation here:

Bethany United Church or Elora United Church

75 Geddes Street, Elora ON N0B 1S0

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Your bank's website will have information about how to do this.

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

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