

Carlisle/Kilbride Pastoral Charge
Sunday, August 24
Carlisle 10:00 am

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*Those who wish to do so are invited to stand for the Hymns and the Sending Forth/Benediction. Likewise, those who wish to do so are invited to respond aloud where indicated by **bold print**.*

Welcome

Acknowledgement of the Land:

Carlisle, Ontario



Carlisle United Church is situated on the traditional territory of the Neutral, Haudenosaunee, and Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. This land is covered by the Dish with One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement between the Haudenosaunee and Anishinabek to peaceably share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. We also recognize the enduring presence of all First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples.

For thousands of years Indigenous people have walked on this land, in their own country. Their relationship with the land is at the centre of their lives. We acknowledge their stewardship of this land throughout the ages. May we honour one another and honour life itself. We are all treaty people.

The Life and Work of the Church (Announcements)

Lighting of the Christ Candle:

The light of this candle reminds us that the light and love of Christ is in our midst. May its warmth remind us of the warmth of God's unconditional love.

Gathering Song: VU 401, vv. 1 – Worship the Lord

Words: Fred Kaan 1972; Music: Ron Klusmeier 1977

Rev. Dr. Fred Kaan, who wrote the words to this hymn, published six collections of his hymns during his lifetime. Ron Klusmeier, current Music Director at Salt Spring Island United (Ganges, BC), composed the music for over 100 of Kaan's texts. Many thanks to the musicians of Golden Ears United for sharing their performance of this Kaan-Klusmeier creation.

VU 401 Worship the Lord

*Worship the Lord (worship the Lord),
praise the Creator, the Spirit, the Son,
raising our hands (raising our hands)
in devotion to God who is one!*

- 1 Raising our hands as a sign of rejoicing,
and with our lips our togetherness voicing,
giving ourselves to a life of creativeness,
worship and work must be one! R

Call to Worship:

We feel your welcome, gracious God,
in this time of worship.

**You welcome young and old,
all seeking peace
and all brimming over with energy.**

You welcome newcomers and long-time members,
all seeking a familiar expression of praise and prayer
and all seeking a startlingly new celebration of faith.

You welcome us all, welcoming God.

In the Spirit of Jesus, our Christ,
who calls us to be the church
and to celebrate God's presence,
let us worship.

Opening Prayer:

O Holy Spirit, Breath of God, blow in our lives this day.
Fill us with the freshness of your living love.
Cleanse and renew us that we might go from this place,
ready to be your people in the world. Amen.

Opening Hymn: VU 395 – Come In, Come In and Sit Down

Words: James K. Manley 1984 alt.; Music: James K. Manley 1984; Arr.: Darryl Nixon 1987

Although it is Wall Street United Church that shares this video online, this performance of Rev. James Manley's hymn is from the UCC centennial celebration service presented by Brockville-area United churches on June 8 on the courthouse green. The service was aptly titled "Singing the Century."

[Come in and Sit Down - Brockville United Churches Centennial Celebration Music Video](#)

*Come in, come in and sit down,
you are a part of the family.
We are lost and we are found,*

and we are a part of the family.

- 1 You know the reason why you came,
yet no reason can explain,
so share in the laughter and cry in the pain,
for we are a part of the family. R
- 2 God is with us in this place,
like a mother's warm embrace.
We're all forgiven by God's grace,
for we are a part of the family. R
- 3 There's life to be shared in the bread and the wine,
we are the branches, Christ is the vine.
This is God's temple, it's not yours or mine,
but we are a part of the family. R
- 4 There's rest for the weary and health for us all,
there's a yoke that is easy, and a burden that's small.
So come in and worship and answer the call,
for we are a part of the family. R

Prayer for Grace

Assurance of Grace

Sung Response: VU 401, vv. 2 – Worship the Lord

Words: Fred Kaan 1972; Music: Ron Klusmeier 1977

[VU 401 Worship the Lord](#)

*Worship the Lord (worship the lord),
praise the Creator, the Spirit, the Son,
raising our hands (raising our hands)
in devotion to God who is one!*

- 2 Praying and training that we be a blessing,
and by our handiwork daily confessing:
we are committed to serving humanity,
worship and work must be one! R

Prayer for Illumination:

O God, open our hearts and minds
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that as the scriptures are read

and your Word is proclaimed,
we may hear what you are saying to us today. Amen.

Readings from Our Christian Tradition

Hebrew Scripture: Isaiah 58:9b-14 *Do not trample the sabbath*

58:9b If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

58:10 if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.

58:11 The LORD will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail.

58:12 Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

58:13 If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the Sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honourable; if you honour it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs;

58:14 then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Gospel: Luke 13:10-17 *Jesus heals on the sabbath*

13:10 Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath.

13:11 And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight.

13:12 When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment."

13:13 When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God.

13:14 But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day."

13:15 But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water?"

13:16 And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?"

13:17 When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

Response:

Let us ponder these words from the Gospel of John.
May we hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Reflection

Hymn: VU 672 – Take Time to Be Holy

Words: William D. Longstaff ca. 1882; Music: George C. Stebbins 1890

I invite you to sing along with the expansive choir and congregation at Southwest Baptist Church in Oklahoma City. This beloved hymn dates from the Victorian period and was written by Englishman William Longstaff (words) and American George Stebbins (music); both were involved in evangelism.

Take Time To Be Holy • Congregational

- 1 Take time to be holy, speak oft with your Lord;
 abide in him always, and feed on his word.
 Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak,
 forgetting in nothing his blessing to seek.
- 2 Take time to be holy, let him be your guide,
 and run not before him, whatever betide.
 In joy or in sorrow, still follow the Lord,
 and, looking to Jesus, still trust in his word.
- 3 Take time to be holy, be calm in your soul,
 each thought and each motive beneath his control.
 Thus led by his spirit to fountains of love,
 you soon shall be fitted for service above.

Prayers of the People:

Sing into prayer: VU 661, v. 3 – Come to My Heart

Joe Pinson's 1979 hymn is performed by the Praise Singers of Windsor Park United Church in Winnipeg, including the lovely descant in the final verse.

[“Come to My Heart”](#)

- 3 Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus;
 teach me to walk in your way.
 Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus;
 answer my prayer today.
 Give me the peace and joy
 that only you can bring.
 Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus;
 give me a song to sing.

Sung Lord's Prayer: led by Rick Harper

Music: Arnold Strals

Offering Prayer:

Here, God, we give our gifts to the work of your church, for the encouragement of your people, and with the love of Christ in our hearts. Bless our offerings as a sign of our faith. With these gifts, encourage our service as a sign of your love, we pray in Christ's name. Amen.

Offertory: VU 537 – Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands

Thanks to Cheryl Jackson and Crystal Schau, part of the music team at Transcona Memorial United in Winnipeg, for sharing their duet in this lyric video. The 1927 hymn was written by American Presbyterian minister and hymnographer Calvin Weiss Laufer and, in *Voices United*, is set to an older 19th-century tune by Neil Dougall.

[Your Work O God Needs Many Hands](#)

- 1 Your work, O God, needs many hands
to help you everywhere,
and some there are who cannot serve
unless our gifts we share.
- 2 Because we love you and your work,
our offering now we make:
be pleased to use it as your own,
we ask for Jesus' sake.

A Gift of Music: Came to My Rescue led by Rick Harper

Words and Music: Marty Sampson, Dylan Thomas, and Joel Davies

Commissioning and Benediction

Sung Sending Forth: VU 401, v.5 – Worship the Lord

[VU 401 Worship the Lord](#)

*Worship the Lord (worship the lord),
praise the Creator, the Spirit, the Son,
raising our hands (raising our hands)
in devotion to God who is one!*

- 5 Now in response to the life you are giving,
help us, Creator, to offer our living,
seeking a just and a healing society,
worship and work must be one! R

Online Postlude: Take Time to Be Holy

"Take time to be holy, be calm in your soul." Here is a reflective, spacious playing of George Stebbins' tune performed by classical guitarist Joe Hooper.
[Take Time To Be Holy \(Hymn\) - Instrumental/Guitar](#)

Liturgy Credits:

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