

Carlisle/Kilbride Pastoral Charge
Sunday, September 28
Season of Creation 4 – Orange Shirt Sunday

Kilbride – 9:30 a.m. --- Carlisle – 11:00 a.m.

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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:

We welcome all God's people – whatever you believe or do not believe; whatever you have done or left undone; whoever you are and whomever you love. Because we are the church of Jesus Christ and Jesus taught us to "Love God and Love One Another" without exception.



As we worship God, we acknowledge that we are on the traditional lands of:

(Kilbride: the Huron-Wendat, Petun, Seneca, Neutral, Anishinaabe, and most recently the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation)

(Carlisle: the Neutral, Haudenosaunee, Anishinabek, and Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation),

who continue to cry out for justice. As treaty people, we commit to listen, learn, and work to right the wrongs of the past and present.

The Life and Work of the Church (Announcements)

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Gathering Song: MV 21 – Open Our Hearts (x3)

Words & Music: Jim Strathdee 2006

I invite you to sing along with Jean Strathdee as she leads the singing for her husband Jim's hymn on their 2007 collaborative album *Stand for What Is Right*.

[Open Our Hearts](#)

(Note: sing first 4 lines 3x. Then end with the line, "Open our hearts.")

Open our hearts,
open our minds.
Open our lives to you
O loving God. (x3)
Open our hearts.

Call to Worship:

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

Opening Thoughts and Prayer:

A child runs across the earth
on a warm summer day,
then stops to listen as creation sings.
A child looks up into the clear, cold
winter sky and wonders at the vastness
of the universe and that, small as he is,
he is part of this same universe.
The world is fresh, wondrous, full of mystery.

**Creator God, we reflect on the wonder of creation,
its vastness, its complexity, its beauty, and its terror.
May we never lose child-like wonder,
may we live with respect in creation,
and may we always remember
that, child or adult, we are all
part of God's holy earth:
one with God in brokenness and blessing.
Amen.**

Hymn: VU 296 – This Is God's Wondrous World

Words: Maltbie Davenport Babcock 1901, alt.; Music: English trad. melody

This arrangement of Maltbie Davenport Babcock's 1901 hymn was created by Strathdee Music (Jim and Jean Strathdee). Babcock was an American clergyman and writer, though he published nothing during his lifetime; his wife Catherine collected many of his writings and had them published posthumously, including a volume of her husband's poetry that contained "This Is My Father's World."

[Lyric Video This is God's Wondrous World CCS 136 by Strathdee Music](#)

- 1 This is God's wondrous world,
and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.

This is God's wondrous world;
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,
God's hand the wonders wrought.

2 This is God's wondrous world:
the birds their carols raise;
the morning light, the lily white,
declare their Maker's praise.
This is God's wondrous world:
God shines in all that's fair;
in the rustling grass or mountain pass,
God's voice speaks everywhere.

3 This is God's wondrous world:
O let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is God's wondrous world:
why should my heart be sad?
Let voices sing, let the heavens ring:
God reigns, let earth be glad!

Orange Shirt Day Lament/Prayer for Grace

(Prayer can be found at <https://united-church.ca/prayers/and-child-will-lead-us>)

Assurance of Grace:

The God who challenges us
is also the God who encourages us.
The God who confronts us is also the God who accepts us.
Be assured that God is with us even now,
accepting, forgiving, and guiding.

Hymn: VU 697 (vv. 1, 2, & 3) – O for a World

Words: Miriam Therese Winter 1987; Music: Carl Gotthelf Gläser 1828

These lyrics were written by American Medical Mission Sister Miriam Therese Winter and recorded for the Medical Mission Sisters' *Hymns Reimagined* album. The MMS is a religious group of women within the Roman Catholic Church that was founded in 1925 with the goal of providing health care to poverty-stricken people around the world.

O For a World

1 O for a world where everyone
respects each other's ways,

where love is lived and all is done
with justice and with praise.

2 O for a world where goods are shared
and misery relieved,
where truth is spoken, children spared,
equality achieved.

3 We welcome one world family
and struggle with each choice
that opens us to unity
and gives our vision voice.

Prayer for Illumination:

As we receive the readings from your holy word, Gracious God, open us to greater understanding. We ask this in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Readings from Our Christian Tradition

Hebrew Scripture: Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15 – *Jeremiah buys a field*

32:1 The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar.

32:2 At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah,

32:3 where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him.

32:6 Jeremiah said, "The word of the LORD came to me:

32:7 Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, 'Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours.'"

32:8 Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the LORD, and said to me, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself." Then I knew that this was the word of the LORD.

32:9 And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel and weighed out the silver to him, seventeen shekels of silver.

32:10 I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the silver on scales.

32:11 Then I took the sealed deed of purchase containing the terms and conditions and the open copy,

32:12 and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard.

32:13 In their presence I charged Baruch, saying,

32:14 "Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time.

32:15 For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land."

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31 – *Poor Lazarus and the rich man*

16:19 "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day.

16:20 And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores,

16:21 who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores.

16:22 The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

16:23 In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side.

16:24 He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.'

16:25 But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony.

16:26 Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.'

16:27 He said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house –

16:28 for I have five brothers – that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.'

16:29 Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.'

16:30 He said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.'

16:31 He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

Response:

May God bless to our understanding this reading from the Holy Scriptures.

Reflection

Hymn: MV 143 – We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky

Words: Ruth Duck; Music: Marty Haugen

Ruth Duck's lyrics have been set to several different tunes, including the one utilized in the hymn "How Can I Keep from Singing?" The Norval United Church virtual choir

sings Marty Haugen's tune as found in *More Voices*, accompanied by Alan Forde on piano and Brooke Taylor on flute.

NUC Virtual Choir: We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky

- 1 We cannot own the sunlit sky,
the moon, the wildflow'rs growing,
for we are part of all that is
within life's river flowing.
With open hands receive and share
the gifts of God's creation,
that all may have abundant life
in ev'ry earthly nation.
- 2 When bodies shiver in the night
and weary, wait for morning,
when children have no bread but tears,
and war-horns sound their warning,
God calls humanity to wake,
to join in common labour,
that all may have abundant life
in oneness with their neighbour.
- 3 God calls humanity to join
as partners in creating
a future free from want or fear,
life's goodness celebrating,
that new world beckons from afar,
invites our shared endeavour,
that all may have abundant life
and peace endure forever.

Prayers of the People

Prayer of Jesus: VU p. 916 – *A Paraphrase*

Offering Prayer:

Loving God, we recognize that your blessings come in so many ways; we seek to be a blessing to others. Use and multiply these gifts so that the work of our church here and around the world may be a sign of your caring presence. Amen.

Offertory: MV 191 – What Can I Do?

Words & Music: Paul Rumbolt & Michele McCarthy

I invite you to sing along with the enthusiastic musicians of Golden Ears United as they perform Rumbolt and McCarthy's offertory, arranged by Alan Whitmore in 2005.

MV 191 What Can I do

What can I do? What can I bring?
What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.

Hymn: VU 291 – All Things Bright and Beautiful

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander 1848, alt.; Music: 17th century English melody

This new setting of Cecil Frances Alexander's 1848 lyrics features American singer-songwriter Sandra McCracken and can be found on the 2020 album *Rain for Roots: All Creatures*. Rain for Roots is a collective of musicians and songwriters (including McCracken) whose goal is to create Scripture songs that appeal to all ages. Animation has been added by Isaac and Ella and Chalk Hill Videos.

All Things Bright and Beautiful

*All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful:
in love, God made them all.*

- 1 Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colours,
God made their tiny wings.
- 2 The purple-headed mountains,
the river running by,
the sunset and the morning
that brightens up the sky;
- 3 The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden:
God made them every one.
- 4 The rocky mountain splendour,
the lone wolf's haunting call,
the great lakes and the prairies,
the forest in the fall;
- 5 God gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God our maker,

who has made all things well.

*All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful:
in love, God made them all.*

Commissioning and Benediction

Sung Sending Forth: VU 420 (vv. 2 & 3) Go to the World

Words: Sylvia Dunstan 1985; Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams 1906

As part of 2023 summer concert series, the Newman Vocare Ensemble at Newman University Church in Dublin performs a new hymn arrangement by Fr. James Chepponis. Ordained in 1985, Chepponis is a priest of the Pittsburgh Diocese who has served the diocese as Director of the Office of Music Ministry and who was appointed Music Director at Pittsburgh's St Paul Cathedral in 1999.

Go to the World - Tune by Ralph Vaughan Williams, arr. James Chepponis

- 2 Go to the world! Go into every place.
 Go live the Word of God's redeeming grace.
 Go seek God's presence in each time and space.
 Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

- 3 Go to the world! Go struggle, bless and pray;
 the nights of tears give way to joyous day.
 As servant Church, you follow Christ's own way.
 Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Online Postlude: All Things Bright and Beautiful

This new version of a beloved hymn is found on Michael O'Brien's 2015 album *Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs*. Michael is an American Christian artist and worship leader who has been ministering for over thirty years. This track also features his son Joseph, a pop-rock artist who broke onto the music scene through competing on *America's Got Talent* and later becoming signed to a Christian music label.

All Things Bright and Beautiful (feat. Joseph O'Brien)

Liturgy Credits:

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer – mgm

Orange Shirt day Prayer – <https://united-church.ca/prayers/and-child-will-lead-us>

Assurance of Grace – *Celebrate God's Presence*

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