

# The Second Sunday after Easter & Earth Day

April 27, 2025

Rev. Yun-Hee Noh-Perry & Musician Brad Halls

**Gathering Music** *"The Spring Has Come"* (VU # 187)



## Welcome

## Light the Christ Candle



**With hope in our hearts at this  
and every promise of new life,  
we kindle the Christ light in  
the name of the One who is  
glorified !  
Amen.**



## Announcements

Erin United Church

*invites you to our*

# DRIVE-THRU HAM DINNER

SATURDAY  
MAY 10, 2025

All Tickets - \$25 each

5:00 pm  
until  
7:00 pm



YOU WILL ENJOY HAM-ON-THE -BONE, SCALLOPED POTATOES,  
MIXED VEGGIES, COLESLAW, ROLL, AND A SWEET CHOICE OF A HOMEMADE DESSERT

Tickets are limited and must be pre-ordered by calling  
Colleen Hawes at (519) 994-1923 no later than May 4th.  
PICK-UP at the back of church - 115 Main St., Erin - watch for signs.  
Payment can be made by E-transfer or cash at pick-up.



Prelude

*“Come Sunday”*

*by Duke Ellington*



**there will be  
showers of  
blessing**

# **Call to Worship**

Say among the nations, God reigns.

**Let the heavens be glad and Earth rejoice !**

God is coming to transform the world.

**God will redeem the world with righteousness and truth.**

So let us worship God with praise and honour.

**We will offer God our gratitude for all that God has done.**



## Opening Prayer

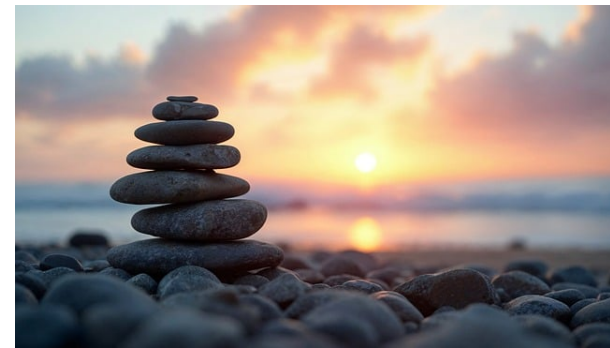
Gracious and loving God who made all the world, we come before you this morning in worship and praise, in longing and anticipation. We wait to receive your Word broken open, and in so doing, to be broken open, ourselves.

**Incarnate God, please ready us now, so that it is you we know, and not our own selves projected onto you. Holy Spirit, empower us now, to enter fully into worship, and to leave later, transformed and ready to live out your Love and Wisdom. Amen.**

# Hymn VU # 512

*“Lord You Give the Great Commission”*

- 1 Lord, you give the great commission:  
    'Heal the sick and preach the word.'  
Lest the Church neglect its mission,  
    and the Gospel go unheard,  
help us witness to your purpose  
    with renewed integrity;  
with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us  
    for the work of ministry.





2 Lord, you call us to your service:  
    'In my name baptise and teach.'  
That the world may trust your promise,  
    life abundant meant for each,  
give us all new fervour, draw us  
    closer in community;  
with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us  
    for the work of ministry.



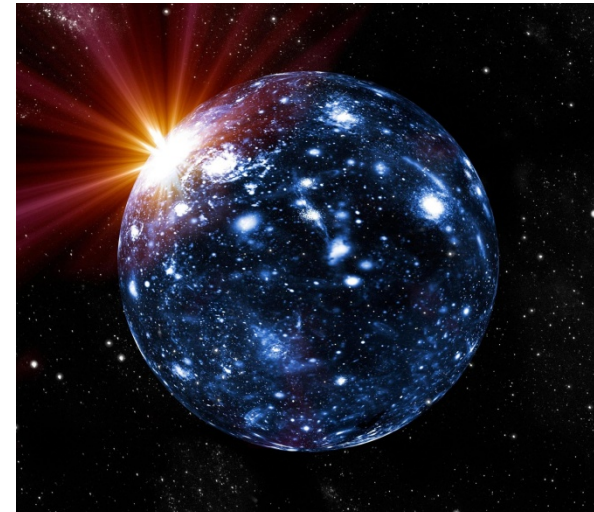
3 Lord, you make the common holy:  
    'This my body, this my blood.'  
Let us all, for Earth's true glory,  
    daily lift life heavenward,  
asking that the world around us  
    share your children's liberty;  
with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us  
    for the work of ministry.



4 Lord, you show us love's true measure:  
    'Father, what they do, forgive.'  
Yet we hoard as private treasure  
    all that you so freely give.  
May your care and mercy lead us  
    to a just society;  
with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us  
    for the work of ministry.



5 Lord, you bless with words assuring:  
'I am with you to the end.'  
Faith and hope and love restoring,  
may we serve as you intend,  
and, amid the cares that claim us,  
hold in mind eternity;  
with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us  
for the work of ministry.





## **Prayer of Confession**

God of promise and purpose, you set before us a dream of your new Heaven and Earth, and we recognize that it calls for transformation.

**But we confess that we don't want transformation;  
We want easy fixes.**

**We want the change, but not to do the changing.  
Forgive us, O God, for asking for change but not  
being willing to do the work.**

**Forgive us for accepting the status quo, and for our  
roles in holding it up.**

**Forgive our ways of thinking and acting that avoid  
transformation.**

May you create in us hearts made new by your mercy and love, and move us to work toward your vision of a new Heaven and Earth. **Amen.**

## **Words of Assurance**

Scripture assures us, The Lord is our Shepherd, we shall not want (Psalm 23).

“Whenever our hearts condemn us...God is greater than our hearts, and...knows everything” (1 John 3:20). As a shepherd cares for scattered sheep, our God cares, forgives us, and calls us into community. We are fed by God's grace and hope. We are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**



## Time with the Young People

*“Teddy Bears Clinic” by Sarah*

# Minutes for Mission

*By Donna*



## Children Song

*“He's Got the Whole World in His Hands”  
by YouTube*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zgDR-A9ETE0>

*(The children may now proceed with their guardians to have sharing time.)*



**The Scriptures**      *Psalms 65:9–13*      *read by Rev. Yun-Hee*

You care for the land and water it; you enrich it abundantly. The streams of God are filled with water to provide the people with grain, for so you have ordained it. You drench its furrows and level its ridges; you soften it with showers and bless its crops. You crown the year with your bounty, and your carts overflow with abundance. The grasslands of the wilderness overflow; the hills are clothed with gladness.

The meadows are covered with flocks and the valleys are mantled with grain; they shout for joy and sing.

*Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.*

**We give thanks for inspiration.**

## **Reflection**

*“What My Practice to protect the environment is”*

*by Rev. Yun-Hee and Congregation*

## **Our Mother Earth**

*read by Elder Duke Redbird*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DwsfFgctFX0>

**1 Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
to God our Creator triumphantly raise;  
who fashioned and made us, protected and  
stayed us,  
by guiding us on to the end of our days.  
God's banners are o'er us, pure light goes  
before us,  
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night;  
'til shadows have vanished and darkness is  
banished,  
as forward we travel from light into Light.**

**2 By law God enforces, the stars in their  
courses**

**and Sun in its orbit obediently shine;  
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and  
fountains,  
the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.  
We, too, should be voicing our love and  
rejoicing;  
with glad adoration a song let us raise:  
'til all things now living unite in thanksgiving,  
and in the highest, hosanna and praise.**





## **Prayers of the People**

Creator and creating God, you give life to life !  
From the beginning you have moved over the deep,  
your wind rushing, your breath filling. As creatures  
of the Earth we rejoice in life using our breath, our  
being to raise this hymn of praise:

**Hallelujah to the Sun's hot passion embracing the  
ground's great shoulders.**

**Hallelujahs for the growth from seed to plant  
greening the Earth; its fruit—beauty and food !**

Hallelujahs for generations of life tumbling one after another.  
Life creeping, swimming, flying, running, below, above, upon,  
within.

All the world sings, calls, signals, speaks praise to God whose  
glory grows in all that breathes !

**Knowing your power, knowing your love for us, we  
pray. We pray for our neighbours, those we know,  
and those who we don't, those who are local and  
those who are global, those who are human and  
those who are flora and fauna.**

We pray for all those who are victims of cruel laws and petty  
laws, those who're subjected to prejudice, denied  
opportunities, excluded, pushed to the margins.

**We pray for the landless and homeless, the refugee and evicted, those struggling against fascism and all the ways that tyranny and injustice are lived out in the world.**

**We pray for God's whole Creation, the more-than-human world in all its mighty wonder, tender fragility, the broken and the beautiful, the damaged and the healing, for the crises that confront us in the climate and ecological crisis.**

We pray for those who lie close to our hearts those whom we worry about, those whom we miss, those who carry disproportionate burdens at this time, those named in the silence of our hearts... (moment of silence)

**Fill us, enliven us, Creator and creating God, to be ambassadors of life abundant, to be transformed and so transform the world, to be healed and bring about healing for all the Earth. We pray all of this in the name of your Son Jesus. Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer VU # 960**

**Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowéd be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **We Offer Our Gifts**

### **Musical Offering VU # 540**

Grant us, God, the grace of giving,  
with a spirit large and free,  
that ourselves and all our living  
we may offer faithfully



### **Offering Prayer**

**Here, O God, we offer our very selves and the fruit of our labours. Bless both us and our gifts for your purpose in the world, transforming others as we are also transformed. In giving, may we also learn how to receive, in Jesus' name. Amen**

# Hymn VU # 175    “This Is the Day That God Has Made”

## *Refrain*

**This is the day that God has made !  
Rejoice ! Rejoice, and be exceeding glad !  
This is the day that God has made !  
Rejoice ! Rejoice ! Hallelujah !**

**1    Christ has conquered death at last,  
left the tomb that held him fast !  
Gone the sorrow, gone the night,  
dawns the morning clear and bright ! *Refrain***



2 Jesus lives who once was dead,  
lives forever, as he said !  
Risen now our Saviour, King;  
songs of gladness let us sing !

***Refrain***

**This is the day that God has made !  
Rejoice ! Rejoice, and be exceeding glad !  
This is the day that God has made !  
Rejoice ! Rejoice ! Hallelujah !**



## Blessing

Go out into the world now, to transform and be transformed.

To take climate action and work for Earth's healing.

Remember that we are all part of God's good Creation, and that we are not alone, but are imbedded in a world full of grandeur and mystery.

And in that world God is with us: our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, this day, and forever more.

**Amen.**

## **Commissioning** *“Go Now in Peace”*

*Go now in peace. Never be afraid.  
God will go with you each hour of  
every day.*

*Go now in faith, steadfast strong and  
true.*

*Know God will guide you in all you  
do.*

*Go now in love and show you  
believe.*

*Reach out to others so all the world  
can see.*

*God will be there within, around,  
above.*

*Go now in peace, in faith and in love.*





**God, we thank you for  
being with us.**

**And  
thank you  
Congregation for  
worshipping today !**

**Thank you for your  
participation in the  
Service !**

*(adapted from the United Church of  
Canada's Resources, "2025 Earth  
Sunday Service – More than care for  
Creation" and Images from the  
public domain)*

## { A short devotional Time }

*Selfishness and power plays, unresolved misunderstandings, slights and counter – aggression – it’s all foolishness. It’s foolishness to have a short fuse and be easily provoked to anger, especially when God offers a better way – perhaps through “the rebuke of a wise person (Ecclesiastes 7:5).*

*Pursuing wisdom, we can “let the Peace of Christ rule in [our] hearts” (Colossians 3:15). We can live in wisdom and forgiveness as God helps us.*

*~ from “Daily Bread”*

*by Winn Collier on Wed, Apr 16*