

The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

November 16, 2025

Gathering Music

"In the Quiet Curve of Evening" (VU # 278)



Announcements

Bible Study



Christian Living

All are
welcome !
Thursday
November 20
@7:00 pm
By Zoom



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A Christmas Carol

by
Charles
Dickens



Featuring Ontario
actor and town crier
Andrew Welch
delivering his
celebrated dramatic
reading of this
Holiday Classic

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Erin United Church | 115 Main St. Erin
7:00 to 9pm
Doors Open 6:30

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Light the Christ Candle

We light the Christ candle, reminding us of the Christ light, present with us, within us, within each other. Amen.





Prelude

*“His Eye is
on the
Sparrow”*

Call to Worship

As we move deeper into the winter season, witnessing the falling leaves and feeling the cooling temperatures, we take time to celebrate God's bounty among and within us.

We come, then, to cherish the gifts we share with one another, to treasure the riches of our relations as a body of living faith, connected to all of Creation.

As we gather for worship, may we keep discovering your gifts as we weave them into a whole, as we uncover wisdom in our giving and receiving. In our weaving, as we follow your pattern, may we be made whole.

Amen.

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

- 1 O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of God's Grace.



2. Jesus ! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life and health and peace.



3. He speaks, and listening to his voice,
new life the dead receive,
the mournful broken-hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.

4. Hear him, you deaf; you voiceless ones,
your tongues again employ;
you blind, behold your Saviour comes,
and leap, you lame, for joy !

5. My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the Earth abroad
the honours of your name.



Prayer of Confession

O God, in a world where there is always suffering, it can be hard to believe in some grand vision of shalom. We catch glimpses of community, fairness, justice, and kindness. But these are like lightning flashes in a night-time storm that quickly fade into the shadows of reality.

When we become discouraged, we often give up trying to live into the dream of a new way. In those times, when friendship is possible, we withdraw. When compassion is possible, we withhold. When effort is needed, we shrink back.

Renew your vision within us, O God.



Words of Assurance

GOD SAYS: I am renewing Heaven and Earth and I shall be with you.

Even now, I forgive. Even now, I re-create. Even now, I call you into something new.

I am renewing Heaven and Earth and I am beginning with you, today. **Amen.**

Time with the Young People

Minutes for Mission

by Colleen & Donna

Children Song

“Jesus Wants Me for a Sunbeam”

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





Sri Lanka 2025 Sleeping Children around the world

The Scriptures

First Reading

read by Donna

Isaiah 65:17–25

"See, I will create new Heavens and a new Earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I will create, for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight and its people a joy. I will rejoice over Jerusalem and take delight in my people; the sound of weeping and of crying will be heard in it no more. Never again will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not live out his years; the one who dies at a hundred will be thought a mere child; the one who fails to reach a hundred will be considered accursed. They will build houses and dwell in them; they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

No longer will they build houses and others live in them, or plant and others eat. For as the days of a tree, so will be the days of my people; my chosen ones will long enjoy the work of their hands. They will not labour in vain, nor will they bear children doomed to misfortune; for they will be a people blessed by the LORD, they and their descendants with them. Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb will feed together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox, and dust will be the serpent's food. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain," says the LORD.

Second Reading

Luke 21:5-19

Some of [Jesus'] disciples were remarking about how the Temple was adorned with beautiful stones and with gifts dedicated to God. But Jesus said, "As for what you see here, the time will come when not one stone will be left on another; every one of them will be thrown down."

"Teacher," they asked, "when will these things happen ? And what will be the sign that they are about to take place?" He replied: "Watch out that you are not deceived. For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am he,' and, 'The time is near.' Do not follow them. When you hear of wars and uprisings, do not be frightened. These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away." Then he said to them: "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.

There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from Heaven. "But before all this, they will seize you and persecute you. They will hand you over to synagogues and put you in prison, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of my name. And so you will bear testimony to me. But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves. For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents, brothers and sisters, relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. Everyone will hate you because of me. But not a hair of your head will perish. Stand firm, and you will win life.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

We give thanks for inspiration.



Message

by Rev. Yun-Hee

Refrain I see a new Heaven.
I see a new Earth
as the old one will pass away,
where the fountain of life flows
and without price goes
to all people who abide in the land.

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There, there on the banks of a river bright and free,
yielding her fruit, firm in her root,
the Tree of Life will be. ***R***

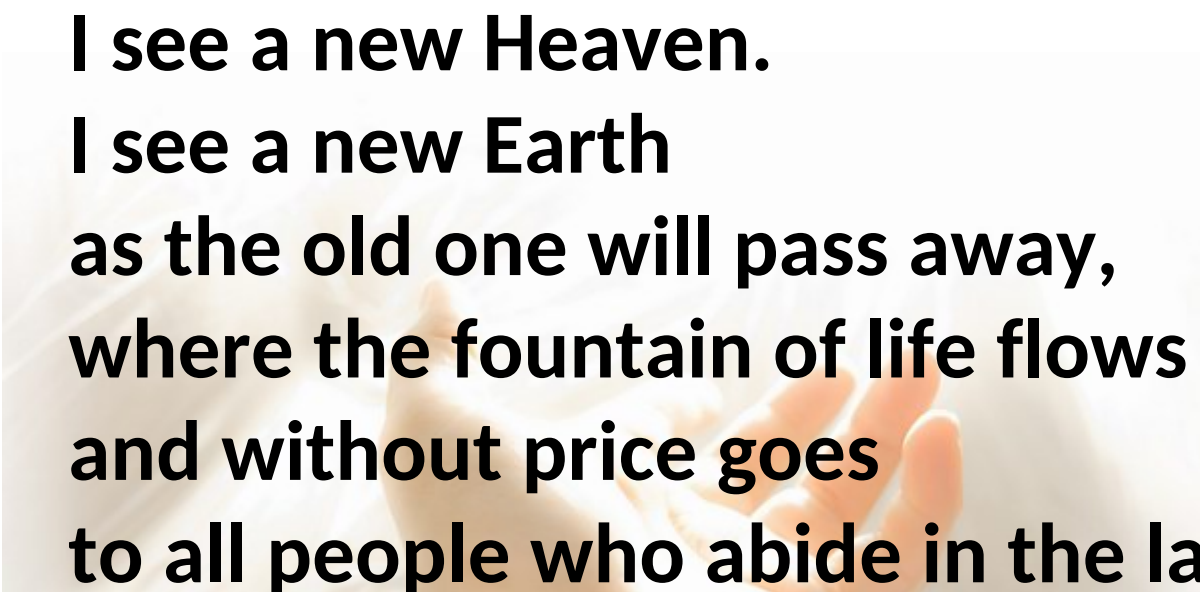
2 There, there where death dies and our lives are
born again,
body and soul, struggling but whole
like flowers after the rain.

Refrain **I see a new Heaven.**
 I see a new Earth
 as the old one will pass away,
 where the fountain of life flows
 and without price goes
 to all people who abide in the land.

3 **There, there where the darkness brings visions**
from above.
There where the night, bearing new light,
reveals the promise of love. R

4 There, there where we work with the love of
healing hands.
Labour we must, true to our trust
to build a promised new land.

Refrain **I see a new Heaven.
I see a new Earth
as the old one will pass away,
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to all people who abide in the land.**



Prayers of the People

A day is coming when the world will rejoice: when anger will no longer be a motive, when fear will no longer be the reason, but anger and fear will give way to healing, to comfort, to God. May this vision be seen more fully in us.

We envision a day when the world will rejoice: when power will no longer be found in armaments, when strength will not be found through oppression, but armaments and oppression will give way to justice, to freedom, to God. May this vision be seen more fully in us.

We hope for a day when the world will rejoice: when people will no longer be suspicious, when terror will no longer control us, but suspicion and terror will give way to community, to love, to God. May this vision be seen more fully in us.

We imagine a day when the world will rejoice: when Creation will no longer cry out from abuse, when creatures will no longer suffer needlessly, but abuse and suffering will give way to care, to harmony, to God. May this vision be seen more fully in us. Amen.



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 HYMN 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

Loving God, we recognise that your blessings come in so many ways; we seek to be a blessing to others. May you use and multiply these gifts so that the work of your Church here and around the world can be a sign of your caring presence. Amen.



1 O day of peace that dimly shines
through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,
guide us to justice, truth, and love,
delivered from our selfish schemes.

May swords of hate fall from our hands,
our hearts from envy find release,
‘til by God's Grace our warring world
shall see Christ's promised reign of peace.

2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb,
nor shall the fierce devour the small;
as beasts and cattle calmly graze,
a little child shall lead them all.

Then enemies shall learn to love,
all creatures find their true accord;
the hope of peace shall be fulfilled,
for all the Earth shall know the Lord.



Blessing

We have no reason to fear the storms within, nor the storms without, for we are bound together in a strong community of love.

And wherever there is love, there is God. May we be a people of enduring vision and hope renewing the Earth with transforming love.

The Grace of Christ attend you, the Love of God surround you, and the Holy Spirit keep you. **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.
Amen, amen, amen.*

God, we thank you for being with us.
And
thank you Congregation for worshipping today
in person and by Zoom !

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{ A short devotional Time }

Storms happen in this life. Sickness and countless other dilemmas can leave us spinning. Life isn't "stormproof," but building our lives on Jesus and His teaching – our sure "foundation (1 Cor 3:11) - makes the difference. Those who refuse to embrace Christ are more vulnerable when life's storms come. But those who listen to His words will find stability: "The rain came down, the streams rose and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock" (Matt 7:25). Indeed, it's all about our foundation.

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by Arthur Jackson