

# Gathering Music

Jeremiah 1:10

Word cloud visualization of the Bible verse Jeremiah 1:10. The words are arranged in a circular pattern, with the most prominent words in the center and smaller words towards the edges. The colors are primarily green and yellow, with some blue and red accents. The words are of various sizes, reflecting their frequency or importance in the verse.

# Welcome

## Light the Christ Candle



**We light the Christ Candle each week, as a reminder that the presence of Jesus guides our lives. We celebrate this light of Jesus as the love that transforms how we live our lives and challenges us to seek justice and peace for all.**

A red, worn book cover with a black label that says "Announcements". The book is placed on a dark wooden surface. The cover is made of a textured material, possibly paper or cloth, and shows signs of age and wear, including creases and discoloration. A small, torn piece of yellow tape is visible near the top center of the cover. The black label is rectangular with a white border and contains the word "Announcements" in white, bold, sans-serif font. The background is a dark, horizontal-grained wooden surface.

# **Announcements**



*Support your Local*  
**FOOD BANK**

*this Thanksgiving*  
**Erin United Church**

**115 Main Street**

is providing a drive-thru opportunity  
to DROP OFF your donations on

**Saturday, October 4, 2025 • 10 am – Noon**

DROP OFF will be at the rear of the church

**MOST NEEDED ITEMS INCLUDE:**

CANNED FRUIT • FLOUR • COOKING OIL • SUGAR • INSTANT COFFEE

SPAGHETTI SAUCE • COOKIES • CRACKERS • FRESH PRODUCE

CLEANING & HYGIENE PRODUCTS

GROCERY GIFT CARDS (RECEIPTS FOR CARDS OVER \$25)

**Join us at Erin United Church and show your support for the  
East Wellington Community Services Food Bank. HELP LOCALLY!**

Every **Men** are  
welcome to  
Erin's  
“**Coffee Guys**”

Wednesday  
October 8 @  
7:00pm  
**by Zoom**





**Prelude**

*“On Eagles Wings”*

## Call to Worship

Living God, you are the source of our security; in the midst of our troubles, you will be with us.

**Living God, you are the source of our strength; when uncertainty and weakness grip us, you will build us up.**

Living God, you are the source of our faith; in Jesus Christ you have given us the Sign to believe in.

**Living God, you are the source of all our time; with us now, your love lasts through all eternity. Amen.**

1 Great is thy faithfulness, God our Creator;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail  
not;  
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

**Refrain      Great is thy faithfulness ! Great is thy  
faithfulness !**

**Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided  
great is thy faithfulness, ever to me !**



2 Summer and winter and springtime and  
harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

***Refrain* Great is thy faithfulness ! Great is thy  
faithfulness !**

**Morning by morning new mercies I  
see;**

**all I have needed thy hand hath  
provided**

**great is thy faithfulness, ever to me !**

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to  
guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for  
tomorrow -  
wondrous the portion thy blessings provide.

***Refrain* Great is thy faithfulness ! Great is thy  
faithfulness !**

**Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath  
provided  
great is thy faithfulness, ever to me !**

## Prayer of Confession

O, God, you have given us Moses, and the prophets, and Jesus the Christ to teach us your way, to instruct us in how you would like us to live our lives. And yet, we are confused, resistant, fearful.

*(a time of silent prayer)*

**You call us to recognise our neighbours in need and to care for them. You also call us to invest in your future, to trust your promises to restore the land, and to deliver those who love you. And yet, we are confused, resistant, fearful.**

*(a time of silent prayer).*

**We struggle to trust you, God. May you forgive us; diminish our fears with your spirit of power, love and strength, and renew us, we pray. Amen.**

## Words of Assurance

Brothers and sisters, we have called to God, and confessed the struggles on our hearts. Now, believe God's promise to be with us in our troubles, and to rescue us.

**Thanks be to God, Amen.**





**Time with the Young People**  
*by Lynda W.*

**Children Song**

*“B-I-B-L-E”*

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

# **The Scriptures**

*read by Marian S.*

## **First Reading**

**Jeremiah 32:1–3a, 6–15**

This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the tenth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar. The army of the king of Babylon was then besieging Jerusalem, and Jeremiah the prophet was confined in the courtyard of the guard in the royal palace of Judah. Now Zedekiah king of Judah had imprisoned him there, saying, "Why do you prophesy as you do ? Jeremiah said, "The word of the LORD came to me: Hanamel son of Shallum your uncle is going to come to you and say, 'Buy my field at Anathoth, because as nearest relative it is your right and duty to buy it.'

Then, just as the LORD had said, my cousin Hanamel came to me in the courtyard of the guard and said, 'Buy my field at Anathoth in the territory of Benjamin. Since it is your right to redeem it and possess it, buy it for yourself.' 'I knew that this was the word of the LORD; so I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel and weighed out for him seventeen shekels of silver. I signed and sealed the deed, had it witnessed, and weighed out the silver on the scales. I took the deed of purchase - the sealed copy containing the terms and conditions, as well as the unsealed copy - and I gave this deed to Baruch son of Neriah, the son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel and of the witnesses who had signed the deed and of all the Jews sitting in the courtyard of the guard.

In their presence I gave Baruch these instructions: 'This is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says: Take these documents, both the sealed and unsealed copies of the deed of purchase, and put them in a clay jar so they will last a long time. For this is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says: 'Houses, fields and vineyards will again be bought in this land.'



[Jesus said] "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.

"The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. So he called to him, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.' "But Abraham replied, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony.

And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.' "He answered, 'Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.' "Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.' "'No, father Abraham,' he said, 'but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' "He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**We give thanks for inspiration.**

**Choir Anthem MV # 214**     *“May God’s Sheltering Wing”*

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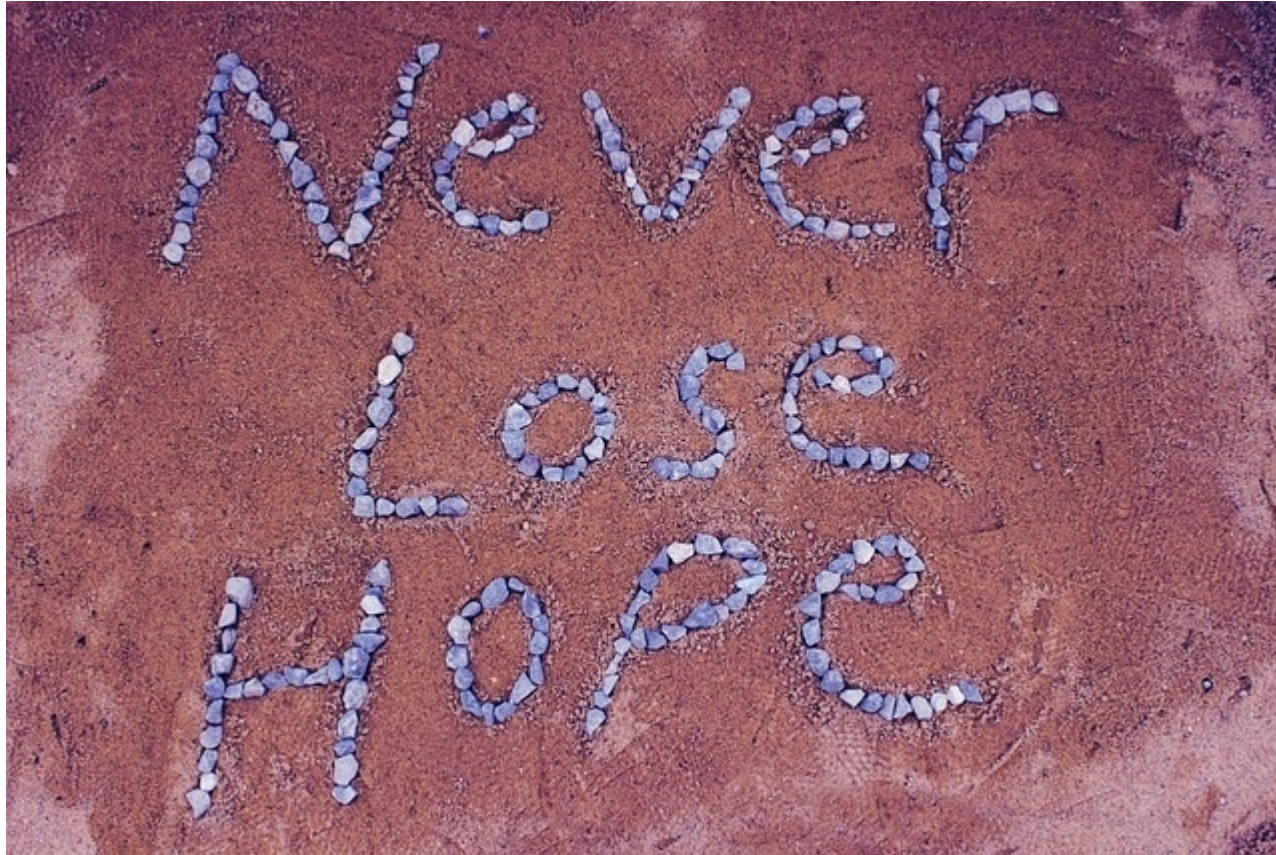
May God’s sheltering wings, her gathering wings  
protect you.

May God’s nurturing arms, her cradling arms sustain  
you,  
and hold you in her love, and hold you in her love.

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**Message**

*by Rev. Yun-Hee*

1 Come to my heart, Lord Jesus;  
teach me to walk in your way.  
Come to my heart, Lord Jesus;  
come to my heart today.

Give me the peace and joy  
that only you can bring.

Come to my heart, Lord Jesus;  
give me a song to sing.



2 Fill me with love, Lord Jesus;  
teach me to walk in your way.  
Fill me with love, Lord Jesus;  
fill me with love today.

Give me the peace and joy  
that only you can bring.  
Fill me with love, Lord Jesus;  
give me a song to sing.



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.



*“Minutes for Mission”*

*by Donna*



## Prayers of the People

Gracious and loving God, thank you for all the people in our lives who love us, and for all the ways you show your love for us through them. My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.

**Yet, we acknowledge times of greed and longing for material things, and we pray for your generosity. My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.**

We acknowledge our reluctance to recognise our neighbours in need, and to remember that you have taught us to love them as much as we love ourselves. My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.

**We acknowledge our fear of the future, our unwillingness to put our lives, our talents, and the fruits of our labour at your disposal, because we worry that we might need them. My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.**

May you empower us, loving, generous Creator, to be a faithful community, to trust in your goodness, your love, and your protection. May you help us to grow to be faithful and obedient to you, and to be bold and generous in our love for each other; free us from all that separates us from you.

**Our refuge and our fortress; our God, in whom we trust.**



**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**

**Merciful and gracious God, we who have received your bounty and your instruction pray that you bless this offering, given in response to your generous teaching, that these gifts may promote peace and goodwill among all people, and advance the ministries of your Church. Through Jesus the Christ, we pray. Amen.**

**Hymn VU # 234**    *“Let Us With a Gladsome Mind”*

- 1     Let us with a gladsome mind  
      praise our God, forever kind;  
      whose great mercies still endure,  
          ever faithful, ever sure.
  
- 2     God, with all-commanding might,  
      filled the newmade world with light;  
      for God's mercies still endure,  
          ever faithful, ever sure.

- 3      God has with a gracious eye  
looked upon our misery;  
for God's mercies still endure,  
        ever faithful, ever sure.
- 4      All things living God does feed,  
with full measure meets their need;  
for God's mercies still endure,  
        ever faithful, ever sure.
- 5      Let us then with gladsome mind,  
praise our God, forever kind;  
whose great mercies still endure,  
        ever faithful, ever sure.

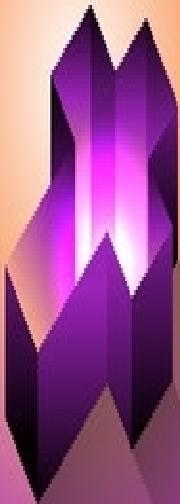
# Blessing

May God, who gives life to all things and richly provides us with everything we need, grant us all godliness combined with contentment.

**Through the love of Christ, the blessed and only Sovereign, may we be rich in good works, generous and ready to share.**

And by the power of the Holy Spirit, may we take hold of the life that really is life, the life of righteousness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness, both now and forevermore.

**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 !**

**And  
thank you for  
your participation !**

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## { A short devotional Time }

Sometimes, we may wonder why situations happen or circumstances change. Perhaps we get frustrated and try to get things “back to normal.” God may have placed us in our current situation for a specific purpose. Today, as we encounter disruptions or changes, let’s ask God to show us if there’s something special He wants us to do as part of His perfect plan.

*“Dear Father, when I get frustrated with change, please help me see the bigger picture and understand that You may be doing something in and through me.”*

*~ from “Our Daily Bread – July 24, 2025*

*by Brent Hackett*