



Salisbury United Church
July 28, 2024
Welcome to Worship!

Welcome & Announcements

Acknowledgement of Territory

Hymn Medley:

Holy, Holy, Holy (Santo, Santo, Santo): #951VU
(English, Spanish, English)

Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you!
 My heart is glad to say the words: You are holy, God!

¡Santo, santo, santo. Mi corazón te adora!
 Mi corazón te sabe decir: Santo eres Dios!

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 My heart is glad to say the words: You are holy, God!

Grateful: #182MV, chorus only, sung several times
*Grateful for the life you give us, thankful for your Holy Son,
 joyful in your Spirit flowing overall, O God of Love.
 Grateful for the Bread of Heaven, thankful for your Holy Word,
 joyful in your mercy flowing, we will praise you.*

O Let the Power Fall on Me: #13MV
 O, let the power fall on me, my Lord,
 let the power fall on me.
 O, let the power from heaven fall on me,
 let the power fall on me.

For we want justice and truth and love, my Lord,
 we want justice and truth and love;
 for we want justice and truth and love, my Lord,
 we want justice and truth and love.

O, let the power fall on me, my Lord,
 let the power fall on me.
 O, let the power from heaven fall on me,
 let the power fall on me.



Call To Prayer: *(remain standing)*

Glory to God in the church!
Glory to God in the Messiah, in Jesus!
 Glory down all the generations!
Glory through all millennia!
 Amen and glory be!
Glory be, amen!

Welcoming Each Other In:

(We greet each other with open hands of hospitality before sitting down)

Welcoming the Light of Christ:

Let us proclaim the welcoming presence of the light of Christ together:
The light of Christ is with us, between us and all around us.
Thanks be to God.

(The Christ Candle is lit)

Hymn for Seeking Peace: Come and Fill Our Hearts; #16MV

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
 You alone, O Lord, are holy.
 Come and fill our hearts with your peace, alleluia!

A Time of Silence: Opening to Peace Within & Without

May the peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.



Opening Prayer & Lord's Prayer

We come seeking, O God. We seek wisdom. We seek knowledge.
 We seek what will restore our spirits and provide refuge from the
 chaos of the world. Bless to us your word, this day, and guide us to
 the wisdom we need. Help us to forsake the hollow wisdom on which
 we so often rely but which always disappoints. In Jesus' name, we
 pray saying:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
 Hallow-ed 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.**

*(Source: Gathering Magazine, inspired by Psalm 14,
adapted by B. Aerhart)*

Hymn: When They Heard that Jesus Was Coming; #128MV, vs. 1, 3, 5

When they heard that Jesus was coming,
Sing hosanna to the chosen one!
All the people went out to meet him.
Sing hosanna to the chosen one!

*Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the chosen one!*

Blest is he, like David before him.
Sing hosanna to the chosen one!
Blest is he, God's blessing upon him.
Sing hosanna to the chosen one! (R)

Word of God, and firstborn of people,
Sing hosanna to the chosen one!
Promise kept, the crown of creation.
Sing hosanna to the chosen one! (R)



Discovery Time

Hymn: When They Heard that Jesus Was Coming; #128MV, vs. 6, 8, 9

Vision blest, and hope for the future,
Sing hosanna to the chosen one!
God's beloved, radiant with glory.
Sing hosanna to the chosen one!

*Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the chosen one!*

Eye of God, who see to the heart of us,
Sing hosanna to the chosen one!
Healing touch, the sight of our blindness.
Sing hosanna to the chosen one! (R)

(continued in next column)

Rising sun, the light of the world,
Sing hosanna to the chosen one!
Word of life, who give us your Spirit.
Sing hosanna to the chosen one! (R)

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 3:14-21 (NRSVUE version)



Hymn: Jesus Loves Me; #365VU

Jesus loves me, this I know,
for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong;
in his love we shall be strong.

*Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.*

Jesus loves me this I know,
as he loved so long ago,
taking children on his knee,
saying, "Let them come to me." (R)

Jesus loves me still today,
walking with me on my way,
wanting as a friend to give
light and love to all who live. (R)

Sacred Reading:

"In the chapters to come, I speak often of my own mistakes – of wrong turns I have taken, of misreading my own reality – for hidden in these moments are important clues to my own vocation. I do not feel despondent about my mistakes... though I grieve the pain they have sometimes caused others. Our lives are "experiments with truth" (to borrow the subtitle of Gandhi's autobiography), and in an experiment, negative results are at least as important as successes. I have no idea how I would have learned the truth about myself and my calling without the mistakes I have made..."

*(Source: Stella, Tom. Meditations for Mediocre Mystics:
Inspiration for the Spiritually Homeless and Hungry.
Kelowna: Wood Lake Publishing, 2023, pg. 71.)*

Sermon: "The Crooked Path Home"

Hymn: Blest are They; pg. 896VU

Blest are they, the poor in spirit,
theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow,
they shall be consoled.

*Rejoice and be glad!
Blessed are you, holy are you!
Rejoice, and be glad!
Yours is the kingdom of God.*

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Blest are they, the lowly ones,
they shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they who hunger and thirst,
they shall have their fill. (R)

Blest are they who show mercy,
mercy shall be theirs.
Blest are they, the pure of heart,
they shall see God! (R)

Blest are they who seek peace;
they are the children of God.
Blest are they who suffer in faith;
the glory of God is theirs. (R)

Blest are you who suffer hate,
all because of me.
Rejoice and be glad
yours is the kingdom
shine for all to see. (R)

Acknowledgement of Offering:

With open hearts and open spirits, we come to
you, God most holy.
With all that we have and all that we are, we bring
our offerings and we lift our voices in prayer and
celebration that you are our all.
May your Spirit fill our words.
May your Spirit fill our actions.
May your Spirit fill our lives.
In Christ's name, we ask these things. Amen.

*(Source: Written by Richard Bott, Gathering,
Pentecost 1, 2024, page 38, used with permission.)*



Prayers for the Journey:

This is love.
That you, O Christ, spoke words of comfort,
walked with the unclean and unloved,
shared wisdom, bread and wine,
brought healing into lives
and challenged the status quo.

This is love.
That you spoke the word of God,
walked a painful road to the Cross,
shared living water, bread of life,
brought Salvation to the world
and died for the sake of all.

This is love.
It is a seed
sown in the ground,
which germinates,
blossoms,
and spreads its sweet perfume.

This also is love.
That we are moved in heart, mind and body,
to accept the growth that love brings.
That we come to be united in prayer for all
that is unfinished in our lives and broken in
the world, for the sake of a greater love
in which we live and move and have being.

(prayers in silence)

This at the end of all prayer, is love.
That in life, in death, in life after death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.

*(Source: Written by John Birch, and posted on Faith and Worship.
<http://www.faithandworship.com/>, adapted B. Aerhart)*

Saying Goodbye to The Light of Christ:

The Christ light can never really be put out.
Even when we blow it out, it simply changes form,

and becomes like smoke,
drifting toward all the four directions of the world.

(The light is extinguished)

The smoke rises like a blessing,
meant to sustain us until we meet again.



Hymn: You Shall Go Out with Joy; #884VU

You shall go out with joy
and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills
will break forth before you;
there'll be shouts of joy,
and all the trees of the field
will clap, will clap their hands!

*And all the trees of the field will clap their hands, (clap, clap)
the trees of the field will clap their hands, (clap, clap)
the trees of the field will clap their hands (clap, clap)
while you go out with joy.*

Blessing:

God bless you and keep you.
May God's face shine upon you day by day.
May God's peace, God's joy, God's presence be with you in every
stage of your life's journey.
Amen.

*(Source: Written by Elaine Bidgood Sweet, Gathering,
Pentecost 1, 2024, page 47, used with permission.)*

Sung Blessing: May the Love of the Lord; #218MV

*May the love of our God, rest upon your soul,
May God's love dwell in you throughout every day.*

*Amen, Amen, Amen Amen, Amen, Amen.
Amen, Amen, Amen Amen, Amen, Amen.*

Postlude

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COFFEE GATHERINGS ON PAUSE FOR SUMMER

Coffee fellowship after worship on Sundays will pause for the summer until after the September long weekend, resuming again September 8th. Thanks to all who have helped facilitate our coffee gatherings this year! Your generous service is deeply appreciated.

STRATHCONA COUNTY FOOD BANK DONATIONS



Please continue to bring non-perishable items for the Strathcona Food Bank. There is a yellow bin in the Narthex for donations along with a list of most-needed items.



Finance Corner

Update for May 2024

	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Income:	\$123,445.77	\$82,248.92
Expense:	\$106,432.50	\$111,210.37
	\$17,013.27	(\$28,961.45)

Salisbury United's financial results to the end of May continued to be much better than budgeted. Thanks for all you're doing to help through your contributions of time, talent and finances.

If you need any help with giving envelopes – new supply, pick-up, etc. – or other giving options (monthly giving through PAR, e-transfer or donating online through Canada Helps on the Salisbury Website), please contact: Brittany at the Church Office.

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