

The United Church of Canada
SILOAM UNITED CHURCH
Sunday, October 8th, 2017
Thanksgiving Sunday
Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Seasonal Colour – White

** Please stand as you are able.*

Large Print Bulletins and Hymn Books and Hearing Assist Devices are available. Please ask the ushers for assistance.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S LOVE

HYMN SING Led by Gord Vair & Helen Bruzas
#232 VU "Joyful, Joyful We Adore You"
#149 VU "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"
#341 VU "Fairest Lord Jesus"

WORD OF GREETING Rev. Dr. Sheila Macgregor

THE LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

GOOD NEWS MOMENT Stu Cunningham

SPECIAL MUSIC Dr. Todd Wiczorek & David Parisi
"Long Before the Night" #282 VU

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive): Rev. Janet Fradette

ONE: On this day of Thanksgiving, our hearts overflow with gratitude.

ALL: We gather to give God our thanks and praise.

ONE: On this holy day, our hearts and minds are open to God's sacred Word.

ALL: We gather to listen, hear, comprehend, and respond to God's Word.

ONE: Let us worship God!

ALL: Let us be wide open to be soaked and saturated with God's grace.

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LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

All remain seated and sing #18 MV:

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy tried and true;
with thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.**

PRAYER OF APPROACH (unison):

Eternal and forever-loving God: from your creative Spirit comes the fruitfulness of creation in all its beauty--tangled apples, and crimson leaves, laden tables and family circles. O God our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of all life, and of OUR lives: receive our praise and our gratitude today, Thanksgiving Sunday. We pray through Jesus Christ. Amen.

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*** HYMN:** "Come Touch Our Hearts" #12 MV (vs 1-4)
(Children, please come forward during the singing of the last verse.)

TIME WITH THE YOUNG AT HEART

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Jen Prince

LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

*(Children leave for Sunday School,
singing #884 VU "You Shall Go Out With Joy".)*

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

MINISTRY OF MUSIC Siloam Choir
"We Come to Say Thank You", by Pepper Choplin

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Kerry Stover

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Reader: Betty Ross

Psalm 100 – p 824 VU, second refrain

Philippians 4:4-9 *Rejoice in the Lord always.*

Luke 1:39-45 *Elizabeth blesses Mary.*

SUNG RESPONSE: “Now Thank We All Our God” #236 VU

**Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mother’s arms has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**

*** HYMN: “Count Your Blessings” on screen**

**THE MEDITATION: Rev. Dr. Sheila Macgregor
“Count Your Blessings”**

**SPECIAL MUSIC Susan Graham & David Parisi
“Thanksgiving”**

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S LOVE

OFFERTORY SENTENCES

*John 15:11 – Jesus said: “I have come that my joy may be in you
and so that your joy may be complete.”*

THE OFFERING

***OFFERTORY HYMN: #519 VU (vs 1 &3)**

**Sing to the Lord of harvest, sing songs of love and praise,
with joyful hearts and voices your hallelujahs raise;
by whom the rolling seasons in fruitful order move;
sing to the Lord of harvest a joyful song of love.**

**Bring to this sacred altar all things God's goodness gave,
the golden sheaves of harvest, the souls Christ died to save:
your hearts lay down before him when at his feet you fall,**

and with your lives adore him who gave his life for all.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison): Rev. Janet Fradette
From the bounty of our lives we offer these gifts, O God. Help
us to find ways to offer ourselves to the glory of your name.
We pray that we and these gifts may bring joy and health and
hope to this community and beyond, by the power of your
Holy Spirit. Amen.

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WE GO OUT TO SHARE GOD’S LOVE WITH OTHERS

*** HYMN: “We Plough the Fields” #520 VU**

*** COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION**

Rev. Janet Fradette

*** SUNG RESPONSE: “Go Out and Serve Him”**

**Filled with the Spirit, filled with God’s grace,
Filled with the friendship we find in this place;
Called as disciples, go now in faith.
Jesus will show the way.
Go out and serve Him, serve Him
Carry His Word into all of the world.
Go and serve Him, serve Him.
Go out and serve our Lord.
Go serve our Lord.**

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MUSICAL POSTLUDE

David Parisi

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HAPPY THANKSGIVING AND A VERY WARM WELCOME TO ALL, especially to those who are joining us for the first time! If you do not already have a Church home, we invite you to make SILOAM your Church family! We trust this service will be a blessing to you and yours. If you or someone you know would like a visit, please phone 519-455-9201 (church) and Rev. Sheila Macgregor, Rev. Janet Fradette or Kerry Stover will be happy to call on you. Youth, Young Adults and Young Families may also contact Rev. Isaac.

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SPECIAL THANKS to Betty Ross for the beautiful fall decorations. A big thank you also to Gord and Helen for leading our hymn sing today, to Susan and Todd for their beautiful solos and to Todd, David and the choir for the lovely music!

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*Our bulletins this morning are donated by
John Thornton & his family
in loving memory of his wife, Betty Thornton.*

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*The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are a Thanksgiving gift
from Ruth Lewis, a resident of Richmond Woods,
as a special "thank you" to Siloam for the meaningful worship
services we provide at Richmond Woods.*

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Please Note: Rev. Isaac will be away on Con-Ed from October 2nd
- October 9th, returning to the office on Tuesday, October 10th.

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