

Old Barns United Church

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Mission Statement: To provide a friendly, welcoming, caring, and safe environment to promote spiritual growth.

Sunday, September 25, 2022

Welcome

Announcements

Special Days of Celebrations

Statement of Reconciliation

Long before those of us who are settlers, and those of us who are descendants of settlers, came to this land, there were already people here. Many Nations of people lived – and still live – on this land we call Canada, given responsibility by the Creator to be the first stewards of this land and all that lives on it. We know these people as Indigenous. **Today, as we remember what it means to live thankfully, let us give thanks for the Indigenous peoples of this land – and let us remember that we worship God on the historic and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq. As Christ's people, let us be people of Love, of Truth, and of Reconciliation.**

Scriptures I Thessalonians 5: 16-18
Hebrews 13: 15-16

Definition of Grateful and Thankful

Call to Worship

The world is filled with the glory of God, and we say

Thank you!

The hills and valleys are filled with colour, and we say

Thank you!

The vines and trees are filled with fruit, and we say

Thank you!

Our tables are overflowing with food, and we say

Thank you!

Our life is filled with the love of family and friends, and we say

Thank you!

We fill this house of God with our voices, saying

Thank you!

May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, O God, as we enter into this service of gratitude and praise.

Song “Thankful”

Gratitude

Song “All I Really Need is a Song in My Heart”

Living with Gratitude and Hope

Prayer

Song “Lady Bug”

Litany of Gratitude

Generous God, for the abundance of your blessings to us
Day by day and year by year,

We give you our thanks.

For the simple pleasures of life: for garden harvests,
Coffee conversation, and familiar surroundings,
For health and strength to appreciate the wonder of life,
For needs met and desires fulfilled,

We give you our thanks.

For foods distributed to nourish body and spirit,
For homes which supply shelter,
which nurture order and beauty, and offer hospitality,

We give you our thanks.

With hearts that forgive as freely as you have forgiven,
With enthusiasm of spirit for the gift of life,
With music which declares your everlasting goodness,
With prayers for mutual understanding and peace,

We worship you with joy.

With creative pursuits which contribute our God-given talents,
With words that honour you as Creator, Redeemer, and Holy Spirit,
With time volunteered and dedicated to service in church and
community,

With years committed to extending the love of Jesus Christ,

We worship you with joy.

With gifts of money which reach farther than we can manage
ourselves,

With deeds done in service of neighbour and stranger,

With holy days set apart to celebrate your goodness and grace,
With family and friends distant and nearby,

**We worship you, God, with grateful hearts and joyful spirit.
Alleluia. Amen.**

Song “What a Wonderful World”

Family & Friends by Trish Crerand-Butler

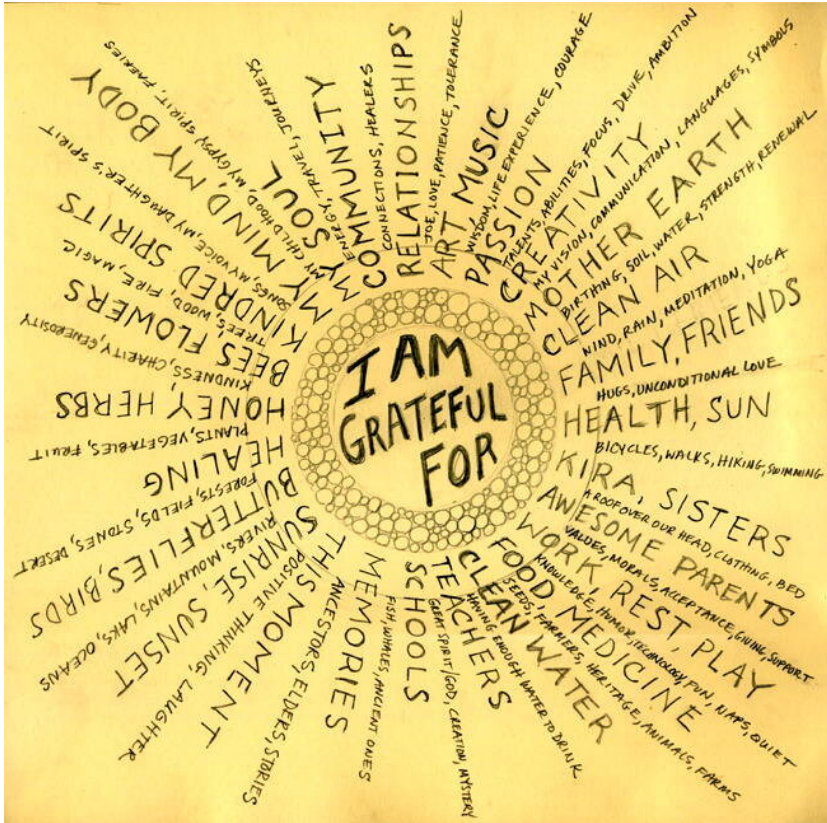
Song "The Voyage"

Offering Prayer

God of all Creation,
Thank you for the wonderful things you have made.
Thank you for the universe full of stars and planets.
Thank you for our world, full of life.
Thank you for making each one of us.
Thank you for loving each one of us.
Take these gifts we now offer back to you.
May they be used to the glory of your name.
We offer you ourselves and all the gifts you have blessed us with.
Take us and use us to share your love with the world. Amen.

Blessing

Sung Blessing "May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You"



All I Really Need is a Song in My Heart

Music & Lyrics by Raffi with Debi Pike, Bert & Bonnie Simpson

All I really need is a song in my heart
Food in my belly and love in my family
All I really need is a song in my heart
And love in my family
And I need the rain to fall
And I need the sun to shine
To give life to the seeds we sow
To give the food we need to grow, grow
All I really need is a song in my heart
Food in my belly and love in my family
All I really need is a song in my heart
And love in my family
And I need some clean water for drinking
And I need some clean air for breathing
So that I can grow up strong
And take my place where I belong
All I really need is a song in my heart
Food in my belly and love in my family
All I really need is a song in my heart
And love in my family
Yeah, put your hands together
All I really need is a song in my heart
Food in my belly and love in my family
All I really need is a song in my heart
And love in my family, yeah.

Lady Bug

Music & Lyrics by James Stein; Arranged by Lee Holdridge

Don't disturb the Lady Bug
Sleeping by the spider's web
And if you see a butterfly,
Don't try to catch it in your net
 It's taken such a long, long time
 To make this very special place,
 Open up your soul and mind
 To all it has to say
Be still, Take it in a while,
Feel the sunshine warm upon your face,
You'll feel when it makes you smile
Like you're welcomed to the human race
 Everybody sees a part
 Of what this life can really be,
 No one sees like you can see
 When you let your mind flow free
The wind is blowing through the trees,
A song that everyone can learn
And God is playing hide-and-peek
Every where you turn
 Be still, Take it in a while,
 Feel the sunshine warm upon your face,
 You'll feel when it makes you smile
 Like you're welcomed to the human race
Don't disturb the Lady Bug
Sleeping by the spider's web
And if you see a butterfly,
Don't try to catch it in your net
It's taken such a long, long time
To make this very special place



What a Wonderful World

Music & Lyrics by Bob Thiele and George David Weiss

I see trees of green, red roses, too,
I see them bloom, for me and you
And I think to myself
What a wonderful world.
 I see skies of blue, and clouds of white,
 The bright blessed day, the dark sacred night
 And I think to myself
 What a wonderful world.
The colors of the rainbow, so pretty in the sky,
Are also on the faces of people going by.
I see friends shaking hands, sayin', "How do you do?"
They're really sayin', "I love you."
 I hear babies cryin'. I watch them grow.
 They'll learn much more than I'll ever know
 And I think to myself
 What a wonderful world.

The Voyage

Music & Lyrics by Johnny Duhan

I am a sailor, you're my first mate
We signed on together, we coupled our fate
Hauled up our anchor, determined not to fail
For the heart's treasure, together we set sail
 With no maps to guide us we steered our own course
 Rode out the storms when the winds were gale force
 Sat out the doldrums in patience and hope
 Working together we learned how to cope
Life is an ocean and love is a boat
In troubled waters that keeps us afloat
When we started the voyage, there was just me and you
Now gathered 'round us, we have our own crew
 Together we're in this relationship
 We've built it with care to last the whole trip
 Our true destination's not marked on any charts
 We're navigating to the shores of the heart
Life is an ocean and love is a boat
In troubled waters that keeps us afloat
When we started the voyage, there was just me and you
Now gathered 'round us, we have our own crew