

## *Old Barns United Church*

Service led by Leslie Burrows  
Music led by Laurie Sandeson, Reg Henderson,  
Kent Loughead

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

Sunday, September 25, 2022

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### **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

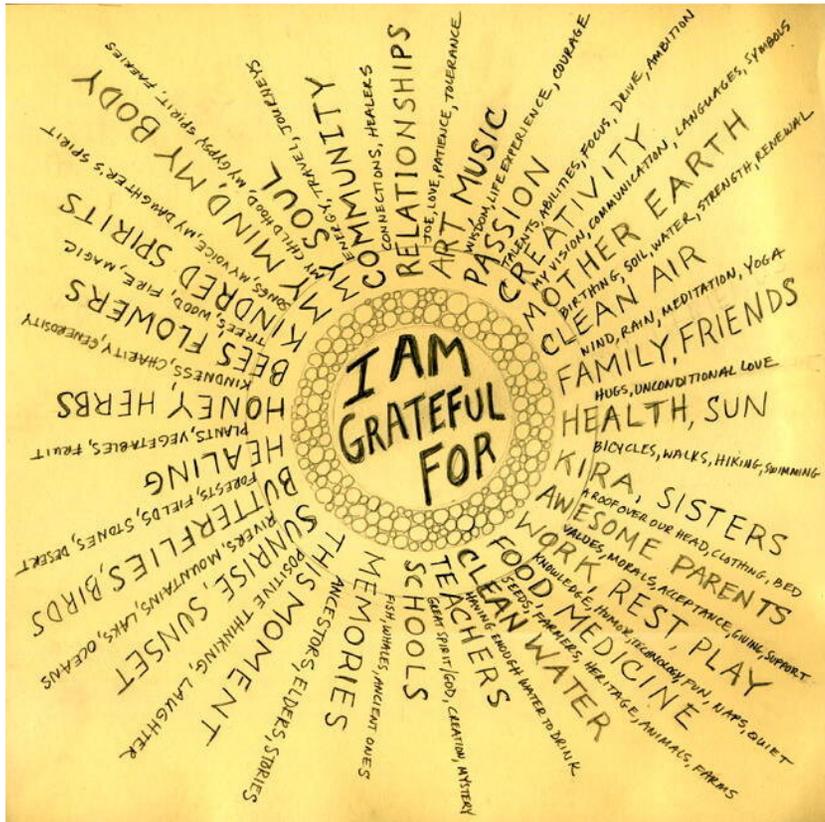
Song "The Voyage"

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-seek  
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,  
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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  
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