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God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith



Be
the
Bee

September 11, 2022 – “Be The Bee”
Worship Leader: Karen Cartmell, LLWL, MTS

WELCOME!

Welcome to worship!

WE GATHER IN GOD'S HOPE

VU: Voices United

MV: More Voices

We acknowledge that we are on the Haldimand Tract, traditional territory of the Neutral, Anishnaabeg, and Haudenosaunee peoples. We acknowledge their care of the land and give our thanks for their conservancy.

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Call to Community

One: Today we come together to celebrate the Season of Creation:

Like the roots of a strong oak, God is under our feet

All: Like the stars in the night sky, God is over our heads.

One: Like the sun on the horizon, God is ever before us.

All: Like the gentle rain falling, God's love is filling our hearts.

One: Like the wings of an eagle, we open our arms to care for this world

All: Like the river which runs to the ocean, we know that our home is in God.

One: As we gather for worship today, may we feel surrounded by the presence of God.

All: We are filled with joy, and peace, and happiness. Thanks be to God!

Opening Hymn **As the Deer Pants for the Water** VU 766

Opening Prayer *(adapted from R Bott, Gatherings Pent 1 2021 p 45, Used with permission)*

One: God, as we are gathered together today in this beautiful sanctuary and online,

All: We give you thanks and praise

One: For the beauty of the day, for those who love us, and for those whom we love

All: We give you thanks and praise

One: For the knowledge of your presence, and the gift of your love

All: We give you thanks and praise

One: Bless us in this time together,

All: That we might have open hearts, open spirits, and open lives.

One: In Christ's name, we pray.

All: Amen

Lighting of the Christ Candle

What is the "Season of Creation?"

Contemporary Reading: "The Honey Bee" by *Ena Davies*

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for the Care of Creation VU 311

**All: O God, the only source of life and energy and wealth,
defend our planet earth.**

Teach us to conserve

**and not to squander the riches of nature,
to use aright the heritage of former generations,
and to plan for the welfare of our children's children.**

Renew our wonder, awaken our concern,

**And make us better stewards and more careful tenants
Of the world you lend us as our home.**

Hear us, O God, our creator and redeemer,

In the name of Christ. Amen

Scripture Reading Genesis 2:4-15, Psalms 84 & 24

Music for Reflection **The Call** *Ralph Vaughan Williams*

Soloist: Simone Lemieux

Reflection: **Be the Bee**

**All: We are not alone, we live in God's world.
We believe in God: who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We trust in God. We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.
We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND LOVE

Invitation to Offering (Donate online at sjruc.ca)



Offering Response **We Bring our Gifts to Share**

***We bring our gifts to share, and lift our grateful prayer
That with our faithful care, our world will grow.
Through work of minds and hands
in gestures small or grand,
Let willing hearts expand the love You sow.***

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Dedication of the Offering

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

Closing Hymn

How Great Thou Art

VU 238

Benediction and Commissioning

One: And now into the Creator's world we go
To continue our walk with Christ
In all the places life calls us to be.
Let us go with joy

All: For God calls us to participate in Creation

One: Let us go with purpose

All: For God equips us to do the work to which we are called

One: Let us go with hope

All: For God will show us the places we are most needed.

One: So go from here, your soul filled,
Ready to take care of Creation
Remembering that God is with you, each and every day

All: Thanks be to God! Amen

Choral Benediction **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 watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.***

("Go Now in Peace" Written by Besig & Price 1988)

*Please remain seated in silence
as we conclude our service with the postlude.*

Postlude



Special thanks to Simone Lemieux, our soloist this morning. We very much appreciate her contribution to today's worship service!



Worship Schedule



Looking ahead at SJR:

While Rev. Chris is taking a sabbatical from ministry until October, we're excited to have these individuals sharing in worship with us!

September Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m.

18th – Karen Cartmell

25th – Blessing of the Animals Service with Teresa Carse

*(September Emergency pastoral care:
Rev. Andrea Allan, Westminster 519-301-7864)*

Announcements



The Garage Sale - Saturday, September 24th from 8 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Have you been house cleaning this summer?

Collect those treasures to donate and deliver them to the gym at SJURC from Sunday, September 18th to Friday, September 23rd from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Things that sell well

include dishes, yard tools, glassware, household decorations, pots & pans, used hand tools, kid's toys, books, DVDs, CDs, jewelry, good clean clothing, plants that you have split and are ready to be planted, and anything else you don't need or want.

"Many hands make light work" so watch for the sign-up sheets and let us know when you can help. All funds raised will go to the UCW commitment to the Mission and Service Fund. Questions can be directed to Cec O.

Fall Food Drive: Due to high inflation the Waterloo Regional Food Bank is straining to meet the basic nutritional needs of a growing number of families within our region. During our initial food drive earlier in 2022 we were able to deliver cheques totaling \$1,055, and 200 lb of food to the Food Bank. Our 2nd food drive of 2022 for the Food Bank is planned to take place from ***Sunday, September 18th to Thursday, October 13th***. Beginning September 18th boxes will be set up within the church at the usual locations to collect food items, and a pickup truck will be parked in the church parking lot on Thursday, October 13th from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. to collect additional food items. The need is great, so let's work together to make this a very successful fundraiser!





A new Faith Study starting soon! Join us on **Wednesday, September 28th** as we resume our Faith Study with **“Messy People - Life Lessons from Imperfect Biblical Heroes”** by Jennifer Cowart. God loves to use messy people! In this six-week study, we will dig into the lives of biblical heroes who were messy people just like us but who were used by God in powerful ways. We will meet in the Parlour from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Masks are required. Please bring your own drink. Please RSVP to Jan O. (or leave a message with the church office) if you plan to attend.

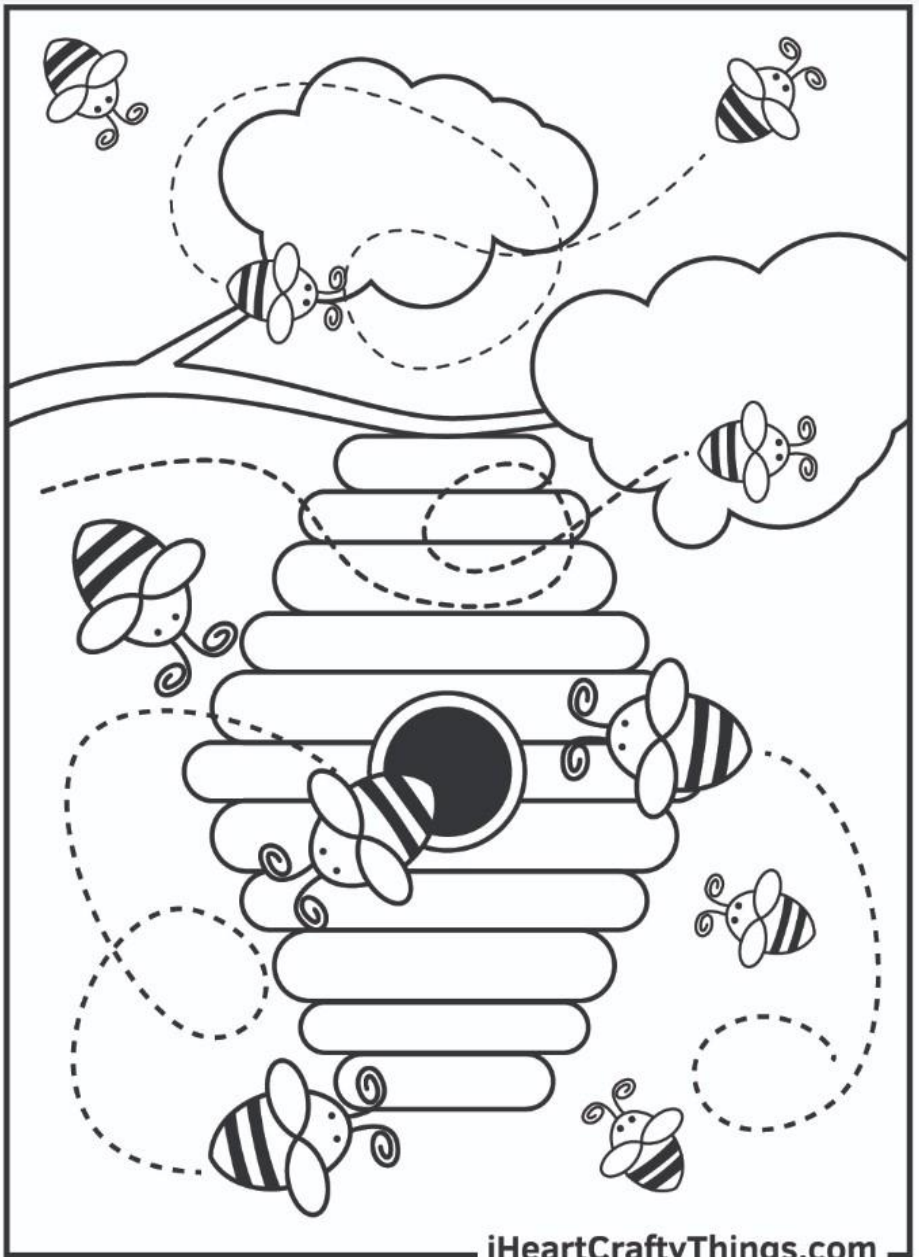


Facts about Bees:

- ♦ Bees have 5 eyes, 2 pairs of wings, and 6 legs
- ♦ Male bees in the hive are called drones, female bees in the hive (except the queen) are called worker bees
- ♦ Bees fly about 20 mph and their wings beat 200 times per second or 12,000 beats per minute.
- ♦ The queen bee can lay up to 2,000 eggs per day.
- ♦ Losing its stinger will cause a bee to die
- ♦ The lifespan of a bee during the working season is about 6 weeks
- ♦ Bees carry pollen on their hind legs in a pollen basket or corbicula
- ♦ An average beehive can hold around 50,000 bees
- ♦ Forager bees must collect nectar from about 2 million flowers to make 1 pound of honey
- ♦ The average forager makes about 1/12th of a teaspoon of honey in their lifetime
- ♦ The principal form of communication among honey bees is through chemicals called pheromones
- ♦ Bees are important because they pollinate approximately 130 agricultural crops including fruit, fiber, nut, and vegetable crops. Bees help to produce not only more but also larger fruit and vegetables.
- ♦ It takes one colony of honeybees to pollinate an acre of fruit trees.
- ♦ Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba are Canada's largest honey producers.
- ♦ Honeybees are responsible for pollinating one-third of Canada's food crops.
- ♦ In Canada, the value of bees pollinating fruit, vegetables and legumes is over \$1 billion per year: that's ten times the value of honey produced.
- ♦ Honey colour and flavour depend on the flower source.



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