

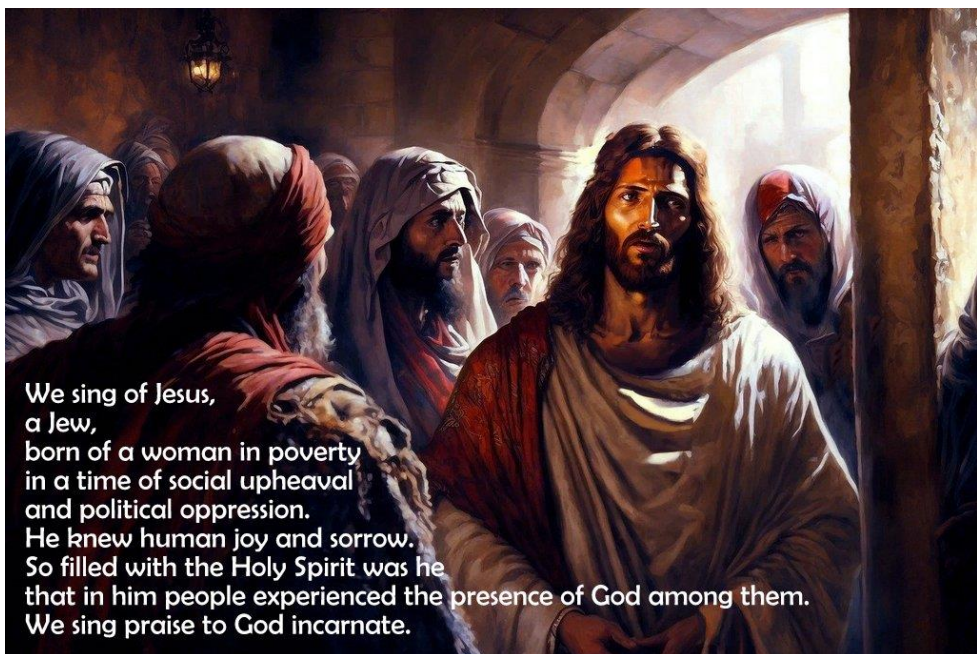


An Affirming Congregation of The United Church of Canada

2024 Sept 15

Sacrament of Communion

Pentecost 18



We sing of Jesus,
a Jew,
born of a woman in poverty
in a time of social upheaval
and political oppression.
He knew human joy and sorrow.
So filled with the Holy Spirit was he
that in him people experienced the presence of God among them.
We sing praise to God incarnate.

Welcome and Inclusion

We open our hearts and our church family to all people in our community regardless of differing abilities, ethnicity, economic circumstances, sexual orientation, age, or gender identity. Many people's lives continue to be devastated by hatred, prejudice, and inequality, therefore we stand with those who are adversely affected by injustice, alienation and oppression.

Welcome to Robertson-Wesley

Please know that in the eyes of God you already belong here and you are welcome to participate in any of the activities of the community of faith.

We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is Treaty 6 territory, a traditional meeting ground for Indigenous peoples. We acknowledge the Métis Nation of Alberta, Region 4.

ACCESSIBILITY

There is an elevator located inside the building with the glass door entrance. Access ramps can be found: inside leading from the lobby to the sanctuary and outside at the rear of the building, leading from the parking lot.

There are accessible washrooms on each floor located near the elevator.



For hearing assistance download the Listen Everywhere app on your cell phone and connect to the R-W network by scanning this QR code. Please bring your own headphones to listen on. Classic hearing assists headsets are available from the ushers.

Large print worship bulletins, and hymn books are available from the ushers.

Service animals are welcome, except where food is prepared.

We commit to make R-W a comfortable space for people with cognitive impairment. If you require accommodations please contact the office.

There is a sensory-friendly worship space in the Club Room every Sunday, the service is live streamed into the room with reduced lighting and volume.

BABY/ CHILDREN'S AMENITIES

People can breastfeed anywhere in the building, should you want more privacy there is designated nursing space in the Millson room. Baby changing tables are installed in all washrooms. If you wish to use it, a children's activity centre is set up in the Chapel. There are activity books available. Please ask an usher.

INFORMATION

The ushers located at the entrances are here to help should you have any questions. More information about the church and church activities can be found in the pamphlet racks outside Memorial Hall.

PERSONAL BELONGINGS

Please do not leave valuables unattended anywhere in the church.



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Friends in Christ

Announcements at 10:15 AM

Prelude: *All Things Bright and Beautiful*, arr. by Thomas Hewitt-Jones

Dr. Allan Bevan, organ

Embracing Our Spirit

Call to Worship:

All that we are

is a gift of God!

All that we have

is a gift of God!

Every breath we take, every movement we make, the life in which we partake...

is a gift of God!

And so we gather

to receive and to give back, to listen and to teach, to remind ourselves that we are stewards of all God's gifts, blessed in the sharing of all talents and treasures!

Alleluia!

Alleluia, amen!¹

Hymn: *Will You Come and Follow Me*

Voices United 567

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?

**Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?**

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?

Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?

Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?

Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?

**Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?**

Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?

Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?

**Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?**

Christ, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.

Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.

In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.

Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

¹ Written by Richard Bott, *Gathering*, Pentecost 2 2020, p. 35. Used with permission.

Coming into God's Presence

Prayer of Commitment:

Empower me to be a bold participant, rather than a timid saint in waiting, in the difficult ordinariness of now; to exercise the authority of honesty; rather than to defer to power, or deceive to get it; to influence someone for justice, rather than impress anyone for gain; and, by grace, to find treasures of joy, of friendship, or peace hidden in the fields of the daily you give me to plow. Amen.²

God's Holy Word

Prayer of Illumination Sung: *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Voices United 951

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy". It is written in G major and 6/8 time. The score consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the last two lines. Chord symbols (C, G7, F, Am) are placed above the vocal line. The lyrics are: "San - to, san - to, san - to. Mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra! Mi Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: San - to e - res Dios! heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God!"

Scriptures:

Garnet Thomas

James 3:1-12 • Who should be teachers of God's word?

Not many of you should become teachers, my siblings, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our

² Written by Ted Loder in the book, **Life Prayers From Around the World**, (New York: HarperSanFrancisco, 1996), p. 9.

members as a world of inquiry; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, or reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue - a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Creator, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth came blessing and cursing. My siblings, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my siblings, yield olives, or a grapevine fig? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Mark 9:30-37 • Whoever welcomes a child, welcomes me.

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, ‘The Son of God is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.’ But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, ‘What were you arguing about on the way?’ But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. Jesus sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, ‘Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.’ Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ‘Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.’

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church,
Thanks be to God.

Sung Response: *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Voices United 951

The musical score is written in 6/8 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The first system has a vocal line with lyrics in Spanish and English, and a bass line. The second system continues the vocal line with lyrics in Spanish and English, and a bass line. Chord symbols are placed above the vocal line and below the bass line.

System 1:

Chords: C, G7, C, F, C

Vocal: *¡San - to, san - to, san - to. Mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra! Mi*
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

System 2:

Chords: F, C, Am, F, G7, C

Vocal: *co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: San - to e - res Dios!*
 heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God!

Anthem: *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*, by Harold Friedell arr. by Sheldon Curry
Choir of Robertson-Wesley

Sermon: *Discipleship Essentials*

Rev. Karen Bridges

Hymn: *Take My Life, and Let it Be*

Voices United 506

**Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, all for thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love,
take my feet, and let them be
swift and purposeful for thee.**

**Take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee;
take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.**

**Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.**

**Take my love: and I will pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.**

Grateful Response

Pastoral Prayers

Lord's Prayer:

Voices United p. 921

**Our Creator, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
thy kin-dom 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 that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kin-dom and the power and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Offering:

Your donations today support R-W Church programs and operations, as well as outreach projects and programs in the city and around the world. You can donate by e-transfer to pay@rwuc.org, cheque, debit/credit by speaking to an usher, pre-authorized remittance, or PayPal by scanning the QR code. Tax receipts are issued at the end of the year for donations over \$20 if your name and address are provided.



Offertory: *We Give You But Your Own*

Voices United 542

**We give you but your own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is yours alone,
we give it gratefully.**

Offering Prayer:

Gracious God, we thank you for the blessing that these gifts will enact in the world. There will be the blessings of worship, of community in Christ, of caring for others, and of ministries empowered.

For the blessing of your presence, we give you thanks. Please use these gifts that we pass on to the community of faith, and through the community of faith to others, that all of us may be blessed with the knowledge of your love and care in word and in deed. Amen.³

Sacrament of Holy Communion

All who worship with us today, regardless of age or church membership, are invited and welcome to partake in this sacrament. For people who worship online, please prepare whatever is available in your house, a cracker, bread, muffin, and juice, wine, or water. People in the sanctuary will be offered bread and grape juice. There is a gluten free option available.

Jesus said: “The bread of God is that which comes down from heaven, and gives life to the world.”

They said to Jesus, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry,

and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

And no one who comes to me will I ever drive away.”⁴

The Spirit of God be with you.

And also with you.

Turn to God, the source of life.

We lift our hearts in prayer.

Let us give thanks.

We offer joyful thanks to God.

³ Written by Allan Warren, **Gathering**, Pentecost 2 2024, p. 41. Used with permission.

⁴ **Celebrate God's Presence**, 32D003

Loving God, you made this wonderful world for us to enjoy. You showed our ancestors how to care for one another. You gave us Jesus to be our friend and to bring us closer to you. He died on a cross but you brought him to life, to live with us forever. You send us your Spirit and bring us to this table so that we can share your love. For all your goodness we give you thanks and together we give you praise. And so we lift our voices to sing:⁵

Holy, Holy, Holy:

Voices United p.934 Setting B

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might;
holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might;
Heav'n and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

Remembering Jesus at Table:

We do what Jesus did the night before he died. He took bread, gave thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat; remember me." Then he took the cup, and said, "Take, drink; remember."

Eternal God, we unite in this covenant of faith, as we break bread and share the cup, giving thanks for your love in Jesus, the Christ. We spread your table with these gifts of the earth and of our labour. We present to you our very lives, committed to your service on behalf of all people.⁶

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Memorial Acclamation:

Voices United p.935 Setting B

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

By these signs of bread and wine, we recognize the longings of all our hearts for a time when all humanity will be one family - when justice and compassion will be the way we live according to the One we seek. Holy Spirit, hover over our lives, uniting us in these signs and strengthening us to live the resurrected life of Christ in the world.⁷

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, God most holy, now and forever.

Great Amen:

Voices United p.935 Setting B

Amen, amen, amen.

Sharing the Bread and the Cup (Instructions)

⁵ Celebrate God's Presence, 00001

⁶ Celebrate God's Presence, 14D010 & 14R001

⁷ Celebrate God's Presence, 16Oa002

Meditation: *Variations on “Dove of Peace”*, arr. by John Carter

Dr. Allan Bevan, piano

Prayer after Communion:

Gracious God, may your gifts of love transform and enliven us that we may live lives of thanksgiving. May your presence among us provoke such longing for your realm, that we will never be satisfied until the whole earth knows your justice, your peace, and your love. In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.⁸

Hymn: *Now Let Us From This Table Rise*

Voices United 483

**Now let us from this table rise
renewed in body, mind and soul;
with Christ we die and live again,
his selfless love has made us whole.**

Tune: Winchester New 20

**With minds alert, upheld by grace,
to spread the word in speech and deed,
we follow in the steps of Christ,
at one with all in hope and need.**

**To fill each human house with love,
it is the sacrament of care;
the work that Christ began to do
we humbly pledge ourselves to share.**

**Then give us grace, Companion God,
to choose again the pilgrim way
and help us to accept with joy
the challenge of tomorrow’s day.**

Commissioning:

Followers of Jesus, go from here knowing that you are not alone.
Students of Jesus, go from there knowing there is much more to learn.
Siblings of Jesus, go from here knowing you have someone who will stand up for you. Children of God, go in peace, to love and serve the world in the name of Jesus.⁹

Postlude: *Postlude on “Thornbury”*, arr. by Charles Callahan

Dr. Allan Bevan, organ

Question for reflection:

How will we live out the call to “show by your good life that your words are done with gentleness born of wisdom?”

What does it look like to welcome Jesus into our lives?

⁸ **Celebrate God’s Presence**, 16V001.

⁹ Written by Kate Gregory, **Gathering**, Pentecost 2 2018, p. 41. Used with permission.

R-W Report

Next Sunday
Sunday, Sept 22, 2024
Pentecost 19

Discipleship Sunday

Children and Youth: Children begin in the sanctuary, then go to Kids' Church. Youth meet in the youth room at the beginning of the service.

Scripture: James 3:13- 4:3 • Wisdom from above is gentle and peaceable.

Mark 9:30-37 • Whoever welcomes a child, welcomes me.

Sermon: Curbing cravings; yielding wisdom and good fruit.

Curbing our human cravings for power, recognition and status is an everyday challenge for most of us. Our survival instinct is an important part of being human but at times it does not serve us well. "God made humans to live and move and have their being in God.... God transforms, and calls us to protect the vulnerable, to pray for deliverance from evil, to work with God for the healing of the world, that all might have abundant life." What is our purpose as people of faith? God wants us to love, to be kind and to be equitable, to share in the abundance of all that we have received. How will we live out the call to "show by your good life that your words are done with gentleness born of wisdom?" What does it look like to welcome Jesus into our lives?

Music: Dr. Allan Bevan, organist; Choir of Robertson-Wesley

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun Sept 15	Sunday Worship - Sanctuary & Online	10:30 am
	Youth Discussion - Youth Room	10:30 am
	Kids' Church - Garden Patch & Air Room	10:45 am
	Fellowship - Memorial Hall	11:30 am
	Wild Church - Paul Kane Park	1:30 pm
Mon Sept 16	Spirited Art Studio - Art Studio	7:00 pm
Tues Sept 17	Scripture Reflections - Club Room & Zoom	12:00 pm
	R-W Board Meeting - Room 11	7:00 pm
Wed Sept 18	Spirited Art Studio - Art Studio	1:30 pm
	Counselling - Club Room	12:00 pm & 5:00 pm
	R-W Choir - Lower Hall	7:30 pm
Thurs Sept 19	Not Falling for You - Memorial Hall	10:00 am
	Nova Bells - Lower Hall	5:30 pm
	R-W Ringers - Lower Hall	7:00 pm

ON THE HORIZON

Sun Sept 22	Sunday Worship - Sanctuary & Online	10:30 am
	Youth Discussion - Youth Room	10:30 am
	Kids' Church - Garden Patch & Air Room	10:45 am
	Fellowship - Memorial Hall	11:30 am
	Koinonia - Memorial Hall	5:00 pm

Mon Sept 23	Spirited Art Studio - Art Studio	7:00 pm
	Wisdom Seekers - Room 11	7:00 pm
Tues Sept 24	Scripture Reflections - Club Room & Zoom	12:00 pm
Wed Sept 25	Spirited Art Studio - Art Studio	1:30 pm
	Counselling - Club Room	12:00 pm & 5:00 pm
	R-W Choir - Lower Hall	7:30 pm
Thurs Sept 26	Not Falling for You - Memorial Hall	10:00 am
	Nova Bells - Lower Hall	5:30 pm
	R-W Ringers - Lower Hall	7:00 pm
Sat Sept 28	New to You Clothing Sale - Memorial Hall	9:00 am

Volunteer Opportunities

NEW VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Check out the latest volunteer opportunities at rwuc.org/volunteer or in Memorial Hall! In Memorial Hall you'll find listings of all the volunteer positions available and you can sign up using the tablet right there!

KIDS CHURCH TEAM (4 MORE PEOPLE)

We are seeking people who are passionate about children and toddlers ages 0-12. This team will help the children learn about Jesus, and God, through a variety of learning styles. This program happens on Sunday morning after a short time in worship. Curriculum is provided for the team. We need people to teach, and to assist the teacher.

CHURCH RENEWAL TEAM (3 MORE PEOPLE)

Do you have experience with visioning and value statements? Do you want to help discern what God is calling us to do and be over the next 10 years? This team will work on a new statement of call and commitment. They will also help to create a strategic plan that aligns with what our community of faith values. And will have to name R-W's brand and how we will communicate who we are to the wider community. Key skills: Discerning, listening, communication, writing, visioning

PLANNED GIVING TEAM (4-5 PEOPLE)

We are putting together a team, that will encourage people of the congregation, to consider leaving a legacy or a special gift to Robertson-Wesley. The national church has provided congregations with some great resources to help a team of lay people host conversations and workshops to encourage people in exploring a variety of ways to share their accumulated assets. This can include: bequests in wills, life insurance, annuities, gifts of RRSPs, RRIFs and TFSAs, and charitable remainder trusts. Robertson-Wesley has been blessed by so many people who have left bequests and legacies, which allow this community of faith to continue to live out God's call in the community and in the world. Key skills: Communication and listening, basic financial understanding and comfort in planning for the future.

110TH ANNIVERSARY TEAM (6-8 PEOPLE)

We would like to host a gala type event that would invite people and businesses, in the community, to come and celebrate this historic building, which turned 110 years old in January of 2024. This event would help to network, build relationships and raise funds for R-W. Key skills: event planning, coordination, communication, marketing

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES - MUSIC PROGRAMS

R-W Choir rehearsals resumed on Wednesday, **September 4**, at 7:30. We are looking for one or two new singers, and now is still a great time to become a member! Choir is a great place to be! **Nova Bells** (5:30) and **R-W Ringers** (7pm) rehearsals resumed on Thursday, **September 12**. Please see posters around the church or on the website for brief descriptions of the groups. **Instrumental Ensemble** - Dr. Bevan is assessing interest in developing an instrumental ensemble to perform on an occasional basis at church services and events. Do you play an instrument? (winds, strings, brass, percussion, keyboard), can you read music for your instrument? And do you have an interest in occasional music making in church with other instrumentalists? (preludes, postludes, hymn accompaniments) If so, on **September 29** following the service, we will meet for an hour to look at some music for church ensemble! Please let Dr. Bevan know if you are planning on attending so music can be prepared for you. Questions? Dr. Allan Bevan at: music@rwuc.org or, let's chat after service!

WORSHIP PLANNING TEAM (6-8 PEOPLE)

We are seeking people who like to create worshipful experiences. Each month, we have a discipleship Sunday where we are looking to have more lay leadership. If you are interested in storytelling, writing prayer, drama, art, poetry, or liturgical dance music, then this is a team for you. Key Skills: creativity, collaboration, spiritual, upfront leadership.

FAMILY MINISTRY TEAM (NEED 4 MORE PEOPLE)

This team helps to support the children, youth and young adult ministry programs, as well as creating some intergenerational events. This team meets quarterly and seeks to find ways for all ages to explore their faith in a variety of ways. Key skills: Ability to organize and run events, support and encourage leaders in the various areas of this ministry, ensure that the programs have the resources needed to do this work.

VISITING TEAM (6-8 MORE PEOPLE)

The visiting team are people who are willing to visit people who are unable to attend church due to illness, or long term care concerns. There are many people who would like to stay connected with Robertson-Wesley. This team would also provide an opportunity for home communion, would take cards and sometimes flowers on their visit. Training and resources will be provided. Key Skills: Compassion, presence, listening

R-W News & Notes

CLOTHING SALE

Save the date! The New to You Clothing Sale will be held on Saturday **September 28th**. Donations of clothing, shoes, jewellery and other accessories can be dropped off at the church, prior to the sale. Unsold items will be donated to the Bissell Centre.

WHY DO WE SING IN CHURCH?

Have you ever wondered why we sing in services, or what a hymn, anthem, introit, or motet is? Then join Dr. Allan Bevan in the chancel following the services on Sunday, **September 15** and **22** to begin unravelling the amazing mysteries of Christian song. On the 15th we will be taking a brief tour of how and why singing evolved in the church, while on the 22nd we will be investigating our United Church hymn books. Each session will last for approximately a half hour and will begin about 10 minutes after the conclusion of the service. All are welcome.

WISDOM SEEKERS

On Monday, **Sept 23** from 7:00 - 9:00 pm in Room 11 at R-W there will be a gathering inviting young adults who have graduated from High School up to people in their 40's to engage in an ancient practice called God on Tap. This is an opportunity to meet new people, to talk about our faith, and to have some fun! Bring a snack to share and a beverage of your choice! You are also invited to bring a symbol or object that might help you describe who God is for you to begin our time of sharing. If you have any questions feel free to contact Rev. Karen Bridges at the church.

YEG FAMILY COUNSELLING SERVICES

We are pleased to be working with YEG Family Counselling services to provide mental health support to community members. We have two student therapists who will provide free to low cost therapy by appointment. **Wednesdays** 12:00-4:00 pm and 5:00-8:00 pm. To register email Ofure ofure@yegfamilycounselling.com for the 12-4 slot or Jodie jodie@yegfamilycounselling.com for the 5-8 slot.

TOILET PAPER NEEDED FOR FOOD BANK

Quite often we are asked by Food Bank clients if we have toilet paper, or feminine hygiene products. While both are available by request from the Food Bank, people don't always remember to request it in advance. If you can help with donations of toilet paper or feminine hygiene products, you can drop them off anytime during office hours 8:30-4:30 Monday to Friday or on Sundays. Thanks so much.

WILD CHURCH

Wild church is back for another program year! Wild church is a monthly outdoor worship during which we build awareness with how the natural world around us is already in a state of worship, and we join into the conversation. Our next gathering is **Sept 15** at the Paul Kane Park fountain at 1:00 pm. All are welcome. Rain or shine! Check out our Instagram page @wildchurchegeg

CHRISTMAS TREES

Do you have an older artificial Christmas tree that you are looking to get rid of? We are looking for a few trees to decorate and put outside for the Christmas season. Contact Richard at richardandrewkennedy@gmail.com if you would like to donate a tree.

GREEN BITES

Autumn is almost upon us, and as John Keats wrote many years ago, it is “The season of mists and mellow fruitfulness, close bosom friend of the maturing sun.” Until recently, gardeners would be preparing to rake leaves and plant debris, trimming their perennials and hedges, then bagging everything before sending the bags to be part of Edmonton’s waste management system. However, recent research has shown that many insects have laid their eggs on plants and tree leaves, and the eggs don’t reach maturity until the following spring. The eggs themselves will be eaten by birds, as they are a fine source of protein for the development of bird eggs. Current thinking suggests that the decline of bird populations is partly a result of the lack of food to support the development of their eggs. We can all participate in this cycle of nature! Rather than bagging plant debris, this year why not spread it under the trees and shrubs in your yard? And please wait until late May each year to tidy your gardens. Why? Because the eggs laid by insects the year before are emerging at that time.
- The Environmental Stewardship Group

In the Community

NOT FALLING FOR YOU

Not Falling for You is a free physical activity program for adults 50 and above, aimed at reducing the risk of falling through mobility improving exercises. R-W is partnering with Alberta Health Services to host these classes on **Thursday mornings** at 10:00 am from **September 19** to **December 12**. To register, email Injury.PreventionEdmonton@ahs.ca or for more information go to findingbalancealberta.ca/nffy/

KINDRED HEARTS CAMBODIA FOUNDATION

Please join Kindred Hearts Cambodia Foundation at their 10th annual Live and Silent Auction fundraiser on Friday, **October 18, 2024!** There will be

live music by Erin Kay, as well as refreshments, awesome auction items and exciting updates on KHC programs! The event will be held at a new, larger venue, the Woodvale Community Facility (Millwoods Golf Course), and early bird tickets are now on sale for only \$20, until September 20th. You can purchase tickets at [eventbrite.ca](https://www.eventbrite.ca) or text Leanne Foff 780-278-0603. See you there!

EDMONTON INTERFAITH CENTRE

Edmonton Interfaith Centre for Education & Action is hosting a Lunch and Learn on Wednesday **September 18** at 1:00 pm with award-winning multi-genre writer, performer, poet, educator Anna Marie Sewell talking about her involvement with the UN Peace Boat.

un.org/en/civil-society/peace-boat. At Robertson-Wesley in room 11. Visit edminterfaithcentre.ca for more information or email intfaith@shaw.ca

Worship Notes

“Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether” a Communion anthem, was composed by Harold Friedell (1905-1958) in 1957. Friedell taught at the Julliard School and at Union Seminary in New York City. The anthem text references the famous passage in Matthew’s gospel: “For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” The words were written by Percy Dearmer who was an influential priest and hymn writer in the early twentieth century. Together with composer Ralph Vaughan Williams, Dearmer edited the English Hymnal, and the Oxford Book of Carols. “Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether” is set as a three-verse hymn in Voices United 479. Today’s Prelude and Postlude are grand settings of familiar English hymn tunes. The Prelude is based upon the “old” melody written for the text “All Things Bright and Beautiful”. Although “Royal Oak” is the tune commonly associated with the text nowadays, William Henry Monk’s “All Things Bright and Beautiful” still appears in 50 hymnals and deserves to be heard from time to time. The Postlude sets Basil Harwood’s “Thornbury” (1898). This remains a strong and popular melody associated with hymn texts such as: “Bless Now, O God, the Journey”, “To Abraham and Sarah”, and “Your Hand, O God Has Guided”.

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