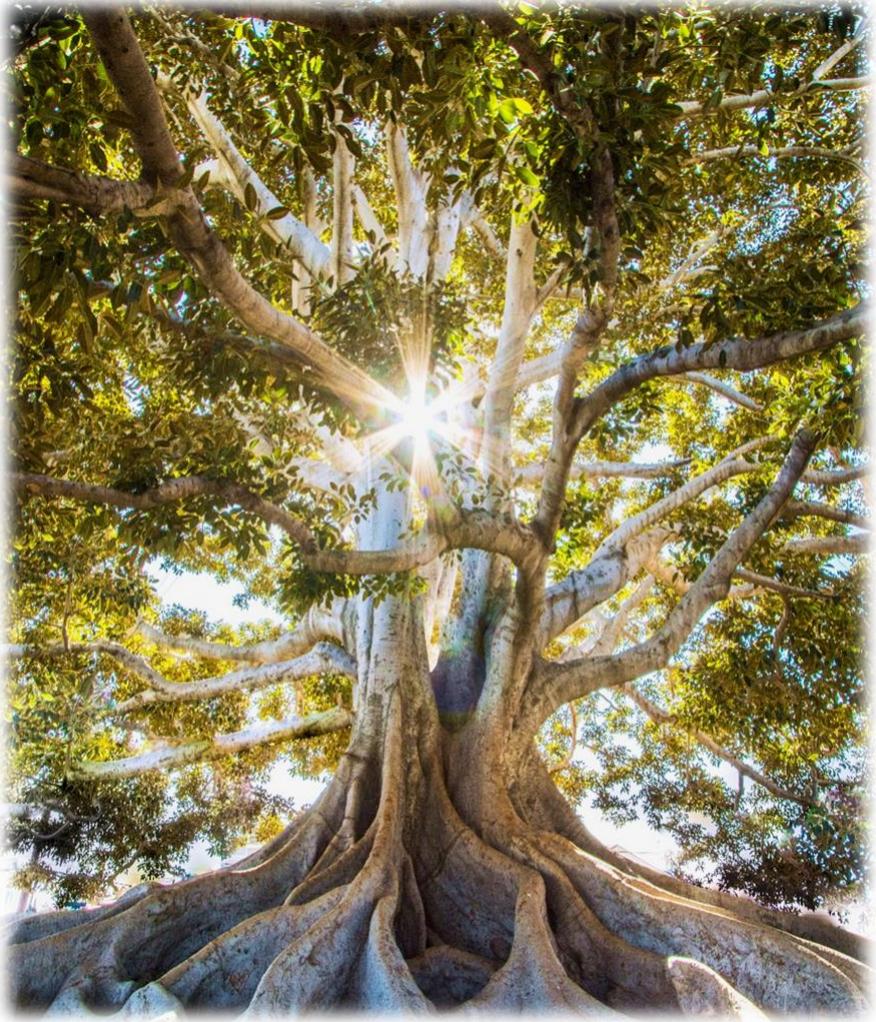

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God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith



September 18, 2022 – “Sacred Trees”
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 once more to celebrate the Season of Creation:

As the sun endures, and the moon glows,

All: Changing days speak of God's glory.

One: As the rainbow arcs through grey clouds,

All: Colours speak of God's glory

One: As Earth provides sustaining food,

All: Harvest speaks of God's glory.

One: As people gather to praise God's name,

All: Voices speak of God's glory.

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

**All: We are filled with God's glory and peace.
Amen and Hallelujah!**

Opening Hymn **In the Bulb There Is a Flower**

VU 703

Opening Prayer

One: Great Creator, we gather today, marvelling at the beauty of creation as we breathe in the splendour of life.

All: We are surrounded by all the signs of God's creation; God's fingerprints are all around us.

One: We know, O God, that you have created this world,
and all who live in it.

**All: We are surrounded by life, and we are related to all
the created world through you, O God.**

One: Let us remember, that in this wondrous world, we are
not alone.

**All: We share life with the water and the land, the trees
and the grass, with fish, birds, and all of creation**

One: We thank you, Creator God, for the diversity, the
complexity, and the interconnectedness of the world in
which we live.

**All: We will sing praise to you, O God, for all of our
lives. Amen**

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Prayer of Confession

**All: God, creation sings of your glory and speaks of
your goodness:
From picturesque countryside to reaching
skyscrapers,
From untamed wild lands to cookie-cutter suburbs
From spacious ocean beaches to crowded city
streets;
Forgive us when we fail to join creation in her
continual song of praise.**

**Forgive us when, overcome with pride,
We forget that creation is not ours to shape or
mould; it is yours, and we are a part of it.**

**Forgive us when we abuse, defile, and strike Earth
With our greed, selfishness, and ambition.**

**Forgive us when we attack what we are charged to
love,**

**And fail to face the stinging reality of our actions
that cause problems for future generations.**

**Forgive us God, for all the ways we have failed to
sing your praises with all of creation.**

Amen.

Assurance of Grace

Contemporary Reading: "A Nut" - *by Richard Wagamese*

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Minute for Forests

Scripture Reading Job 12:7-10 Isaiah 41:18-20

Music for Reflection **"Jesus Christ the Apple Tree"** *arr. Alan Bullard*
Soloist: Roland Kessler

Reflection: **Sacred Trees**

Hymn **Let All Things Now Living**

VU 242

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 **Here I Am, Lord**

VU 509

Benediction and Commissioning

One: And now into the Creator's world we go
To listen carefully for the songs of Creation
And sing them boldly for all to hear.

All: **We have put down our roots
To drink from God's word
Now let us go forth to bear fruit
In a world that God loves.**

One: As we leave this place,
May God's Spirit strengthen and nurture us,
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 Roland Kessler, our soloist
this morning. We very much appreciate his
contribution to today's worship service!



**Worship
Schedule**



Looking ahead at SJR:

Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m.

Sept. 25th – Blessing of the Animals Service with Teresa Carse

Octo. 2nd – Rev. Chris Fickling

(September Emergency pastoral care:

Rev. Andrea Allan, Westminster 519-301-7864)

Rev. Chris is on sabbatical and will be returning in October.

IN OUR CHURCH



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. if you plan to attend.

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Gather & Gab – on hold: As we monitor the increasing numbers of covid in the community, we are *not yet* resuming our Sunday Gather and Gab. We will update everyone when this changes. In the meantime, we are looking for a coordinator for the Gather & Gab. Duties would include purchasing/stocking coffee, tea, juice boxes, cups, plates, napkins, scheduling volunteers. If you can help, please let Brenda M.



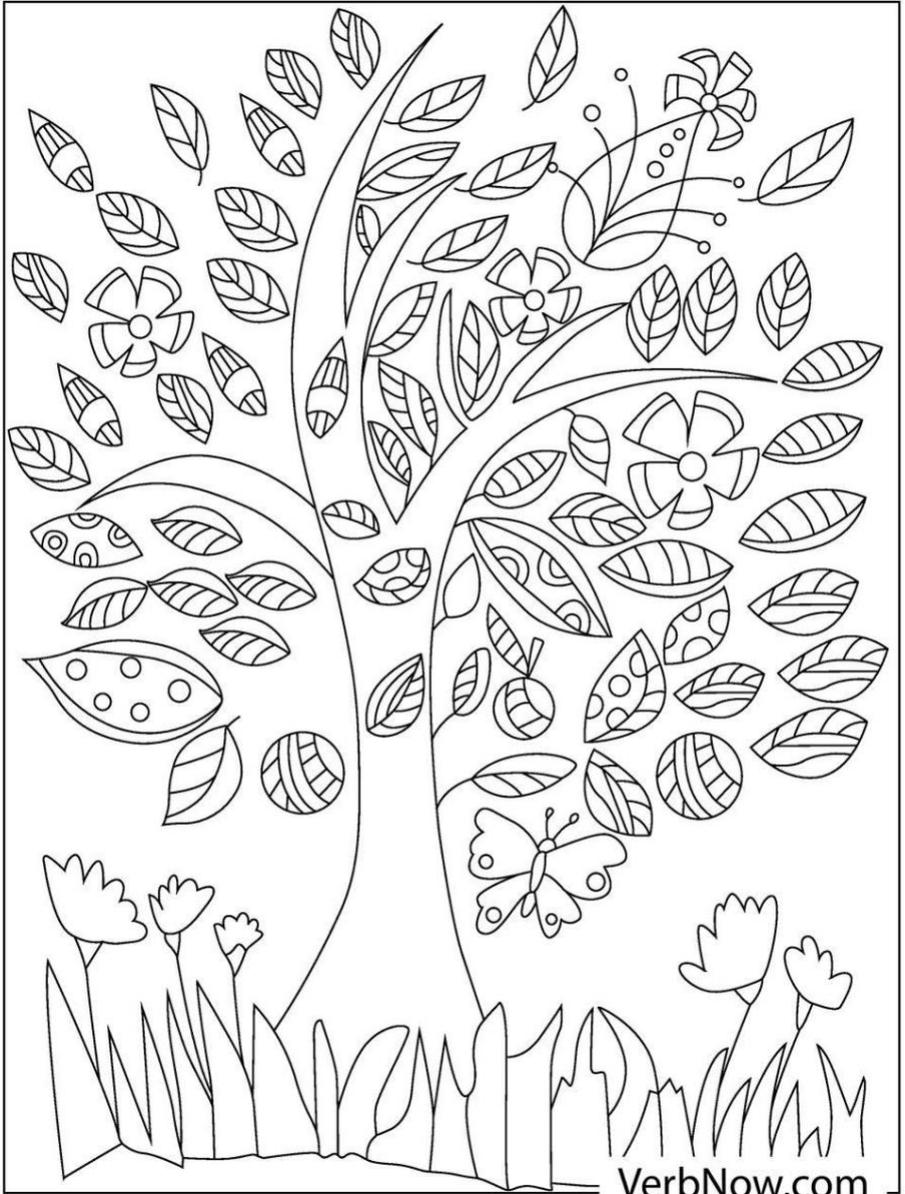
IN OUR COMMUNITY

Calvary Memorial is celebrating its 100th Anniversary the weekend of Oct. 1st and 2nd. Our guest preacher is Rev. Michael Blair (our United Church of Canada General Secretary). We realize that we all have our worship services on the 2nd and we wanted to provide an opportunity for the wider church to have to hear from Michael and engage in conversation with him. So, on ***Saturday night Oct. 1st, from 7 pm to 8 pm***, Michael will be presenting "***For such a time as this: discerning our calling***" and then having a time to chat with everyone there."



What's the buzz about pollinators? Inaugural Cambridge Bee City Festival: Saturday, October 1st rain or shine: drop in 2-4 p.m. at Riverbluffs Park, 251 George Street, the AMCC Boathouse. Walk through the Cambridge Pollinator Preserve and Education Centre just behind the boathouse. Come and learn about pollination ecology, how gardeners have embraced the pollinator challenge, how you can create pollinator habitat, all while you listen to live acoustic instrumental folk music. Information: Jim Dyer, jamesdyer@sympatico.ca, or, Paul Willms, willmsp@cambridge.ca No food or drink, all activities subject to current COVID 19 restrictions.

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