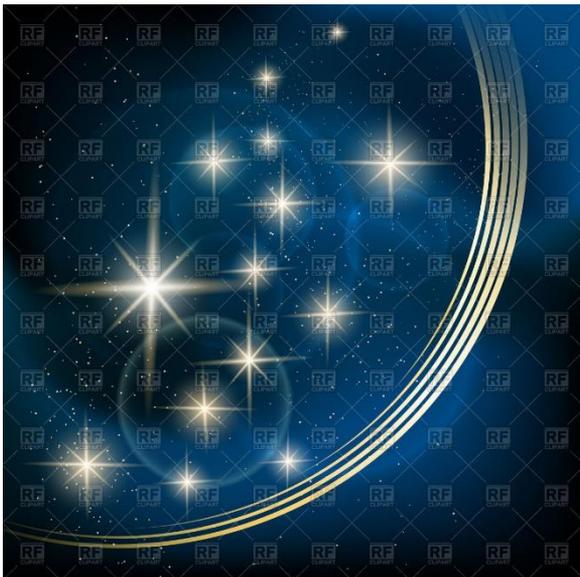


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Alexandria, Cassburn, Dalhousie Mills, East Hawkesbury,
Kirk Hill, Pendleton, Trinity (Vankleek Hill)***

**Sunday September 25, 2022
Cosmos Sunday**



Worship Leaders Today

Trinity / Cassburn
Alexandria / Kirk Hill
Pendleton
Dalhousie Mills Memorial
East Hawkesbury

Carolyn Ruda
Merle Marjerrison
Rev. Phyllis Dietrich
Mackie Robertson
Luane Doyle

*“Surely God is in this place... help me notice”
(attributed to St. Lawrence)*

We Gather to Praise God

Welcome to our worship service today.

We pray you will feel God's presence as we worship together.

*You are invited to join in reading the responses and prayers, printed in **bold**.*

🎵Prelude

Greeting and Welcome

The Life and Work of the Church

Minute for Mission

The Lighting the Christ Candle

🎵Sung Introit: “This Is God’s Wondrous World” vs. 1

VU 296

*This is God’s wondrous world, and to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings, the music of the spheres.
This is God’s wondrous world, I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,
God’s hand the wonders wrought.*

The Call to Worship:

Let us praise the glory of God over our heads and under our feet. Let us find ourselves closer to God in this time of worship and wonder. Let us open our hearts and minds to listen for God’s cosmic voice calling us into praise.

The Opening Prayer:

Great galaxies and tiny insects; giant gum trees and redwoods and tiny plants growing in tundra and desert; a

speck of sand, and planets beyond our comprehension – all of this is the stuff of your making, O God.

We can feel so very small in the context of all you have made, and yet you care for us – you love each of us as if we were your favourite.

Help us acknowledge you in the world around us, celebrate your presence, and honour you in all we do. **AMEN.**

🎵 Hymn: *“Let There Be Light”* VU 679

The Prayer of Confession:

We try to limit you, O God. We claim you are male and human and that you look like us and think like us. Forgive us.

Sometimes, too, we limit your creation, not wanting to think beyond ourselves or our own circles. We challenge beliefs that threaten us, not wanting to accept worlds beyond our own, and life in other forms.

Yet you are the Cosmic One, Creator of things beyond our imaginations. Help us set free our understanding that we might experience you as the Cosmic Being you are. **AMEN.**

The Words of Affirmation:

Beloved, hear Wisdom speak to you. Hear her assure you in her own words:

I was daily God’s delight, rejoicing before God always, rejoicing in this inhabited world and especially delighting in the human race.

Let us share in quiet contemplation of this blessing.

🎵 Hymn: *“Teach Me, God, To Wonder”* VU 299

We Listen for God's Word

Scripture Lessons:

Jeremiah 32: 1-3a, 6-15 Houses, fields and vineyards shall again be purchased.

Psalm 91: 1-6, 14-16 VU807-809 God will raise you up on eagle's wings.

1 Timothy 6: 6-19 The love of money; fight the good fight.

Luke 16: 19-31 The rich man and Lazarus.

Creation Lessons:

Proverbs 8:22-31; Psalm 148; Colossians 1:15-20; John 6:41-51

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God!

Message:

🎵 Hymn: "For the Beauty of the Earth" VU 226

We Respond to God's Word

Offering Invitation

🎵 Response: "In Gratitude and Humble Trust" VU 544
(Tune: Forest Green VU 518)

*In gratitude and humble trust, we bring our best today,
To serve your cause and share your love with all along life's way.
O God, who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ, your Son,
Teach us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.*

The Prayer of Dedication:

All that exists is yours, great God. Now we give a portion to your church to continue doing your work in the world. Take these gifts and use them. We pray in Christ's name. **AMEN.**

Announcements

✠ *As church, we are called to pray for each other
and for our mission in the world* ✠

The People of Ukraine;
Elgin United, Portland United,
Elgin / Portland, ON
Creation asks: journey lightly upon me!



Question of the Day:

With daily reports of what is happening to the planet, it is hard to have hope. While we don't believe in a God who will swoop in like an eagle and lift us out of this mess, as faithful people we do have hope. We must hold on to hope and share our hope, because otherwise, we have failed before we have begun.

TODAY! September 25: Mackie Robertson will lead the **Dalhousie Mills Memorial Service** at **11:15 am**. Coffee will be provided after the service for a time of fellowship. Everyone welcome.

Oct. 1: **St Jude's Parish Fall Rummage Sale, Sat. Oct. 1 - 9:00 a.m. - noon.** Items can be dropped off during office hours: Wed., Sept.28, 9 a.m. until noon and 1 p.m. until 4 p.m., Thurs., Sept.29, 9 a.m. until 1 p.m., or Fri. Sept.30, 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. No furniture. Info. 613-678-3760.

Oct. 14: On **Friday, Oct 14th. St. James United Church** is hosting a fundraiser at **North Stormont Place in Avonmore** featuring **Rev & the Choir Boys** - an evening of folk, country and gospel music along with a lot of humour. **Doors open at 6pm. Music begins at 7pm.** There will be a silent auction, a baking and preserves tables, a 50/50 draw along with a light

lunch being served. **Tickets are \$15 in advance. \$20 at the door.** Limited number available. Tickets or more information: Rev Lois at 613-346-1648 or Nancy Wert at 613-346-5493.

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Minute for Mission



Women bear the brunt of effects of climate change in Zambia

In areas where historically there has been little rain, now there are floods, and where there were floods, now there are droughts. That's how Shadrick Chembe, the Monitoring and Evaluation Manager at Women for Change—an organization in Zambia that strives to improve conditions in rural communities by empowering women and girls—describes the changing climate in Zambia. Women bear the brunt.

“In Zambia, women are still responsible for collecting firewood and charcoal and making food. Now, because of climate change, they have to walk a longer distance to gather firewood. Charcoal is harder to get. That means it’s harder to make food. At the same time, women aren’t involved in the decision-making processes that impact this work,” explains Chembe.

Women for Change was established in 1992, and its long-standing partnership with the United Church stretches back to 1995. From the beginning, mobilizing communities to share ideas and best practices has been key to the work. Since its inception, 1,500 community groups have been established, with 25-40 people in each group and representatives from each forming associations. The groups discuss a variety of justice-related topics. Building climate resiliency by preparing for, recovering from, and adapting to drastically changing weather patterns is a priority.

Weather extremes due to climate change coupled with companies promoting seeds that only produce a single crop increasingly put people at risk.

“The majority of farmers are poor. They can’t buy seeds, but companies have created seeds that force farmers to have to purchase them each year,” says Chembe. “Groups discuss how they can save and share seeds, what they can plant with longer or shorter rains, and if there are traditional methods that can increase food production,” he says, adding, “We are grateful for the United Church’s support. The church has really been there for many years, helping us build awareness and resiliency. It’s been a real partnership.”

Your gifts through Mission & Service support long-term, life-changing work through committed partners like Women for Change. Thank you.

Those who have been blessed with riches have a great opportunity to bless others through generosity.