

FRIENDS OF CREATION SUNDAY

WATER IS LIFE



**Friends of
Creation**

CLIMATE + WATER



You make springs gush forth in the valleys; they flow between the hills, giving drink to every wild animal.

—Psalm 104:10-11



Canadian Lutheran
World Relief

St. Matthews Church

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS

October 5, 2025

Friends of Creation
Water is Life
Sunday, October 5, 2025
(indicates the assembly stands)*

Gathering

Prelude	<i>"Springtime on the Grand & Lake Huron Sunset"</i>	J. Bender
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Words of Welcome & Service Announcements

*Hymn 819 *"Come, All You People"*

*Greeting

*Glory to God p. 213

*Prayer of the Day

Children's Message

Anthem “River in Judea” J. Feldman

Word

First Reading 2 Kings 5:1-15

Psalm Hymn 1064 (see page 4) *“Earth is Full of Wit and Wisdom”*

*Gospel Acclamation *"Alleluia"* p. 216

*Gospel Reading John 4:7-15

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day (see page 5) *“O Healing River”*

*Apostles' Creed p. 217

***Prayers of Intercession** **A: Your mercy is great.**

*Peace

Thanksgiving for the Word

*Offering Hymn 455 vs. 1 & 4 “Crashing Waters of Creation”

*Thanksgiving for the Word

*Lord's Prayer (*Our Father in heaven...*)

p. 221

Sending

General Announcements

*Blessing

*Hymn 843

"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

*Dismissal

Postlude

"Postlude on Lauda Anima"

R. Powell

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Leading Worship Today

Minister: Pastor Carey Meadows-Helmer

Diaconal Minister of Music: Deacon Scott Knarr

Choral Scholars: Nicole Hamilton, Nathalie Nasr, Hannah Swiderski, Dylan Siebert, Drew Aarssen

Lector: Kim Schaner

Broadcast: Jamie Foley


Building Monitor: Ron Roeder (519-895-6833)

Church Fire Plan For everyone's awareness, a copy of the Church Fire Plan for safe exit from the Sanctuary appears in the back of the worship books. Please take a moment to review for your own safety. The AED and a first aid kit are in the hallway by the office.

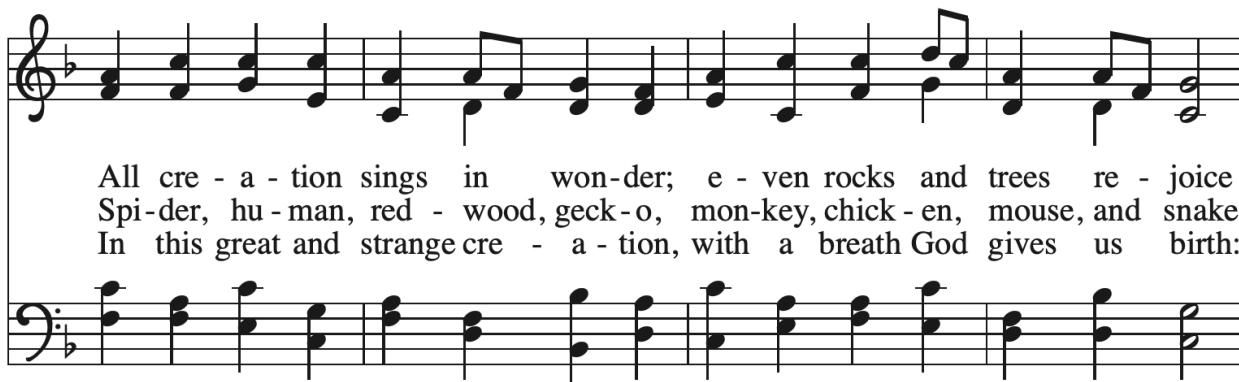
Earth Is Full of Wit and Wisdom



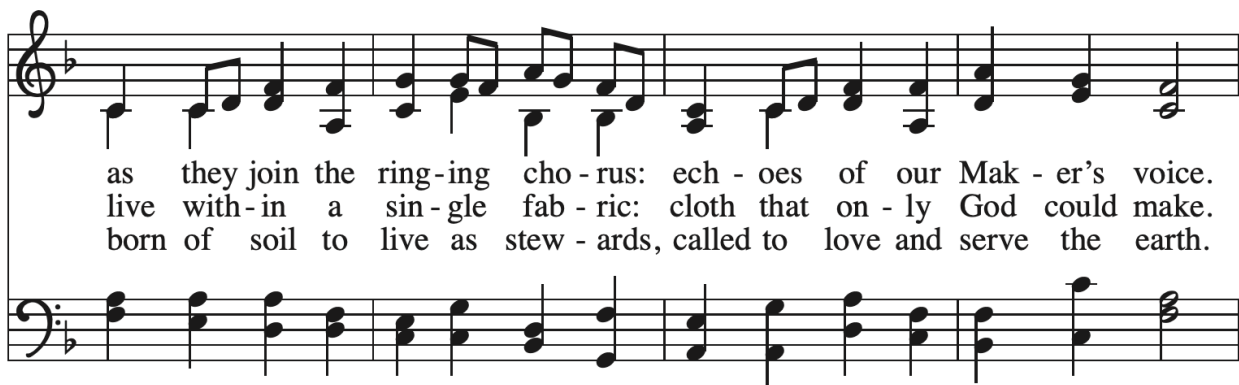
1 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom, sound-ing God's de - light-ed laugh,
 2 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom, wo - ven in - to har - mo - ny.
 3 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom: pen - guin, pla - ty - pus, and snail,



from the ti - ny ro - ly - po - ly to the tree - top - tall gi - raffe.
 Ev - 'ry crea-ture has a pur - pose, ev - 'ry flow'r and bum-ble - bee.
 cac - tus, sea slug, oak, and al - gae, from the mi - crobe to the whale.



All cre - a - tion sings in won-der; e - ven rocks and trees re - joice
 Spi - der, hu - man, red - wood, geck - o, mon-key, chick - en, mouse, and snake
 In this great and strange cre - a - tion, with a breath God gives us birth:



as they join the ring-ing cho - rus: ech - oes of our Mak - er's voice.
 live with-in a sin-gle fab - ric: cloth that on - ly God could make.
 born of soil to live as stew - ards, called to love and serve the earth.

Text: Adam M. L. Tice, b. 1979

Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Moore, *Columbian Harmony*, 1825; arr. hymnal version

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O healing river

Irregular



1 O heal - ing riv - er, send down your
 2 This land is parch - ing, this land is
 3 Let the seed of free - dom a - wake and



wa - ters, send down your wa - ters
 burn - ing, no seed is grow - ing
 flour - ish, let the deep roots nour - ish,



up - on this land. O heal - ing
 in the bar - ren ground. O heal - ing
 let the tall stalks rise. O heal - ing



riv - er, send down your wa - ters, and wash the
 riv - er, send down your wa - ters, O heal - ing
 riv - er, send down your wa - ters, O heal - ing



blood from off the sand.
 riv - er, send your wa - ters down.
 riv - er, from out of the skies.

Worship Notes

In our prayers Kevin, Betty, Anneke, Judy, Yvonne, Jeanette, Meaghan, Henry, Maureen and John.

This week, St. Matthews joins with churches across Canada in lifting up Water as part of our Friends of Creation campaign. Around Lake Chad, disrupted rainfall and the shrinking lake threaten both health and livelihoods. Through CLWR, your support is helping restore access to safe, sustainable water sources.

Information for today's worship

- **Offering:** Please place your offering in one of the offering plates in the Narthex (entranceway) upon entering. The offering plates will be presented at the High Altar during the service.
- **Please join us for Fellowship Time** after worship in the Community Hall. Use any of the staircases (Narthex, west stair tower, parking lot tower) to go down.
- **Downstairs Washrooms** can be accessed via any of the staircases. There is one wheelchair accessible washroom, and the rest are all-gender washrooms. A further all-gender washroom is also available via the west stair tower door (front left of the Sanctuary) on the same level. Turn right at the hallway.

General Announcements

Congregational Workshop today! Please consider attending our workshop happening after service today. We will be discussing the results of the September survey, and fine-tuning our congregation's "pillars, and principles" as well as determining who the participants need to be to determine our congregation's goals and priorities. Free lunch will be served! Many thanks to those who participated in the Spring workshops, and we hope you will continue attending. If you missed the

Spring sessions, please still consider attending this one, as your input into the strategic direction of our congregation is very important!

Church Breakfast Group - We meet next on Tuesday, October 21 at 9:00 a.m. at Kypreos Restaurant, 305 Lancaster St. W. Kitchener. Susan Kadwell will be speaking to us about Canadian Food For Children. This name is a bit of a misnomer as both food and physical items are sent to people who live in developing countries where items are not available to be purchased. Virtually all work for this registered charity is undertaken by volunteers. Local volunteers sort donated items at the Guelph St. Kitchener depot.

Upcoming Events at St. Matthews

- Today:** Congregational Workshop & Luncheon
- Today:** Full House Brass Concert
- Wednesday, October 15:** Oktoberfest Social (11 am - 2 pm)
- Sunday, October 19:** Foundation Sunday
- Sunday, October 26:** Congregational Workshop & Luncheon: Priorities
- Sunday, November 2:** All Saints Sunday
- Sunday, November 30:** Advent Carol Service at 7 pm

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CLIMATE + WATER WORD SEARCH

Find all highlighted words from the following passage hidden in the grid below:

*In the Lake Chad region, **climate** change is making water more unpredictable. Sudden rains cause **rivers** to flood, damaging homes and farmland. As the water rushes over dry ground, it causes **erosion**, wearing away soil and weakening the land. As the land becomes drier, the risk of **desert** expansion grows. But communities are responding. They're planting **trees** to protect water sources and soil, building smarter **irrigation** systems, and collecting **rainwater** for future use. These efforts help people **conserve** water, **share** it fairly, and care for the **ecosystem** that supports them.*

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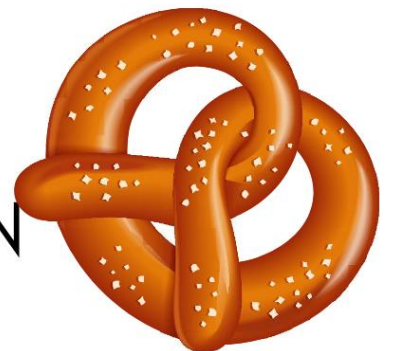
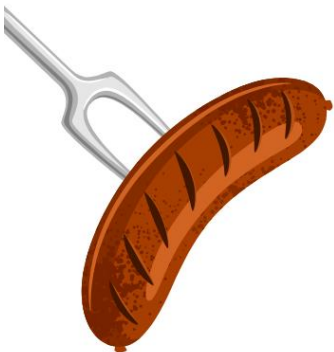
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Scroll down to “Upcoming Events” at <https://www.stmatthewscentre.ca>. The St. Matthews Centre also has a Facebook page, which you can “follow” to get updates.





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