

Barrie Hill and Speedside

United Church of Canada Congregations

in the historic, rural

Eramosa Pastoral Charge

Welcome

The Barrie Hill Congregation est. 1832

The Speedside Congregation est .1845



October 2nd 2022

World Communion Sunday

Welcome to our guests today.

We're glad you're here.

* Indicates an invitation to stand

Bold indicates an invitation join in worship with your voice

GATHER

Prelude

Acknowledge the territory

Lighting of the Candle

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

We were created in relationship, for relationship, and for right relations with all peoples. This is the day we celebrate with our siblings in Christ the world over.

We are created for righteous relationships!

God knew it was not right for us to be alone.

We are created for community!

Through Jesus Christ, God entered into human relationship with us.

We are created for community!

We rejoice in our unity with all humanity.

We are created for community!

Let us praise, worship and serve together.

Adapted from

World-Communion-Sunday-Worship-resource.pdf

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Gathering Hymn “Jesus Loves Me This I Know”

VU 365

Opening prayer and prayer of confession

One:

Almighty God, even as the sounds of flares and missiles continue to strike through the night so many places in the world, even as the hustle of chores, jobs, and the busyness of side gigs rumble through our days; quiet our hearts. even in drought, in fear or flight - or fire, or strife and quiet our hearts in gratitude, for our joyful harvests - Still our thoughts. Prepare us for right relations, worship, praise, gratitude, clean water and communion.

In unison

Join us in our worship. Remember us in your mercy as we remember you. Remember us as we retell the stories and examine the good news - We cherish gospel examples of discipleship and service to guide our way in the spirit. We pray we know peace and care through the hospitality of your gracious table. Welcome us again, this time, one Lord, Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Adapted from Presbyterian Mission Prayer <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/wp-content/uploads/PGW16-World-Communion-Sunday-Worship-resource.pdf>

Passing the peace of Christ

Saying: **“May the peace of Christ be with you.”**

Or responding: **“And also with you.”**

Word

We Open the Bible. We Receive the Word.

A time with the young and the young at heart Orange Shirt Day

Psalm 137 VU 858 Responsive *Exile in Babylon*

Scripture Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith! 6 He replied, “If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it will obey you. 7 “Suppose one of you has a servant plowing or looking after the sheep. Will he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, ‘Come along now and sit down to eat’? 8 Won’t he rather say, ‘Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink’? 9 Will he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do? 10 So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.’”

Message – Rev. Lynn Hamilton

A Time of Personal Reflection and Prayer *musician will
play briefly*

Thanksgiving

We Offer Ourselves and Our Gifts

Offertory

***Song of Dedication** “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

VU 541

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

World Communion Liturgy

Communion Hymn “One bread, One Body”

VU 467 verses 1,2,3,

Communion Prayer

...Let us pray.

**Loving God, we thank you
that you are as close to us as breath,
that your love is constant and unending.
We thank you for all that sustains life,
and especially for Jesus Christ,
who teaches us how to live out
an ethic of justice and peace,
and for the promise of transformation
made manifest in his life, death and resurrection.
We ask you to bless this bread and this cup.
Through this meal, make us the body of Christ,
that we may join with you in promoting the well-
being of all creation. Amen ...**

The Lord's Supper is shared

Anthem

Speedside "The Cup has been Lifted" by Ron Klusmeier

Prayer after communion

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom 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 who trespass against us,

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

Sending Forth

We Go Out to Serve

***Departing Hymn “God Be With You till We Meet Again”**

VU 422

***Commissioning and 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.
Amen. Amen. Amen.**

***Choral Amen**

Amen, Amen, Hallelujah, Amen
sung three times





According to our Regional Council Prayer Cycle:

Hepworth-Sauble Beach

Please keep in your prayers:

- † Wilma Cheeseman - at home
- † Family of Freeman McEwan - our condolences on your loss
- † Pam Pletsch and Jim Peller – both are undertaking a climb and hike of African mountain 'Kilimanjaro' beginning next week. Exciting! We pray travelling mercies for Pam and Jim and their families.
- † Isabel Hotson - at Norfolk Manor in Guelph



SPEEDSIDE and BARRIE HILL UNITED CHURCHES

Sunday, October 2nd, 2022

Worship at Speedside is at 9:30 Worship at Barrie Hill is at 11:00

Welcome to worship at Speedside and Barrie Hill churches led by Rev. Lynn Hamilton. A special welcome to newcomers and guests with us today.

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MISSION STATEMENT

Arising from a deeply rooted faith in God, known to us through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, we, the people of Eramosa Pastoral Charge, celebrate that we are a Christian community striving to share our faith, friendship, fun, music and other talents. We do this through our unique rural approach to worship, Christian education, stewardship and pastoral care.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge that we are on the land of the Anishinaabe People in Anishinabek territory. We are grateful for their stewardship of the land and we accept our responsibility to be good stewards in this time. *For more information about land acknowledgements and Indigenous Territories please visit www.native-land.ca*

ERAMOSA PASTORAL CHARGE

Fall newsletter info is due TODAY Sunday, October 2nd

Send to jsmcfarlane72@gmail.com. Include upcoming events right up to Christmas, family celebrations, favourite recipes etc

Best Wishes to Jean Parkinson who will be celebrating her 95th Birthday on October 8th, 2022.

Cards can be sent to:

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BARRIE HILL

Greeters: Lynda Henry

Lay Reader: Tim Card

Sunday, October 23 is the Barrie Hill anniversary service at 10:00am instead of 11, no service at Speedside. There will be coffee and snacks served following the service.

The Central Okanagan Refugee Committee

Sponsorship, friendship and a bright future ahead

The Central Okanagan Refugee Committee (CORC) began in 1997 as an exploratory group of members of the United Church of Canada (UCC). Its membership consisted of volunteers from collaborating UCC congregations. It was in May of 1998 when the group formally came together to sponsor their first refugee case from Bosnia. After this first foray into the sponsorship world, the group met periodically and sponsored a couple of refugee families. It wasn't until the Syrian crisis when things really got rolling.

In 2017, added to the mix were representatives of other congregations who were eager to participate in refugee sponsorship but were in no position to undertake sponsorships on their own.

From a list of Syrian refugees, CORC selected a family of seven, whom they welcomed in 2015. This was the first of several Syrian refugees they would come to sponsor, and the very first of the Syrian refugee cohort that landed in Kelowna. Remarkably, the patriarch of the Syrian family took it upon himself to be at the airport to welcome other refugees to Kelowna, creating a makeshift card with his personal contact information and handing it to newcomers to offer his help should interpretation or difficulties in navigating the system arise. He has since spoken on multiple occasions about his story of fleeing his homeland, surviving in a refugee camp, and starting over again completely in a new land while in late middle age.

After the first sponsorship of Syrian refugees, other groups in the area became interested in refugee sponsorship and what were once small committee meetings became overwhelmed with attendees. It was then that the Sponsors' Network was formed – a place where the learnings of CORC were shared with anyone interested in refugee sponsorship. This group met on a monthly basis for three years.

Among the most colourful stories that were told by CORC's chair, Tom Kemp, during our interview were the fundraising efforts and initiatives undertaken by the group. One of these events that surprised them in its success and popularity were Scrabble Tournaments. In preparation for the tournaments, prizes would be solicited from local businesses which would in turn, be awarded to the teams that fundraised the most.

During their second tournament, one of the sponsored refugee newcomers who had arrived made a team and was able to fundraise the most for that series (over 5k).

Another creative idea was that of hosting events with best-selling Canadian authors, consisting of an hour-long presentation on one of their pieces of work. This idea came about when one of the members of the committee was reading a book and saw connections between the story and the resettlement effort. She then took the leap in contacting the author's agent with the proposal of inviting the author to Kelowna for a fundraising event. The author agreed and the event was a hit, with hundreds of tickets sold at \$25 a ticket, along with a silent auction, CORC was able to raise the funds necessary for the resettlement of a refugee family.

It was noted that beyond fundraising initiatives, the settlement process takes some amount of creativity when roadblocks occur. With the medical system and wait for family doctors being what it is, the group had to seek out the help of a public health nurse who, in turn, was able to make appointments and hospital referrals. It was through this process that it was discovered that one of the children of the sponsored families had muscular dystrophy.

In regards to the power imbalances that occur, Tom recalled, "A lot of the time after the initial flurry of activity, it boils down to being friends with them. Being available, staying up to date with what's happening in their lives, being there in case problems or difficulties arise in navigating their new lives and systems that exist. [You] need to be available and concerned but not be their decision makers. Talk about it, inform them and let them make the decisions."

Since 2015, CORC has welcomed 39 refugees, three of whom were LGBTQ+ individuals, from three conflict regions. They anticipate a family of four in the near future, a family of six next year, and six others for whom applications have been submitted to the UCC as a Sponsorship Agreement Holder (SAH).

Tom reflected, "What I've come to admire and appreciate is the resilience of the refugees—their level of gratitude and their readiness to pay it forward. It's amazing that [with] safety, acceptance and freedom, they are able to make a new beginning in life and do well."

<https://united-church.ca/stories/central-okanagan-refugee-committee-corc>