



NEWS from the BRIDGE

Life at
Bridge Street United Church
(Belleville, ON)

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Friday, August 7, 2020



The Worship & Music Team offers a friendly reminder that *after* this Sunday's online worship (premiering at 10 a.m.) we'll be taking a one-week break from broadcasting. We gather next on Sunday, August 23rd again at 10 a.m.

See you on Face Book!



OFFICE CLOSED FOR VACATION

The Church Office will be closed August 10 to 17 for the taking of annual holidays.

Pas⁺₊oral Care

Although he will not be in this Office this upcoming week, Rev. David remains available for emergencies or urgent pastoral care matters. Please contact him via interim.clergy@gmail.com or 905-375-7369.



We premier our weekly online gathering on **YouTube** at **10 a.m. Sunday.**

Please use the following link to access this week's service...

<https://youtu.be/WI2OeaZxzXk>

The following schedule reflects when BSUC will offer online worship for the balance of the summer.

AUGUST 16th	X
AUGUST 23rd	✓
AUGUST 30th	✓
SEPTEMBER 6th	X

On those occasions when we do not broadcast, we encourage you to join another United Church for their electronic service.

While there are a plethora of congregations offering online worship, a more local option would be Eastminster United Church (<http://eastminster.ca>).



To assist in the decision about when to return to 'in person' worship, Rev. David (via interim.clergy@gmail.com) has distributed an electronic survey to those with a known email address.

On receipt of this easy to follow instrument, please complete and return it a.s.a.p.

The deadline to reply is Friday, August 14, 2020.

Your response will help to inform next steps!

Thanks kindly.



COMPLIMENTARY HAND SANITIZER

B.S.U.C. has a supply of donated and in-house produced hand sanitizer.

If you, or someone you know, is in need of a bottle, please contact Carol at admin@bridgestchurch.com to arrange for contact-less pick-up at the church.



Of the many activities that contribute to the life of the Church, surely prayer is a prominent one.

Praying for one and another has long been a practice that communities of faith engage in at times of celebration, sorrow, uncertainty, fear, and thanksgiving.

This week you are invited to pray for the following individuals and their circumstances. As seems right, please pray for their strength; pray for their

soul to be comforted; and pray for a different and better future than is their current circumstance.

We lift before God:

- **Jean** and **David P.** as they mourn the death of their daughter, **Donna**, who passed away peacefully at home on July 25th.
- **Ted R.** and his wife, **Karen** (a past president of our U.C.W). Ted is (or will soon be) receiving palliative care chemotherapy.
- 14 year old, **David W.** (and family). David was involved in a terrible accident that has seriously injured him.
- **Joe C.** and his grandfather, **Marshall** (94 years of age). Marshall is hospitalized in Parry Sound and is being provided end-of-life care.
- **John A.** as he recuperates at home; **Ella May**, for strength, as she continues to be caregiver and advocate for John.
- **Marilyn B.** as she recovers at home from a liver transplant, and her husband, **Jim**, as he supports her.
- Those **clergy and lay leaders** who are called upon to discern and decide when, and how, to return church life to some semblance of what it once was.
- **Those** whose challenges have yet to be conveyed to us and yet are so very real.

Rev. David welcomes news of others for whom we can pray. *Please reach out and advise.*



**FOR THE WEEK OF
AUGUST 9, 2020**

Life at Bridge Street United Church (Belleville, ON) during COVID-19
7 August 2020

AVAILABLE beginning THIS Sunday @ 10:00 a.m.

Our thanks to Sue Reid for being today's song leader!

LOGIN IN DETAILS:

Please copy (ctrl c) and paste (ctrl v), or otherwise place this link into your browser and press enter:

<https://youtu.be/Wl2OeaZxzXk>

PARTICIPANT PARTS –

VU #409 – Morning Has Broken

- 1 Morning has broken like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!
- 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.
- 3 Ours is the sunlight! Ours is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

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Prayer of Reconciliation:

**Understanding God,
we admit that we have surely disappointed you,
in thought, word and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you
with all our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
For these, and other missteps, we are truly sorry.
By your immeasurable grace,
watch for us to try anew to live and love as Jesus,
so that we may walk in his ways and honour your will.**

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

The Affirmation:

Hear this and believe!

The past is behind us; the future is before us;
the moment of new beginnings is now!

Having acknowledged our regret for wrongs done,
we commit to doing better. For it is by this that we
are made right with God. Hallelujah! Amen.

Prayers of the People:

O God,
Lover of the world, you hold all that
you have created within your compassionate embrace,
ultimately involved and intimately concerned
for the well-being of each and all.

**As you hold our lives, torn by sorrow, anguish,
or hatred within your aching heart, we cry out for
relief and release – for ourselves, for those we love,
and for our world.**

May your healing presence gently transform the places
of our lives where we hold disappointment and pain.

May your loving presence be a comforting reality for all who find themselves in despair, lost or alone, especially during this time of Covid-19.

May your transforming presence create generosity where there is greed, harmony where there is violence and chaos, everlasting justice where evil now reigns– particularly where racism exists or any form of discrimination denies a person or people their dignity, their integrity, their freedom of assembly, expression, or choice of life companion.

O God, lover of the world, from the silence of our own hearts, we remember before you these people and places that need your healing, loving, and transforming presence.

Pausing for silent, private prayer...

O God, lover of the world, hear our prayers and in your love answer, tomorrow as today, then as now, always and forever.

Amen.

VU #567 - Will You Come and Follow Me

- 1 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?
- 2 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?

3 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?

4 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?

5 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.

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