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SPRINGVALE UNITED CHURCH  
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*“Finding God's Peace in the Midst of Summer”*

**OFFERING PRAYER**

Creator God, Every good gift comes from You. Receive these gifts today. May they bring hope, peace, and Your love to others, just as sunshine brings warmth to every shore. Amen.

**PRELUDE & WELCOME**

Good morning everyone!  
Whether your favourite beach is Lake Erie, Lake Ontario, up north at the cottage, or simply sitting beside a quiet creek, there is something about water that helps us breathe a little easier. Summer invites us to slow down. To leave behind busy schedules. To rest. To laugh. To enjoy family. To admire God's beautiful creation. Today we celebrate not only summer... but the God who created sunshine, beaches, lakes, waves, and peaceful moments. May today refresh your spirit just as cool water refreshes a weary traveler. Welcome to Beach Sunday.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS, BIRTHDAYS AND CELEBRATIONS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come and rest beside God's still waters.  
People: We come seeking peace.  
Leader: Come and enjoy God's beautiful creation.  
People: We come with thankful hearts.  
Leader: The sun warms us.  
People: God's love surrounds us.  
Leader: The waves remind us that God's grace never stops coming.  
People: We come to worship our Creator.

**OPENING HYMN: #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!

**OPENING PRAYER**

Creator God, Thank You for warm sunshine, gentle breezes, cool lakes, and peaceful beaches. Thank You for laughter with family, days of rest, and the beauty that surrounds us. As we gather today, quiet our busy minds. Restore our spirits. Refresh our faith. Lead us beside Your still waters once again. In Christ we pray. Amen.

**ANTHEM: Video**

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**CHILDREN'S VIDEO**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Loving God, Sometimes life becomes so busy that we forget to rest. We hurry instead of listening. We complain instead of giving thanks. We worry instead of trusting You. Lead us once again beside still waters. Wash away our fears. Refresh our spirits. Renew our hearts.

**ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

Just as cool water refreshes a hot summer day, God refreshes every heart that comes to Him. In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

**VIDEO**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Genesis 1:9-10

<sup>9</sup> And God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear." And it was so. <sup>10</sup> God called the dry ground "land," and the gathered waters he called "seas." And God saw that it was good.

Matthew 11:28

<sup>28</sup> "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

**Psalm 23:1-3 (NIV):**

1. The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.
2. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside still waters,
3. he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.

**MESSAGE: "Beside Still Waters"**

Summer is funny. All winter we dream about it. We wait for sunshine. Vacation. Flip flops. Ice cream. The beach. Then summer arrives... ..and somehow we become just as busy. Our calendars fill. Our weekends disappear. Our phones never stop. Sometimes we return from vacation needing another vacation. That isn't what God intended. Psalm 23 says, "He leads me beside still waters." Notice... God doesn't push us there. He leads us there. A shepherd knew sheep needed quiet water. Fast-moving rivers frightened them. Still water meant safety. Still water meant rest. Still water meant life. God knows we need the same thing. Summer gives us permission to slow down. Sit in a lawn chair. Watch a sunset. Listen to waves. Walk the shoreline. Notice birds. Notice children laughing. Notice creation. Even on these hot, hot summer days. But...Most importantly... notice God. Sometimes we imagine God only speaks inside church buildings. But many people have felt closest to God while sitting beside a lake, watching the sunrise, hearing waves gently roll ashore. Creation reminds us who made all of it. The beach reminds us life doesn't always have to move so fast. The gentle waves hitting the shore

line, and cool of the water on a hot summer day... And maybe... God is waiting for us there. Not just on Sunday mornings... but every day. Think about this for a moment....Have you ever watched children at the beach? They don't worry about tomorrow. They simply enjoy today. Jesus once said, "Become like little children." Maybe one lesson children teach us... is how to enjoy God's gifts. So, this week... Find your "still waters." Maybe it's a porch swing. Maybe it's a fishing dock. Maybe it's your garden. Maybe it's the beach. Maybe it's simply twenty quiet minutes with God. Wherever you find peace... unwind, reflect, let go of all the thing that get to us, big and small, and just remember who created it. And enjoy the moment, because it is a gift from God, who created summertime.

**HYMN: #299 Teach Me, God, to Wonder**

1 Teach me, God, to wonder, teach me, God, to see;  
let your world of beauty capture me.

**R: Praise to you be given, love for you be lived,  
life be celebrated, joy you give!**

2 Let me, God, be open, let me loving be.  
let your world of people speak to me. **R**

3 Let me, God, be ready, let me be awake.  
in your world of loving my place take. **R**

4 Teach me, God, to know you, hear you when you speak,  
see you in my neighbour when we meet. **R**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Gracious God, We thank You for this beautiful season. For sunshine... For gardens... For beaches... For lakes... For children laughing... For family vacations... For quiet evenings. Refresh those who are tired. Comfort those who are lonely. Heal those who are ill. Protect those travelling this summer. Bless first responders, farmers, camp workers, and all who help others enjoy this season safely. May every sunset remind us of Your faithfulness. May every sunrise remind us of Your mercy. May every wave remind us that Your love never ends. We pray in Jesus' name who taught us saying....

**LORD'S PRAYER****CLOSING HYMN: #278 In The Quiet Curve of Evening**

- 1 Come and find the quiet centre  
in the crowded life we lead,  
find the room for hope to enter,  
find the frame where we are freed:  
clear the chaos and the clutter,  
Clear our eyes, that we can see  
all the things that really matter,  
be at peace, and simply be.
- 2 Silence is a friend who claims us,  
cools the heat and slows the pace,  
God it is who speaks and names us,  
knows our being, face to face,  
making space within our thinking,  
lifting shades to show the sun,  
raising courage when we're shrinking,  
Finding scope for faith begun.
- 3 In the Spirit let us travel,  
open to each other's pain,  
let our loves and fears unravel,  
celebrate the space we gain:  
there's a place for deepest dreaming,  
there's a time for heart to care,  
in the Spirit's lively scheming  
there is always room to spare!

**SENDING FORTH**

Go now into God's beautiful world. Enjoy the sunshine.  
Walk beside still waters. Notice God's fingerprints in creation.  
Share His kindness wherever you go. And may the blessing of God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, go with you, refresh you, and bring you  
safely home.

**GO NOW IN PEACE****Announcements**

**Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup>:** Scrapbooking table setup at Hagersville at 4:30pm. All help is appreciated!

**July 27<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>:** Join us this year for VBS at Springvale United as we learn about God's Creatures Great & Small from 9am-12pm. Ages 4-11 welcome to participate, and we welcome ages 12+ to join in as helpers. Bring your sense of wonder, and maybe your favourite stuffed animal friend, as we discover how God's love is woven through every wing, paw & footprint. Email Emily at [info@hsupc.ca](mailto:info@hsupc.ca) with your child's information to register.

**Sunday August 2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>:** No church—Peggy on holidays!

**Please bring in paper products for the Hagersville Food Bank ☺**



Next Sunday's worship theme will be  
"When life gives you lemons, make lemonade!"  
We invite you to wear your yellow, and get creative.

