



July 15, 2026

Reflections on Genesis 1:26-31 center on the **Imago Dei** (the image of God), humanity's unique role as caretakers of the earth, and the inherent dignity of all human life. These verses mark the pinnacle of the creation narrative, outlining a specific purpose, authority, and blessing for mankind.

Core Themes and Reflections

- **Made in the Image and Likeness of God (Imago Dei):** Unlike any other part of creation, humanity is created to reflect and represent God's character. Theologians often distinguish between the two Hebrew words used here: *Tselem* (image/statue) and *Demuth* (likeness/resemblance). This dual designation points to both our vertical relationship with God (reflecting His nature) and our horizontal role in the world (acting as His physical representatives).
- **The Creation Mandate (Dominion and Stewardship):** God commissions humanity to "subdue" and "have dominion" over the earth. Far from a mandate for exploitation or abuse, this reflects the ancient Near Eastern concept of kingship. Earthly kings were meant to set up statues (*images*) of their gods to show who ruled a territory. As God's living images, humans are tasked with ruling justly, lovingly, and nurturing the world.
- **Plurality and Equality:** In verse 26, God says, "Let *us* make man in *our* image". Christian theology historically views this plural as the first hint of the Trinity, showcasing community and relationship within the Godhead. Furthermore, verse 27 explicitly states, "male and female he created them", meaning both genders equally bear the divine image and share in this earthly stewardship.
- **Provision and the Blessing:** God blesses His image-bearers and provides richly for them, giving every seed-bearing plant and fruit tree for food, not just for humans but for the animals as well.
- **"Very Good":** In verse 31, after creating humanity, God steps back and declares everything he has made "very good" (unlike the previous days, which were simply "good"). This emphasizes the incredible value, sanctity, and purpose of human life.

Cultural and Modern Application

Today, these verses challenge us to view every human life—regardless of background, status, or ability—with profound dignity, as each person is a bearer of God's image. Furthermore, it calls us to proactive environmental stewardship, treating the Earth with care rather than destruction, in alignment with God's original intent.



Worship Calendar

July 19	We are Created in the Image of God	Genesis 1:26-31, Matthew 5:43-48 2 Corinthians 5:11-21	Pastor Won Hwang
July 26	What Shapes your Thought, Action, Goal and Life	Genesis 3:1-13, Matthew 5:17-20 Romans 5:15-17	Pastor Won Hwang



NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Birthday, Kathy



Someone very near and dear to our hearts celebrated a very special birthday on Tuesday. Happy birthday, dear Kathy and we wish you many more.

Welcome

This Sunday we welcome Won Hwang to the pulpit. Won is no stranger to Graceview and we look forward to seeing him and hearing him preach the word of the Lord.

A Word from the Kohars

I know that I just contacted you re our address well there is a change again. When we moved here we took a one bedroom apt which meant two rooms. We were able to move in, but it was rather crowded. We asked for something larger but nothing available at the moment. As luck would have it one became available and since we were already tenants we had first choice. It has two bedrooms, and we have turned one into an

office. We just had a move to 316 so it is two doors down the hall. Things are going well and are still unpacking but that is unpacking boxes from the original move. This apartment has a lovely view of the Humber River Valley. We also have a balcony which adds to everything. Life here is good I really enjoy it although some days there are some choices I would not have chosen but

To confirm our new address is:
316-4180 Dundas Street West
Etobicoke, ON
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Joan and Peter

A Taste of Italy Dinner



Outreach plans to host a dinner on Friday, October 23rd in the downstairs hall. It will feature an Italian themed dinner and will be prepared for us by the new culinary teacher at Thistletown Collegiate and his students. Chef Keith Hoare will be involved too. Ticket prices are \$30 and all proceeds from the dinner will go to the Thistletown Euro Trip to Italy which will take place during the 2027 March Break. The proposed date of Oct 23rd will be confirmed the first week of school in September. Please save this date on your calendar!

A Summer Devotional Update (June 16):

A **new** edition of **These Days** (July/August/September), as well as the current edition of **Our Daily Bread** (June/July/August) are available on the table in the church vestibule and in the devotional box on the church porch.

Common Scents

Please be advised that our church has a scent-free protocol. It seems that some of our dear parishioners feel unwell due to heavy floral smells. Please be considerate of those in our congregation who are affected by strong smells and odors and refrain from perfumes or colognes when coming to worship on Sunday mornings. Thank you one and all.

Lemonade for Fellowship Time

Effective June 14 we will be serving lemonade at the Fellowship time after worship. If you are so inclined to donate a box or 2 of cookies to help cover the summer months, it would be very much appreciated. Please give your donations to Kathy or Susan so that we can store them safely during the summer months. Many thanks to those who have already donated.

September Bible Study

Jacob Birch from the Canadian Bible Society will be leading an 8-week bible study beginning on Tuesday, September 15 at 12:15. He will be offering an overview of the bible from Genesis all the way to Revelations. Mark this in your calendars as it should prove to be a fascinating journey through the Bible.



'Hello, Sunshine' Quotes

We love to greet the sun as it awakens the world. These 'hello, sunshine' quotes share that feeling.

- The sun peeks over the horizon and chases away darkness. Hello, sunshine.
- Welcome sunshine. You warm my bones with your healing rays.
- The sun's daily return always fills me with hope.
- Hello, sunshine. May your morning rays guide my day.
- Greetings sunlight. We welcome the opportunity to begin anew every day.
- Darkness ends with the first rays of sunlight. Welcome, sunshine!
- Hello, sunshine! Welcome to my day.
- Rise and shine like the morning sun. Greetings, sunshine!
- Sunlight, take me away!
- Salute the sun after a night of darkness.



PRAYER REQUESTS AND PASTORAL CARE

* Pray for the people of war-torn countries (Iran, Ukraine, Sudan) who are living in fear and uncertainty. Pray for those close to home who need your special love and guidance during trying times. Pray for our country, Canada. Pray for those who are afflicted with the Ebola virus in the African country of the Congo

* **Also, please keep these people in your prayers:**

Ali Tavosoli's family who resides in Iran, the family of Margaret Munene, Viralyn Goolcharan, Shirley Pollock's daughters Nancy and Laura, Ruth Ann Ross, Bob Woolley, Giulietta Ponzini, Ryan Jory, Harold Hussey, Teresia Njoki, Roman and Adrian P., Ed Lattimore, Margaret Munene's brother Simon, Lenore Carty, Sheila Thomas' grandson, Carter, the Jarvis family (Wayne, Shannon and Dale), Olive S.

Please keep these folks, and indeed, everyone in our church family and people around the world, in your prayers.

Note from your editor...could you please advise me from time to time on the status of your loved ones so that updates can be recorded and shared to prove that the power of prayer does work miracles.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- * Tuesdays @ 11:00 AM – Walking Group – All are welcome to walk and enjoy Centennial Park
- * Thursdays @ 2:00 PM – Worship service at Centennial Park Place
- * Tuesday, Sept. 15 @ 12:15 AM – Fall Bible Study begins
- * Wednesday, Sept. 16 @ 2:00 PM – Music & Worship meeting
- * Oct. 23 - @ TBA – A Taste of Italy Dinner

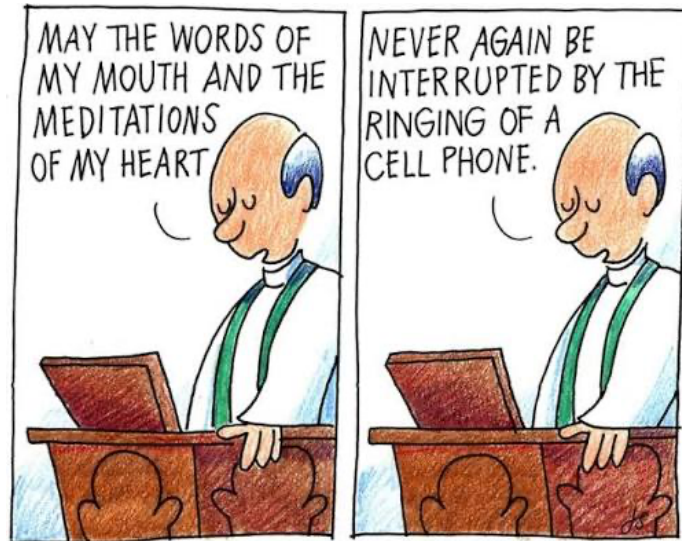


Prayer/Reader/Announcements for 2026

	<u>Prayer Roster</u>	<u>Lay Readers</u>	<u>Welcome and Announcements</u>
July 19	Pastor Eric	Al Bishop	Bob Twynam
July 26	Bob Twynam	Vi Lobodowsky	Susan Chopp
Aug. 2	Chuka Ikele	Nancy Green	Bob Twynam
Aug. 9	Pastor eric	Anna Cherniak	Iris Lee
Aug. 16	Nancy Green	Koko Ikele	Kathy Twynam
Aug. 23	Maureen Screen	Harry Learoyd	Nancy McPherson
Aug. 30	Pastor Eric	Chris Parr	Susan Chopp
Sept. 6	Susan Chopp	Chuka Ikele	Bob Twynam
Sept. 13	Koko Ikele	Susan Chopp	Iris Lee
Sept. 20	Nancy McPherson	Jean Fox	Kathy Twynam



WEEKLY SMILE



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Instagram Page	https://www.instagram.com/graceview.presbyterian?igsh=MnlpeXE5YTYyN2ly		

JULY 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28	29	30	1 	2 Service @ CPP 2:00	3	4
5 Wretched Man, Glorious Saviour Rev. Eric Lee	6	7 Walking Group 11:00	8	9 Service @ CPP 2:00	10	11
12 Cultivating the Soil of Our Hearts Rev. Eric Lee	13	14 Walking Group 11:00	15	16 Service @ CPP 2:00	17	18
19 We are Created in the Image of God Pastor Won Hwang	20	21 Walking Group 11:00	22	23 Service @ CPP 2:00	24	25
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