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#### June 5, 2022

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Lectionary for today	Lectionary for next Sunday		
Acts 2:1–21	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31		
Psalm 104:24–34, 35b	Psalm 8 Romans 5:1-5 John 16:12-15		
Romans 8:14–17			
John 14:8–17, (25–27)			

We welcome **Helen Knowles** who is leading us in worship today – **Thank you!** 

Today's bulletin is placed in loving memory of

Karla Young White & her father, Norman R. Young,

by Edith and the family

The asterisk \* identifies those times in the service where the congregation is invited to stand as able

GATHERING

#### **MUSIC AS WE GATHER**

**WELCOME & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** 

#### LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE & CALL TO WORSHIP

(responsively)

One: As we light the Christ candle, we are reminded of the important role of the light of Christ in our lives.

#### All: Thanks be to God.

One: Jesus Christ is, indeed, the Light of the World.

#### All: Thanks be to God. The Christ Candle is lit.

One: We come with curiosity & longing.

#### All: We come with our gifts & our weaknesses.

One: We come, hoping for change in our lives.

#### All: Renew us, fill us.

One: Come, for a time of rest, to be blessed by the Sabbath's words of reassurance & hope.

**CENTERING FOR WORSHIP** "Wind is Moving"

Seasons of the Spirit vol. 1

Wind is moving over water, patterns shifting out across the bay. Grass is bending on the hillside; clouds are drifting right across the sky. O Holy Spirit, move over all our lives. O Holy Spirit, move over all our lives.

#### **GATHERING PRAYER**

#### **\*GATHERING HYMN –**

VU #415 (vs 1-5)

"God We Praise You for the Morning"

God, we praise you for the morning; hope springs forth with each new day, new beginning, prayer and promise, joy in work and in play.

God, we praise you for creation, mountains, seas, and prairie land. Waking souls find joy and healing in your bountiful hand. God, we praise you for compassion, all the loving that you show; human touching, tears, and laughter, help your children to grow.

God, we praise you for your Spirit, Comforter and daily friend, restless searcher, gentle teacher, strength and courage you send.

God, we praise you for the Savior, come that we may know your ways. In his loving, dying, rising, Christ is Lord of our days.

#### **PRAYER OF HUMILITY** (in unison)

God, when life is overwhelming, we want to withdraw from it as a way to escape difficult choices, heart-breaking decisions, conflict or confrontation. It scares us & angers us. If we withdraw, then maybe we will just forget. But you call us, O God, to live in this world, to act courageously & faithfully in the face of challenges & danger. Forgive our inaction, our desires to escape by retreating. Stand with us, God, & help us to remember the ways in which you've been present & are present daily. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE "Jesus Loves Me" VU #365 (vs. 1)

Jesus loves me, this I know, For the bible tells me so; Little ones to him belong, In his love we shall be strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so. \*GREETING ONE ANOTHER (responsively)

The Peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

SHARING A STORY - "Facing Our Fears"

\*SINGING A SONG

VU #357 (vs. 1-3)

Brooke Knowles

"Tell Me the Stories of Jesus"

Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear; things I would ask Him to tell me if he were here; scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea, stories of Jesus, tell them to me.

First let me hear how the children stood round His knee, and I shall fancy his blessing resting on me; words full of kindness, deeds full of grace, all in the love light of Jesus' face.

Tell me, in accents of wonder, how rolled the sea, tossing the boat in a tempest on Galilee! And how the Master, ready and kind, chided the billows and hushed the wind.

ENGAGING

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 121

Mark 4:35-41

REFLECTION - "The Storms of Life"

#### MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

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GIFT OF MUSIC - "Shelter Me"

*Emma Vickers Previously recorded April 26, 2020* 

### RESPONDING

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Bev Murphy

#### **INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

\*OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)

Giver of life, receive the gifts we offer. May they be used to restore, to build up & proclaim the Good News in our congregation, our neighborhood and in our world. May others experience the Good News, that lives within our hearts. Amen

#### **MEDITATIVE MUSIC**

SHARING OUR CONCERNS

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** 

THE LORD'S PRAYER - VU #921 (in unison)

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, the power, and the glory forever and ever.

Amen

GOING OUT (as God's people)

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CLOSING HYMN -

VU #653

"Come, Let Us to the God of Love"

Come, let us to the God of love with contrite hearts return: our God is gracious, nor will leave the desolate to mourn.

God's voice commands the tempest forth, and stills the stormy wave; and though God's arm be strong to smite, 'tis also strong to save.

Long has the night of sorrow reigned, the dawn shall bring us light; God shall appear, and we shall rise with gladness at that sight.

As dew upon the tender herb diffusing fragrance round, as showers that usher in the spring and cheer the thirsty ground,

so shall God's presence bless our souls and shed a joyful light; that hallowed morn shall chase away the sorrows of the night.

#### BLESSING

\*CHORAL CLOSING – "May the God of Peace" MV #224

May the God of peace and of all good, may the God of peace and of all good be always with you. Amen! May God's peace be with you. Amen!

(The Christ Candle is extinguished.)

# POSTLUDE

# Church News

The summer church office hours are now in effect – open Monday to Thursday – 9 AM to 3 PM. The office will be <u>closed on Fridays</u> until after the Labour Day weekend.

**Peanut Butter Update** - As of June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022, 144 jars of Peanut Butter has been collected to go to the Bathurst Volunteer Center and \$1,050 in cash donations has allowed us to purchase 218 jars that have been dropped off directly at the Centre. Peanut butter can be dropped off at the church office anytime during office hours. We have an additional \$40+ collected for the next group purchase.

**Our goal is 900 jars for the year** and we currently have 362. In order to attain our goal we will need to collect an **average of 19 jars per week** until Christmas Day.

**Hospitality Time** after church is resuming today in the Ruth Morrison Room. **Please bring your own mug** due to COVID 19 and to assist with being environmental friendly.

**Purses Plus** – The Community Outreach Sub Team extends thanks to all who generously contributed supplies to our new project. In fact, the response has been so positive that 4 deliveries have been made to Passage House & were received with gratitude.

Passage House currently has sufficient toys for children, but would appreciate books in both languages. They always need hand sanitizer along with baby supplies (wipes/diapers/shampoo/etc.). Thank you again.

**2022 high school graduates** will be honoured with a special service on Sunday, June 19, 2022. Please come and celebrate with us!

# Thank you to our volunteers in May:

Counters – Margaret Payne-Chénard and Mike Kierstead; Greeters – Peter and Edie Gammon; Minute for Mission – Bev Murphy; Scripture Readers – Helen Knowles, Gary Branch, Brenda Parrott and Brooke Knowles; Vocalists – John and Isabel Clouston; Sharing a Story –Anne Wilson & Helen Knowles, Brenda Parrott & Sandra Boone, Cheryl & Mya Brewster and Margaret Payne-Chénard & Margaret Daniels; Sound System – Brenda Parrott, Shirley Allain and Ralph Jamieson; and Videographer – Don Eddy

# Community News

**St. George's Anglican Church**, 432 King Avenue, will be holding **"A Family and Community Breakfast"** on Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> from 8 AM to 10 AM. Come and enjoy fellowship and great food. Free-will offering at the door.

**YARD SALE -** St. George's Anglican Church Parking Lot, 432 King Avenue on **Saturday June 18<sup>th</sup> from 8 AM – 12 PM** Rain Date is June 25<sup>th</sup>

The Canadian flag currently being flown has been donated *in loving memory of Clinton CL Gammon, a D-Day Veteran* by Bev & Brian Murphy *Mission & Service -* By giving to Mission & Service, the people of the United Church join together to accomplish three goals: to **transform and save lives**, to **inspire meaning and purpose**, and to **build a better world**. Your gifts to Mission & Service help people in need in Canada and around the world by providing access to food, housing, and employment support. Your generosity helps people develop new skills and access life-changing medical treatment and counselling. Your gifts help people live meaningfully and purposefully by supporting education opportunities, communities of faith, retreat centres, and more.

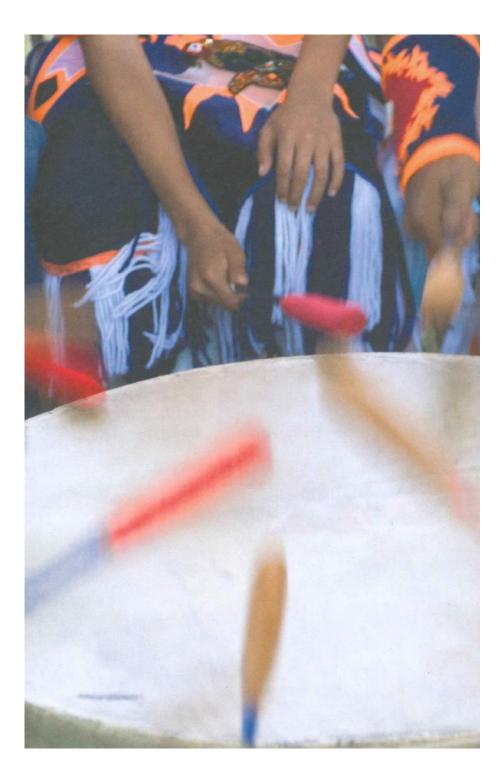
**Emergency Response** - When the worst disasters threaten the most vulnerable, you can help. Through special emergency response appeals, your gifts make an **immediate life-saving difference**. With the guidance of our partners on the ground, we are able to respond quickly to crises around the world, helping our partners bring food, shelter, health, and sanitation to people who have lost so much.

*Gifts with Vision* - The <u>Gifts with Vision</u> catalogue is where your gifts meet the world's need. The gifts in the catalogue are Mission & Service projects that would not happen without your generosity. There are gift ideas to suit **every interest, budget, and person**. By giving a Gift with Vision, you can care for the planet; ensure **those who are hungry have a hot, nutritious meal; or support an economic development initiative**. A year-round opportunity to give a meaningful gift, Gifts with Vision ensures that your gift reflects your values.

*The Healing Fund* - <u>The Healing Fund</u> is one facet of the United Church's ongoing work of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples dealing with the long-term effects of residential schools. The fund is used to support many innovative and effective programs in Indigenous communities that are helping people in the healing process.

To make a donation to The Healing Fund on line please access <u>https://www.gifttool.com/donations/Donate?ID=1955&AID=1729</u>, or send a cheque to the address below, or contact <u>healing@united-church.ca</u> or 1-800-268-3781 for more information.

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# SCRIPTURE READINGS - NEW REVISED STANDARD VERSION

# PSALM 121

- **1** I lift up my eyes to the hills from where will my help come?
- **2** My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
- **3** He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.
- **4** He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
- **5** The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.
- **6** The sun shall not strike you by day nor the moon by night.
- **7** The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

8 The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

# MARK 4:35-41

# Jesus Stills a Storm

**35** On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side."

**36** And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him.

**37** A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped.

**38** But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion, and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?"

**39** And waking up, he rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Be silent! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm.

40 He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?"

**41** And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"