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Lectionary for today

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
Psalm 8
Romans 5:1-5
John 16:12-15

Lectionary for next Sunday

1 Kings 19:1-15a Psalm 42 & 43 Galatians 3:23-29 Luke 8:26-39

We welcome **Linda Knowles MacPherson** as our guest musician &

we welcome **Isabel & John Clouston**, today's guest vocalists, and thank them all for the beautiful gift of music

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

We light the Christ Candle as a sign of the light that lives with us and within us.

The Christ Candle is lit.

"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.
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CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Here, Holy One, we gather: at the crossroads of busyness and rest, of judgment and mercy, of conflict and peace, of wants and needs.

Here at these crossroads, we come to hear wisdom,

calling to us over the noise of the marketplace; over the hubbub of competing voices, competing desires, possibilities, and calamities.

Here, Holy One, meet us. Enable us to slow, to stop, to stand and hear Wisdom speak to us again: of the beauty of the earth; of the gift that is each one of us gathered here; of the joy you bring.

GATHERING PRAYER

*GATHERING HYMN – "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" – VU #375

Refrain
Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness, Wind, Wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters, you called to the deep, then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep; and over the eons you called to each thing: wake from your slumbers and rise on your wings. Refrain
Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness, Wind, Wind on the sea.

You swept thro' the desert, you stung with the sand, and you goaded your people with a law and a land; and when they were blinded with their idols and lies, then you spoke thro' your prophets to open their eyes.

Refrain

You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill, then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still; and down in the city you called once again, when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind.

Refrain

You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes, from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams; our women see visions, our men clear their eyes, with bold new decisions your people arise.

Refrain

PRAYER OF HUMILITY

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 (with those of all ages)

Margaret Payne-Chénard & Jini Palmer

John 16:12-13

*SINGING A SONG - "Circle Song" (X 3)

(Seasons of the Spirit vol. 7)

Come and join the circle, come and take my hand. Come and join the circle, come and be my friend.

Gather round and see what the world can be.
Come and join the circle, come and share God's word with me.

ENGAGING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Cheryl Brewster

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

John 16:12-15

REFLECTION

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

GIFT OF MUSIC – "Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

Isabel & John Clouston

RESPONDING

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Bev Murphy

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

*OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)

Holy One, we pray, bless these gifts we share: gifts of time, talent, and treasure. May they reflect our shared joy and hopes for the beautiful earth in which we live, including its varied and gifted inhabitants. Amen

SHARING OUR CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER – VU #921 (Ecumenical Version) (in unison)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kindom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kindom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever.

Amen.

GOING OUT (as Spirit people)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CLOSING HYMN – "For the Beauty of the Earth"

VU #226 (tune Dix)

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies,

(Refrain)
God of all, to thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light,

(Refrain)

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,

(Refrain)

For each perfect gift sublime to our race so freely given, graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven,

(Refrain)

*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

<u>The summer church office hours</u> 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 9th, 2022, 148 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 366.

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

<u>Purses Plus</u> – 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 and nail clippers 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!

Community News

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

New Bandon Stonehaven Union Annual Cemetery Service will be held Sunday, June 26, 2022 at 2 PM at the community chapel in Stonehaven. The offering from this service is used to maintain the cemetery and or chapel. Please indicate how you would like your contribution to be used. Donations to the chapel or cemetery fund will be receipted.



SCRIPTURE READINGS (New Revised Standard Version)

PROVERBS 8:1-4, 22-31

- 1 Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice?
- 2 On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand;
- 3 beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out:
- 4 "To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live.
- 22 The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago.
- 23 Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
- 24 When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water.
- 25 Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth—
- 26 when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil.
- 27 When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
- 28 when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep,
- 29 when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
- 30 then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always,
- 31 rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

JOHN 16:12-15

- 12 "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.
- 13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.
- 14 He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you.
- 15 All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.