

## **May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**Thought to ponder:** *"The opposite of love is not hate, it's indifference."*

- Elie Wiesel

### **Welcome**

### **Announcements, Life & Work of the Church**

### **Prelude:**

### **Passing the Peace:**

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you**

One: Let us take a moment and greet those around you.

### **Acknowledgement of the Territories:**

### **Lighting of the Christ Candle:**

### **Call to Worship:** (based on Psalm 148)

One: Praise the Lord!

**All: Praise God in the heights!**

One: Praise God, all you angels; praise God, all creatures high and low!

**All: Rulers of the earth and all peoples, praise God's holy name!**

One: Praise God, all of creation, from hummingbirds to humpback whales, from mountain tops to valleys!

**All: Let all creation, sing out God's divine glory!**

One: Let us praise God, together!

**All: With one voice, let us praise the Lord!**

**Hymn: MV #2, MV #41, MV #30 vs 1,4**

Come All You people,  
 Come and praise your Maker.  
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 Come now and worship the Lord.

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O beautiful Gaia,  
 O Gaia calling us home  
 O beautiful Gaia,  
 Calling us on.

Soil yielding its harvest,  
 O Gaia calling us home  
 Soil yielding its harvest, calling us on.

Loon nesting in marshland,  
 O Gaia calling us home.  
 Loon nesting in Marshland, calling us on.

O beautiful Gaia,  
 O Gaia calling us home  
 O beautiful Gaia,  
 Calling us on.

It's a song of praise to the Maker,  
 The thrush sings high in the tree.  
 It's a song of praise to the Maker  
 The gray whale sings in the sea.  
 And by the Spirit, you and I  
 Can join our voice to the holy cry  
 And sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.

It's the chorus of all creation;  
 It's sung by all living things.  
 It's the chorus of all creation;  
 A song the universe sings.  
 And by the Spirit, you and I  
 Can join our voice to the holy cry  
 And sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.

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### **Gathering Prayer:**

**Holy God, you are the beginning and end of all things, and you are worthy of praise from all your creation. Sun, moon, and stars praise you. Earth, sea, and sky praise you. Every living thing praises you in its own way. And so, we praise you in our human diversity, joining our varied voices with all your creatures in heaven and on earth. You fill our lives with the wonder of your love in Christ Jesus. Your Spirit moves throughout the world to reveal your purposes for every living thing. Receive our prayers and praise this day, for you are the Source of our life**

**and our hope, Holy God, ever Three  
and Ever One. Amen.**

**Children's time:**

**How do we show our excitement?**

**Hymn: MV #156 *Dance With The Spirit***

**Dance with the Spirit  
early in the mornin',  
Walk with the Spirit  
throughout the long day.  
Work and hope  
for the new life a-bornin',  
Listen to the Spirit  
to show you the way.**

**Dance with the Spirit  
early in the mornin',  
Move with the Spirit  
throughout the long day.  
Work and hope  
for the new life a-bornin',  
Listen to the Spirit  
to show you the way.**

**Dance with the Spirit  
early in the mornin',  
Sing with the Spirit  
throughout the long day.  
Work and hope  
for the new life a-bornin',  
Listen to the Spirit  
to show you the way.**

## **Prayer of Illumination:**

### **Scripture:**

**Psalm 148** Let the whole creation praise God

**Revelation 21:1-6** I saw a new heaven...

**John 13:31-35**

A new commandment: love one another

### **Ministry of Music: Built On the Rock**

#### **Reflection:**

**Looking for Love in all the wrong places...**

#### **Hymn: MV #94 *Love Knocks and Waits***

Love knocks and waits  
for us to hear,  
To open and invite;  
Love longs to quiet every fear,  
And seeks to set things right.

Love offers life, in spite of foes  
Who threaten and condemn;  
Embracing enemies, Love goes  
The second mile with them.

Love comes to heal the broken heart,  
To ease the troubled mind;  
Without a word Love bids us start  
To ask and seek and find.

Love knocks and enters at the sound  
Of welcome from within;  
Love sings and dances all around,  
And feels new life begin.

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## **Prayers of the People**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**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, and the  
power, and the glory, for ever and  
ever. Amen.**

### **Invitation to Generosity:**

#### **Prayer of Dedication:**

**Generous God, we bless you for your  
gift of life renewed through Christ's  
love, and through springtime growth  
in fields and gardens. Bless the gifts  
we bring and make them signs of  
hope and renewal in the world we  
serve in the name of Jesus Christ, our  
Risen Lord. Amen.**

**Hymn: MV #25 O God Send Out Your Spirit**

**O God, send out your Spirit;  
Renew the face of the earth.  
O God, send out your Spirit;  
Renew the face of the earth.**

We bless you O God,  
for you are so great.  
Your Spirit uncovers  
hidden beauty and grace.  
Though times we deny,  
all the pain and the tears,  
Your Spirit empowers us  
and soon we face our fears.

**Refrain**

Every prayer we pray,  
sacred word, sacred rite,  
Is for the ones who  
are left waiting outside.  
Ev'ry sermon we preach,  
ev'ry Spirit filled tune;  
Love says, "Remember  
why we do the things we do".

**Refrain**

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**Benediction:**

**Sung Benediction: Giver of New Life**

**O Giver of new life,  
In Jesus Christ you came.  
To bring us peace and joy,  
We praise your holy name.  
Hallelujah, Praise God Hallelujah.  
Hallelujah, Praise God Hallelujah.  
Hallelujah, Praise God Hallelujah.  
Hallelujah, Praise God Hallelujah.**

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## **Announcements**

**May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Fifth Sunday of Easter.**

**Reader for this week: Eunice**

**Reader for next week: Brenda**

**Greeter this week: Frank and Audrey**

**Greeter next week: Jo Ann Goddard**

**Tellers this week: Susan and Lori**

**Tellers next week: Shirley and Wendy**

**A/V this week: Al**

**A/V next week: Lloyd**

### **Sunday**

9:30 Coffee Time via Zoom

10:00 Sunday Service

1:30 Kiwanis Nursing home service

### **Wednesday**

6:00 Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday**

6:00 Kiwanis Sue and Bob



**Next Sunday** 9:30 Coffee Time via Zoom

10:00 Sunday Service in sanctuary  
via Facebook and Zoom

Coffee and fellowship after the service.

**Do you have a hand?** Trace it out on coloured paper and put your name and a couple of tidbits about you inside the hand and return it to the office or drop it off when coming in to Sunday service. Paper is available at the church if you need some.

**The Plant sale will be coming soon.** Start preparing your perennials for dividing and potting then bring them to us the last week of May for the plant sale on May 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Women of the bible** Do you have a favourite woman of the Bible? Write her name on the white board. This summer we will be talking about the incredible women of the bible.

**Grad Sunday June 15.** Please let us know if you have a family member graduating from high school, college or university. Let Lisa know or sign the sheet in the Narthex.

**Good News and Caring Corner:** If you have some good news you want shared with the congregation, let us know and we'll pass it on. If there is someone you think should have a card from the caring corner for whatever reason, please see the attendant in the corner, or call the office.

**Offering Envelopes** are available at the office or on the table in the entryway. If you are using them

for the first time, be sure to have your name and address on the first one so we can get you your tax receipt at the end of the year.

**Grocery Cards:** It's an easy fundraiser as we all buy groceries so why not do it via grocery cards as it results in income for the church. We will be available (as we are able) before and after church for you to purchase cards. As well, cards are available for purchase in the office during regular business hours.

**Contact information: Please keep your contact information and addresses updated so we can get information out to you. An inaccurate address may lead to delays for tax receipts. Thanks.**

A reminder that you may be on our video presentation as we are broadcasting our services on Facebook.

Join in or listen to any of the Zoom calls via Internet using the link:  
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[pwd=7lAYtPHcGTE](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/179750852?pwd=7lAYtPHcGTE)

If you know of anyone needing help, please contact the office or Rev. Jenn Brown