

BULLETIN – May 9, 2021
Sunday of Easter

Lighting of the Candle

Acknowledgement of land:

We acknowledge that we are gathered on ancestral lands, on Treaty One Territory. These lands are the heartland of the Métis people. We acknowledge that our water is sourced from Shoal Lake 40 First Nation. We respect the Treaties that were made on these territories, we acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past, and we dedicate ourselves to move forward in partnership with Indigenous communities in a spirit of reconciliation and collaboration.

We acknowledge BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Colour) Lives Matter.

Gathering Together in Singing:

MV 145 Draw the circle wide

Refrain: *Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.*

*Let this be our song, no one stands alone,
Standing side by side, draw the circle wide.*

God the still-point of the circle,
'round whom all creation turns;
Nothing lost, but held forever,
in God's gracious arms. **R**

Let our hearts touch far horizons,
so encompass great and small;
Let our loving know no borders,
faithful to God's call. **R**

Let the dreams we dream be larger,
than we've ever dreamed before,
Let the dream of Christ be in us,
open every door. **R**



VU 624 Give to us laughter

1. Give to us laughter, O Source of our life.
Laughter can banish so much of our strife.
Laughter and love give us wholeness and health.
Laughter and love are the coin of true wealth.

2. Give to us laughter as sign of deep joy,
let us in laughing find Christian employ,
joining with stars and with bright northern lights,
laughing and praising and sharing delight.

3. Why do we worry that we will lose face?
Why act like king for the whole human race?
Often in family, and often with friend,
laughing at pride causes anguish to end.

4. Even in sorrow and hours of grief,
laughter with tears brings most healing relief.
God, give us laughter, and God, give us peace,
joys of your presence among us increase.

Welcome and Community News

Singing: MV 196 - We will take what you offer

We will take what you offer, we will live by your word;
We will love one another and be fed by you, Lord.
We will take what you offer, we will live by your word;
We will love one another and be fed by you Lord.

Opening Prayer

Singing: VU 664 - What a friend we have in Jesus

1. What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we do forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

2. Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged, take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness, take it to the Lord in prayer.

3. Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Christ the Saviour is our refuge, take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do our friends despise, for sake us? Are we tempted to despair?
Jesus' strength will shield our weakness, and we'll find new courage there.

Sharing of Peace

Children's Time – Friendship Bracelets

Lord's Prayer (all languages welcome and spoken)

English

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.)

Nepali

हे हाम्रा पिता, जो स्वर्गमा हुनुहुन्छ,
तपाईंको नाउँ पवित्र होस्।
तपाईंको राज्य आओस्।
तपाईंको इच्छा स्वर्गमा जस्तो छ,
त्यस्तै यस पृथ्वीमा पूरा होस्।
हामीलाई आज हाम्रो दैनिक भोजन दिनुहोस्।
हाम्रा अपराधहरू क्षमा गर्नुहोस्,
जसरी हामीले आफ्ना अपराधीहरूलाई क्षमा गरेका छौं।
हामीलाई परीक्षामा पर्न नदिनुहोस्,
तर दुष्टबाट छुटाउनुहोस्
किनभने राज्य, पराक्रम र महिमा
सदासर्वदा तपाईंकै हुन्, आमेन।'

Scripture Reading: John 15: 9-17

Singing: MV 108 - I know your word (english, french, spanish)

I know your Word, your Word is a lamp to my feet, O God [x2]
I know your Word is a lamp, O God, to light my path forever [x2]

Oui Ta Pa-role est une Lu-mière pour mes pas, Ô Dieu (2x)
Oui elle est u-ne Lu- mière, Ô Dieu, u-ne Lu-mière pour mes pas. (2x)

Es tu Palabra, lámpara para mis pies, Señor. [x2]
Lámpara para mis pies y luz, luz para mi camino [x2]

Reflection: Abide, Love, Joy Commandment, Friends

Offering:

The ministry and mission of Knox continues, even when the building is closed. God's love and concern for those who are struggling is shared. You make it possible to carry this message to everyone. If you normally give when you are in worship, we encourage you to continue your regular donations through Canada Helps. The link is here: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/107576134RR0001-knox-united-church/> All donations made will be forwarded to Knox Winnipeg. Or, if you have envelopes, you could put your offering in an envelope each Sunday and bring them with you when we get back to in person worship. Thank you for your generosity in these times of trouble.

Offertory Prayer

Singing: MV 40 - Never ending joy

Refrain

Never ending joy (x3)

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1. God of every tribe, every language, God of every river and sea,
God of every mountain and island, you bring joy to me.

2. God of every hill, every valley, God of every leaf, every tree,
God of every cloud, every raindrop, you bring joy to me.

3. God of every song, every story, God of every captive set free,
God of every dance, every footstep, you bring joy to me.

Community Prayer

Singing: MV 223 - We will go with God

Xhosa

Si zo-ham-ba na-ye! Ho, ho, ho! Si zo-ham-ba na-ye! Ye!
Ngo-mhla we-nja-bu-lo si-zo-ha-mba na-ye. (x2)

We will go with God! Ho, ho, ho!

We will go with God! God!

On this day of great joy we will go with God. (x2)

This day, oh!

Blessing

Singing: MV214. May God's sheltering wings.

May God's sheltering wings,
her gathering wings protect you.
May God's nurturing arms,
her cradling arms sustain you,
and hold you in her love,
and hold you in her love.

** Prayers from "Prayers to Share" by David Sparks