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Peaceable Kingdom: Oil on Canvas, painted about 1835 by  
Edward Hicks of Attleborough, Pennsylvania.

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LLAKE OF BAYS PASTORAL CHARGE  
Knox, Dorset – 9:00 a.m.  
Stewart Memorial, Dwight – 10:15 a.m.  
Pioneer, Hillside– 11:30 a.m.

## **Sunday Worship, November 12 ,2023**

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WE GATHER

### **Welcome, Life and Work of the Church Lighting of the Christ Candle Acknowledgement of the Land**

As we begin our worship we remember that the land on which we stand has been cared for lovingly by many generations of Indigenous peoples for whom it is their traditional territory. We owe them a debt of gratitude as they teach us about living with respect for Creation, knowing it is not ours, but God's. We seek to live in right relations with all God's children on this land.

### **Call to Worship:**

Ever-present God,  
this day enfolds us and surrounds us:  
**be in our speaking and in our thinking;**  
be in our life and on our lips;  
**be in our hearts and in our souls,**  
**today and forever. Amen.**

**Hymn: Praise My Soul the God of Heaven VU#240**

- 1 Praise, my soul, the God of heaven,  
glad of heart your carols raise;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
who, like me, should sing God's praise.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Praise the Maker all your days!
- 2 Praise God for the grace and favour  
shown our forebears in distress;  
God is still the same forever,  
slow to chide and swift to bless.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Sing our Maker's faithfulness!
- 3 Like a loving parent caring,  
God knows well our feeble frame;  
gladly all our burdens bearing,  
still to countless years the same.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
All within me, praise God's name!
- 4 Frail as summer's flower we flourish;  
blows the wind and it is gone;  
but, while mortals rise and perish,  
God endures unchanging on.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Praise the high eternal one.
- 5 Angels, teach us adoration,  
you behold God face to face;  
sun and moon and all creation,  
dwellers all in time and space.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Praise with us the God of grace!

**Prayer of Approach (unison)**

Give each one a candle of the Spirit, O God,  
as we go down into the depths of our being.

Show us the hidden things,  
the creatures of our dreams,  
the storehouse of forgotten memories and hurts.

Take us down to the wellspring of each life  
and tell us our nature and our name.

Give us freedom to grow, so that we may become the selves — the seeds of which you planted in us  
at our birth.

Out of our depths we cry to you, O God.

## Silent Prayer of confession led by Singing Bowl

### Assurance of Pardon

We are loved. We are forgiven.

Let us open ourselves to receiving that love and that forgiveness.

Let us open ourselves, like Jesus, to become co-creators with God.

WE LISTEN

**Scripture:** Isaiah 11:6–9 God's Dream

**Gradual Hymn:** O Ancient Love VU#17

**O ancient love, processing through the ages;  
O hidden love, revealed in human form;  
O promised love, the dream of seers and sages:**

**R. O living Love, within our hearts be born,  
O living Love, within our hearts be borne.**

**2 O homeless love, that dwells among the stranger;  
O lowly love, that knows the mighty's scorn;  
O hungry love, that lay within a manger: R**

**3 O gentle love, caressing those in sorrow;  
O tender love, that comforts those forlorn;  
O hopeful love, that promises tomorrow: R**

**4 O suffering love, that bears our human weakness;  
O boundless love, that rises with the morn;  
O mighty love, concealed in infant meekness: R**

Reflection: Jesus and God's Dream

At the centre of our life as the church is a dream that is God's Dream dream of a world transformed, a world where the seemingly impossible can happen—the kind of thing that is represented by the writings of Isaiah and the artistry of the Quaker artist and preacher—Edward Hicks, which you see on our bulletin cover today. It was Jesus' dream too. It is a vision that we hold at the centre of our life—we know that death is not the end and we strive to be a community of justice and peace and wholeness—between us, within the church and in the world beyond us of which we are a part. In fact, our whole purpose of being here is to be a blessing to the world—the entire creation—all of our kin. That is our purpose and it is our purpose as followers of Jesus. We are the ones who with Jesus, dream God's dream and try to live out of it.

May it be so.

WE RESPOND

**OFFERING INVITATION:**

**DOXOLOGY VU 540**

Grant us, God, the grace of giving,  
with a spirit large and free,  
that ourselves and all our living  
we may offer faithfully.

**DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER (PARAPHRASE) VU# 916**

**CLOSING HYMN: Let All Thing Now Living VU#242**

- 1 Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
to God our Creator triumphantly raise;  
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
by guiding us on to the end of our days.  
God's banners are o'er us, pure light goes before us,  
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night;  
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,  
as forward we travel from light into Light.
  
- 2 By law God enforces, the stars in their courses  
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;  
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,  
the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.  
We, too, should be voicing our love & rejoicing;  
with glad adoration a song let us raise:  
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving,  
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise.

**COMMISSIONING and BLESSING**

Children of God, go from this place with God's blessing  
May the Christ who walks on wounded feet  
Walk with you on the road  
May the Christ who serves with wounded hands  
Stretch out your hands to serve  
May the Christ who loves with a wounded heart  
Open your hearts to love  
May you see the face of Christ in everyone you meet  
And may everyone you meet  
See the face of Christ in you.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SEASON OF EMERGENCE

- Nov 12      **Deadline for Cookie Drop TODAY**
- Nov 15      **Cookie labelling and packaging day 1 pm**  
**Pioneer Hall**
- Nov 16      **Sacred Circle Dance @ Pioneer 6:30-8 p.m.**
- Nov 18:      **Christmas Market Bake Sale 10am-2pm.**  
**Lake of Bays Garden Centre**
- Nov 22      **Leadership Team Christmas Card Blitz 12 noon**
- Nov 26      **Reign of Christ Communion**
- Nov 27      **Rev Meg away until Dec 3rd.**
- Dec 24      **Joint service @ Stewart Memorial 10:30 a.m.**  
**Knox United: 5 p.m**  
**Pioneer Memorial 7 p.m.**
- Dec 31      **New Year's Eve joint service Pioneer 10:30am**  
**This will be a unique service focused upon**  
**entering the New Year via walking the path of**  
**a Labyrinth**

#### **Ongoing Stewardship:**

**There are several different options for you to gift your offering to Lake of Bays Pastoral Charge.**

- 1. In person and on the plate. (Each congregation has a different practice around this but you can't miss it!)**
- 2. Via PAR (preauthorized remittance). Then you don't have to think about it again. Money is withdrawn monthly**
- 3. By e-transfer. The email address for donations via e-transfer is [lobunitedchurches@gmail.com](mailto:lobunitedchurches@gmail.com) In the subject line/comment please identify to which of the Churches you wish to donate, Pioneer in Hillside, Stewart in Dwight or Knox in Dorset.**
- 4. By cheque: If you send a cheque, please make it out to Lake of Bays Pastoral Charge and mail it to: LOB United Churches,**