



LAKE OF BAYS PASTORAL CHARGE

Pioneer, Hillside – 9 a.m.
Knox United, Dorset 11:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship on April 23, 2023
Third Sunday of Easter

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WE GATHER

Welcome
Family Life and Work
Family Celebrations
Lighting of the Christ Candle
Acknowledgement of the Land

Introit: Lord Listen to Your Children Praying

VU#400

**Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us power, send us grace!**

Call to Worship:

One: In this time of worship and throughout our lives, we call on God. when we search for the power to act justly,

All: **let us do so in the name of Jesus of Nazareth.**

One: In situations when we long to speak with words of power

All: **let us do so in the name of Jesus of Nazareth.**

One: When it is easier to hate, and we desperately need the power to love,

All: **let us do so in the name of Jesus of Nazareth.**

One: When God gives us the power to act, the power to speak, and the power to love.

All: **In all we do and all we say, let us do so in the name of Jesus of Nazareth.**

One: Come, let us worship God.

Opening Hymn: As Comes the Breath of Spring

VU 373

https://youtu.be/Tqj_ydTawrM

**As comes the breath of spring
with light and mirth and song,
so does your Spirit bring
new days brave, free, and strong.**

**You come with thrill of life
to chase hence winter's breath,
to hush to peace the strife
of sin that ends in death.**

**2 You come like dawning day
with flaming truth and love,
to chase all glooms away,
to brace our wills to prove
how wise, how good to choose
the truth and its brave fight,
to prize it, win or lose,
and live on your delight.**

**3 You come like songs at morn
that fill the earth with joy,
till we, in Christ newborn,
new strength in praise employ.
You come to rouse the heart
from drifting to despair,
through high hopes to impart
life with an ampler air.**

**4 You breathe and there is health;
you move and there is power;
you whisper, there is wealth
of love, your richest dower.
Your presence is to us
like summer in the soul;
your joy shines forth and then
life blossoms to its goal.**

Prayer of Approach (unison)

**Come Holy Spirit,
Enliven us this day.
Come into each heart, each prayer,
each song, each life,
so that we may live and love
with purpose,
with courage,
and with enthusiasm,
serving the world you love with all our hearts
in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen**

WE LISTEN

Scripture Reading: Selected texts from Psalm 104

Hymn: Called by Earth and Sky
<https://youtu.be/LHP8bkt0CHK>

MV 135

**Called by earth and sky, promise of hope held high
This is our sacred living trust, treasure of Life, sanctified Called by earth and sky**

1. **Precious these waters endless seas, deep ocean's dream**
2. **Waters of healing, rivers of rain The wash of love again**

**2. Precious this gift the air we breathe, wind born and free
Breath of the Spirit blown through this place Our gathering and our grace**

**3. Precious these mountains ancient sands, vast fragile land
Seeds of our waking rooted and strong Creation's faithful song**

**4. Precious the fire that lights the way, bright dawning day
Fire of passion sorrows undone Our faith and justice one**

Sermon: A Call to Deep Listening: Grandad's Prayers of the Earth

WE RESPOND

Call for Offering

Offertory Hymn "We Give You But Your Own" VU# 542

Prayer of Dedication

Kairos Earth Day Prayers of the People

Paraphrase of the Lord's Prayer VU p. 916

Closing Hymn: God of the Bible MV #28 <https://youtu.be/e91q-15fu44>

God of the Bible, God in the Gospel,
hope seen in Jesus, hope yet to come,
you are our center, daylight or darkness,
freedom or prison, you are our home.

***Refrain: Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change. 2X***

•God in our struggles, God in our hunger,
suffering with us, taking our part,
still you empower us, mothering Spirit,
feeding, sustaining, from your own heart. **R.**

Those without status, those who are nothing,
you have made royal, gifted with rights,
chosen as partners, midwives of justice,
birthing new systems, lighting new lights. **R.**

Not by your finger, not by your anger,
will our world order change in a day,
but by your people, fearless and faithful,
small paper lanterns, lighting the way. **R.**

Hope we must carry, shining and certain,
through all our turmoil, terror and loss,
bonding us gladly, one to the other,
till our world changes, facing the Cross. **R.**

Commissioning and Benediction.

May the love of the Holy One enfold you
May the labour of the Birthing One deliver you
May the wisdom of the Wild One Sustain you
And May the peace of the All in One Sustain you Bless you
And guide you home. Amen

Announcements

April 16—April 23 Earth Week

Together for Love of Creation

9 am @ Pioneer Memorial

11:30 @ Knox United in Dorset

Earth day picnic pot luck at Busses

April 29 Dwight Lions Cancer Dinner

5:00-7:00 \$25

Roast Beef and Homemade Pies

Dwight Community Centre

April 30 5th Sunday of the month

Joint service and Annual Meeting

10:30 a.m. Stewart Memorial

Barbeque luncheon

May 3 LOB Zoom Coffee and Conversation

May 7 Regular LOB circuit schedule begins

May 10: Zoom Meeting for whole charge.

“ Flourishing Together “

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Ongoing Stewardship Options:

- 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). Money is withdrawn monthly from your bank account.**
- 3. By e-transfer. The email address for donations via e-transfer is 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, P.O. Box 196, Dwight, ON, P0A 1H0, specifying for which church the donation is intended. Thank you.**