



LAKE OF BAYS PASTORAL CHARGE

Knox United, Dorset —9 am
Stewart Memorial, Dwight 10:15am
Pioneer, Hillside – 11:30am.

Sunday Worship on May 12, 2024 Mother's Day Seventh Sunday of Easter

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WE GATHER

Welcome

Family Life and Work and Celebrations

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Acknowledgement of the Land

Call to Worship

We gather together to worship God.

As beloved children we abide in God's love.

We worship with glad hearts, eager to love and serve.

We abide in the joy of God's mothering love. AMEN

Opening Hymn: O Ancient Love VU# 17

1. O ancient love, processing through the ages:
 O hidden love, revealed in human form:
O promised love, the dream of seers and sages:
 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:
 O living Love, within our hearts be born,
 O living Love, within our hearts be borne.

3. O gentle love, caressing those in sorrow:
 O tender love, that comforts those forlorn:
 O hopeful love, that promises tomorrow:
 O living Love, within our hearts be born,
 O living Love, within our hearts be borne.

4. O suffering love, that bears our human weakness:
 O boundless love, that rises with the morn:
 O mighty love, concealed in infant meekness:
 O living Love, within our hearts be born,
 O living Love, within our hearts be borne.

Prayer of Approach (unison)

Mighty and tender God

Voice of the voiceless
Power of the powerless
Mother of all

We praise you for your desire for
of a community of wholeness
A realm of peace

Where all who hunger and thirst are nourished.
Guide us by your truth and love
Until we and all your people
Become joyous participants with you
In bringing about
Your reign of justice and compassion
Amen

Teytey Malkutah: The Aramaic Lord's Prayer

WE LISTEN

The Story of Philomena by Meg Jordan. Illustrated by Jaime Capell

Based on John 12:24 "...unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds."

Hymn: I Feel God Around Me

Like a big hug, I feel God,
like a big hug, I feel God.
Like a big hug, I feel God,
I feel God around me.

Under my feet, I feel God,
under my feet, I feel God.
Under my feet, I feel God,
I feel God around me.

Over my head, I feel God,
over my head, I feel God.
Over my head, I feel God,
I feel God around me.

Deep in my bones, I feel God,
deep in my bones, I feel God.
Deep in my bones, I feel God,
I feel God around me.

**Reflection: Womb Stories for all of us on Mother's Day:
Giving Birth and Being Born (a work in progress)**

WE RESPOND

Call for Offering

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

**We give you but your own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is yours alone,
we give it gratefully. Amen**

Prayers of the People: Mother and God VU#280

Mother and God to you we sing:
wide is your womb, warm is your wing.
In you we live, move and are fed
sweet flowing milk, life giving bread.
Mother and God, to you we bring
all broken hearts, all broken wings.

Video: Prayer of the Mothers: Israeli and Palestinian women together.sing and march together for peace. <https://youtu.be/damjgHKsaxg?si=xl8DvIH8wrrlgllk>

Closing Hymn: Deep in Our Hearts MV#154

Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;
Deep in our hearts there is a common song;
Deep in our hearts there is a common story,
telling Creation that we are one.

Deep in our hearts there is a common purpose;
Deep in our hearts there is a common goal;
Deep in our hearts there is a sacred message,
justice and peace in harmony.

Deep in our hearts there is a common longing;
Deep in our hearts there is a common theme;
Deep in our hearts there is a common current,
flowing to freedom like a stream.

Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;
Deep in our hearts there is a common song;
Deep in our hearts there is a common story,
telling Creation that we are one.

Commissioning and Benediction:

**Peace be with you.
Shalom/Saalam!!**

For your Calendars

May 12 TODAY: Mother's Day. LOB circuit is back!!
May 15 & 18 Dot the T's production OLD LOVE by Norm Foster. @ 2p.m.
May 16 & 17 OLD LOVE @ 7p.m. \$40 per ticket
May 16 Online Healing Prayer Ministry 6:30-8p.m.
May 19 Pentecost: Celebration of the wind and fire of the Holy Spirit
 Communion at all 3 churches
May 23 Circle Dance -Pioneer Hall 6:30-8p.m.
May 26 Trinity Sunday—The Mystery we call God
June 2-June 30 Rev Meg's holiday— holy time for rest

Schedule of Guest ministers TBA

- July 7th** Summer Sermon Series: Earth Connections
"What a Wildly Wonderful World" Psalm 104, The Message
- August 4:** Shared Summer Service @ Seabreeze Church
- August 12-19. CAMP AWESOME: Bees for Peace @Pioneer**

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