

WE GATHER

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

Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: We gather today in the name of the Holy One.
We come into the presence of the Spirit of Life.
We come seeking to be God's faithful community.

**All: We are co-creators with Christ.
We come to worship God together.
We come, open to the Spirit working within us**

Opening Hymn: "God of the Bible" MV#28

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

Refrain: (repeat 2 times)

Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.

God in our struggles, God in our hunger,
suffering with us, taking our part,
still you empow'r 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.

Shirley Erena Murray, 1995

Prayer of Approach: (unison)

Prayer of Approach (together)

Wondrous God:

you touch our lives with healing and with justice;
new life is your gift.

We praise you for the Good News
which is ours through Jesus Christ.

May this time of worship nourish us
with your promise of meaning and purpose.

May we be empowered to carry your goodness
into the coming week.

We pray in the name of Jesus, our Wisdom and our Way.

The Aramaic Lord's Prayer.

WE LISTEN

Scripture: Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church

Response: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: God of Life, in Christ You Lead Us VU#528

- 1 God of life, in Christ you lead us,
guiding us along the way.
In our past, through joys and sorrows,
you have been our strength and stay.
Keep us faithful, true disciples,
in our learning and our praise,
celebrating past and present, consecrating future days.
- 2 God of words and Word Incarnate,
words that challenge and embrace,
grant us boldness in our speaking,
while we know your loving grace.
Give us words both clear and winsome,
loving hearts and listening ears,
celebrating past and present, consecrating future years.
- 3 God of music, psalms and anthems,
help us sing your faith anew:
melodies expanding worship,

harmonies enriching too.

May our lives be hymns in action,
tuned to Christ in note and rhyme, (cont)

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celebrating past and present, consecrating future time.

- 4 God of days and years and eons,
still you call as in the past.
Work undone demands our labour;
justice yearns for peace at last.
Yours the vision and the challenge;
ours the mission and the praise,
celebrating past and present, consecrating future days.

Sermon: Ancestral connections

The lectionary today give us this text about Moses and since we are in the lectionary year that focuses on Matthew's gospel we are reminded of how Matthew presents Jesus as a new Moses. I will be speaking today about the common ancestry we have through Moses with Moslems and Jews, how interconnected and dysfunctional we are as an earth family and how much we desperately need healing. That's it. For Earth's sake, we need to do this now and everywhere.

I'll try to craft my words and make it short but most of all, I pray that we will all be moved to reach across the barriers of hatred and prejudice in our lives with compassion and forgiveness. May it be so. Amen.

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: https://youtu.be/GDPcmMKcM_A?si=2qCNU8AJoyZ1LiI

CLOSING HYMN: One More Step Along the World I go VU#639

- 1 One more step along the world I go,
one more step along the world I go,
from the old things to the new,
keep me travelling along with you:
R. And it's from the old I travel to the new;

keep me travelling along with you.

- 2 Round the corner of the world I turn,
more and more about the world I learn;
all the new things that I see
you'll be looking at along with me: R
- 3 As I travel through the bad and good,
keep me travelling the way I should;
where I see no way to go
you'll be telling me the way, I know: R
- 4 Give me courage when the world is rough,
keep me loving though the world is tough,
leap and sing in all I do,
keep me travelling along with you: R
- 5 You are older than the world can be,
you are younger than the life in me,
ever old and ever new,
keep me travelling along with you: R

BLESSING: May the grace of God,
deeper than our imagination;
the strength of Christ,
stronger than our need;
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
richer than our expectations;
guide and sustain us today
and in all our tomorrows.
Amen

SEASON OF EMERGENCE

- Nov 1 **Cookie Fancy Baking Day 1 pm Pioneer**
- Nov 4 Dwight Remembrance Ceremony 2:00 pm.
- Nov 5 LOB Remembrance Day services
- Nov 11 Dorset Remembrance Ceremony. 10:45 am.
Pavillion with Refreshments at Knox United
- Nov 12 **Deadline for Cookie Drop off at each church**
NOTE: All cookies must be made with REAL BUTTER!!
- Nov 15 **Cookie labelling and packaging day 1pm**
- 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 Services**
- Nov 27 **Rev Meg away until Dec 3rd.**
- Dec 24 **Joint service @Stewart 10:30 a.m.**

Knox: 5 p.m and Pioneer 7 p.m.
Dec 31 New Year's Eve joint service Pioneer 10:30am

Stewardship is participation in God's Work.

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**Sunday Worship, October 29, 2023
LAKE OF BAYS PASTORAL CHARGE
Joint Service
Stewart Memorial, Dwight – 10:30 a.m.**

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