



LAKE OF BAYS PASTORAL CHARGE

Knox United Church, Dorset, 9:00 a.m.

Stewart Memorial, Dwight 10:15 a.m.

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Pentecost Communion, 2024

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WE GATHER

Welcome

Family Life and Work

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Acknowledgement of the Land

Opening Prayer

Holy Spirit,

You are as constant as our breath;

Living water for our thirsty souls.

You come as word and wind and flames of fire,

fanning into life the gifts and abilities of your Creation.

**Unite us through your boundless care
that includes others,
celebrates differences,
Disturbs injustices
and brings wholeness and peace to the world you love. Amen**

Opening Hymn: Morning has Broken VU#409

- 1 Morning has broken like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!
- 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.
- 3 Ours is the sunlight! Ours is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

Prayer of Approach

**Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain Bearer, Life-Giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be.
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope
and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For You reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.**

WE LISTEN

Scripture Reading: **Psalm 104: 24-35**

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church

All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: Spirit Dancing VU# 388

Spirit dancing on the waters,
Sun reflecting song of grace
Calling life to all the creatures,
Giving life to human race.

Spirit dancing on the waters,
Naming moment they should part,
Giving freedom to the peoples,
Signed for all in dancer's art.

Spirit dancing on the waters,
Give your people their new birth,
Healing, loving one another
In community with earth.

Spirit dancing on the waters,
We would come and dance with you
'til our world is filled with music
And in Christ all things are new.

Sermon: Our Spirit Filled World.

Inspired by the following poem by Rev Malcolm Guite

PENTECOST

Today we feel the wind beneath our wings
Today the hidden fountain flows and plays
Today the church draws breath at last and sings
As every flame becomes a tongue of praise.

This is the feast of fire, air, and water
Poured out and breathed and kindled into earth.

The earth herself awakens to her maker
And is translated out of death to birth.
The right words come today in their right order
And every word spells freedom and release
Today the gospel crosses every border
All tongues are loosened by the Prince of Peace

Today the lost are found in His translation.
Whose mother-tongue is Love, in every nation.

WE RESPOND

Call for Offering

Offertory: Grant us God the grace of giving #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 Offering

Celebration of Communion

Presider: The Spirit is with you.

All: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift our hearts to God.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the one in whom we live, and move and have our being

All: It is good and right to give God thanks.

Statement of Faith: A New Creed VU p.918

We are not alone,
we live in God's world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new
who works in us and others by the Spirit

We trust in God

We are called
To be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in creation
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus,
crucified and risen,

our judge and our hope.

In life, in death,
in life beyond death,
God is with us,
we are not alone.
Thanks be to God,

Closing Hymn: May the God of Hope VU#424

- 1 May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace,
singing, share our joy with all,
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.

- 2 May the God of healing free the earth from fear,
freeing us for peace, both treasured and pursued.
May the God of love keep our commitment clear
to a world restored, to human life renewed.

Commissioning and Blessing

As we return to our lives
May we be filled with God's Spirit
May we receive the abundant blessings of God
—the Fully Shared Life at the heart of the Universe
Amen

FOR YOUR CALENDARS

May 23 Circle Dance Pioneer Hall. 6:30 to 8 p.m.

May 26 Trinity Sunday—a celebration of Holy Mystery

May 27- June 30

Rev Meg will be away for combined Study Leave and Holiday with a focus on identifying some of the biblical mistranslations of Jesus' words that have caused many of the problems we experience in our world today. She will be studying "The Way of the Aramaic Jesus" with Middle Eastern Scholar, Dr. Neil Douglas Klotz.

June 2 Guest Minister: Rev. Jane Haapiseva

June 9 Guest Minister: Rev. Nina Fulford

June 16 Guest Minister: Rev. Jane Haapiseva

June 23 Guest Speaker: Dr Karen Mock

June 30 Guest Minister: Ms Lorna Bywater
July 7 Rev Meg returns for the summer.
Aug 12-16 CAMP AWESOME "Bees for Peace" at Pioneer led by Rev Meg and Judy Bath.
Registration deadline: May 31 Details on website

Note: For pastoral care emergencies when Rev Meg is away, please contact our Voluntary Associate Minister, Rev. Donna Bowman-Woodall at. 705-571-1992.

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