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WE GATHER

Welcome

Family Life and Work

Family Celebrations

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Acknowledgement of the Land

Call to Worship:

God has given us this beautiful earth,
all that grows and all that lives upon it.

Thanks be to God.

God has given us breath to live and spirit to sing.

Thanks be to God.

God has gathered us into a community of care and worship.

Let us worship God with love, thanksgiving, and praise.

Opening Hymn: Morning has Broken VU#409

Prayer of Approach (unison)

Loving God, Holy Mystery

You are the One whom we seek together

You are the Life which is part of each one

You are Truth and Holy Mystery

You are the Love and the Joy that makes us whole. Amen

Paraphrase of the Lord's Prayer VU p. 916

WE LISTEN

Scripture Reading: **Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31**

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church

All Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: God Who Gives to Life Its Goodness VU#260

Sermon: A Holy Mystery

A written sermon is still in progress. It will reflect upon what the United Church in it's wisdom has said about the Holy Trinity in what is called A Song of Faith.

As stated in the introduction this is not a statement for all time but for our time. In as much as the Spirit keeps faith with us, we can express our understanding of the Holy with confidence. And in as much as the Spirit is vast and wild, we recognize that our understanding of the Holy is always partial and limited. Nonetheless we have faith, and this statement collects the meaning of our song.

God is Holy Mystery,
beyond complete knowledge,
above perfect description.

Yet, in love, the one eternal God seeks relationship.

So God creates the universe
and with it the possibility of being and relating.
God tends the universe,
mending the broken and reconciling the estranged.
God enlivens the universe,
guiding all things toward harmony with their Source.

Grateful for God's loving action,
We cannot keep from singing.

With the Church through the ages,
we speak of God as one and triune:
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
We also speak of God as
Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer

God, Christ, and Spirit
Mother, Friend, and Comforter
Source of Life, Living Word, and Bond of Love,
and in other ways that speak faithfully of
the One on whom our hearts rely,
the fully shared life at the heart of the universe.

We witness to Holy Mystery that is Wholly Love.

Statement of Faith: A New Creed VU p.918

WE RESPOND

Call for Offering

Offertory: Grant us God the grace of giving #540

Prayers of the People led by Singing Bowl

Closing Hymn: Spirit Dancing VU#

Traditional Irish blessing:

"You Do Not Walk Alone"

Original music by Elaine Hagenberg

**May you see God's light on the path ahead
when the road you walk is dark.**

**May you always hear
even in your hour of sorrow
the gentle singing of the lark.**

**When times are hard
may hardness never turn your heart to stone.
May you always remember when the shadows fall—
You do not walk alone.**

FOR YOUR CALENDARS

Jun 11- July 9 Rev Meg will be away for combined Study Leave and Holiday with a focus on Celtic Spirituality under the guidance of John Phillip Newell, "Sacred Earth, Sacred Soul: Celtic Wisdom for Reawakening to What Our Souls Know and Healing the World. Also Justin Couotts of "In Search of a New Eden" centred on Manitoulin Island.

June 11	Guest Minister: Rev. Donna Bowman Woodall
June 18	Guest Minister: Rev. Nina Fulford
June 25	Guest Mnister: Rev Donna Bowman Woodall
July 2	Guest Minister: Pat Edmonds
July 9	OPEN HOUSE at each church
July 16	Rev Meg back

July 30 5th Sunday Joint Communion at Seabreeze

Church

Aug 8-11 CAMP AWESOME at Pioneer led by Rev Meg

More on Facebook and Website

Community

and Judy Bath.

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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Pioneer Memorial Church, Hillside, 9:00 a.m.

Stewart Memorial, Dwight 10:15 a.m.

Knox United Church, Dorset 11:30 a.m.

Trinity Sunday, June 4, 2023

First Sunday of Season After Pentecost

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