

Trinity United Church: Collingwood

May 24, 2020

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Jesus Christ is Risen!!!

Welcome to Trinity United Church. We strive to be a safe community for all; regardless of race, creed, age, cultural background, religious affiliation or sexual orientation. We are all invited guests of God.

We acknowledge that for many thousands of years the indigenous people of Turtle Island walked on this land. We are thankful to share in the special spirit of this place, rich in the energy of Mother Earth and the love of all Creation.

Lighting Christ Candle

Hymn 374 Verse 1

*Come and find the quiet centre in the crowded life we lead,
Find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:
Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes that we can see
All the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.*

Worship Theme: Ascension

Hymn 1 Let Us Build a House (from More Voices)

*Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions.
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.*

*Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus.
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.*

*Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us.
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.*

*Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.*

*Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger.
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

*Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter.
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

Lord's Prayer (by Bruce Sanguin)

Loving presence, luminous in all creation; hallowed be your name. Your kin-dom come. May we reflect on earth the yielding perfection of the heavens. Help us to receive what we need this day; forgive us when we trespass against others, human and other-kind. Give us the hearts to forgive others who wrong us. Keep us on in the pursuit of wisdom especially when are tempted to take the selfish and easier path. May it be your rule we follow, your power and grace we exercise. May this be the truth that guides us and the ground from which our future will grow in your glory. AMEN

Hymn 187 The Spring Has Come

The spring has come, let all the church be part of it!

The world has changed and God is at the heart of it!

*New light, new day, new colour after winter grey.
New light, new day, the spring has come,
Let all the church be part of it.*

*The sun is warm, let all God's children play in it!
The world expands, let's spread the Gospel way in it!*

New leaf, new thrust, new greening for the love of Christ.

*New leaf, new thrust, the sun is warm,
Let all God's children play in it.*

The spring has come, new people are the flowers of it.

Through wind and rain, new life is in the showers of it.

New bud, new shoot, new hope will bear the Spirit's fruit.

*New bud, new shoot, the spring has come
New people are the flowers of it.*

Psalm 68 (ancient near eastern imagery)

Hymn 296 This is God's Wondrous World

*This is God's wondrous world, and to my listening ears,
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is God's wondrous world; I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,
God's hand the wonders wrought.*

*This is God's wondrous world: the birds their carols raise;
The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise. This is God's wondrous world: God shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass or mountain pass,
God's voice speaks everywhere.*

*This is God's wondrous world: O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong. God is the ruler yet.
This is God's wondrous world: why should my heart be sad?
Let voices sing, let the heavens ring:
God reigns, let earth be glad.*

Gospel: Luke 24: 44- 53 (Ascension of Jesus)
Acts 1: 6-14 (the disciples after Ascension)

Soloist Maryellen Burgess
“Brother James Air”

Sermon Rev. Brian Goodings “Air-born”

Pastoral and Lord's Prayer
Invitation and Acknowledgement of Offerings
Prayer of Dedication

Hymn 30 It's a Song of Praise to the Maker
(from More Voices)
*It's a song of praise to the Maker, the thrush sings high in the tree.
It's a song of praise to the Maker, the gray whale sings in the sea,
And by the Spirit you and I can join our voice to the holy cry and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.*

*It's a call of life to the Giver when waves and waterfalls roar.
It's a call of life to the Giver when high tides break on the shore,
And by the Spirit you and I can join our voice to the holy cry and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.*

*It's a hymn of love to the Lover; the bumblebees hum along.
It's a hymn of love to the Lover, the summer breeze joins the song,
And by the Spirit you and I can join our voice to the holy cry and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.*

*It's the chorus of all creation; it's sung by all living things.
It's the chorus of all creation; a song the universe sings,
And by the Spirit you and I can join our voice to the holy cry and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.*

Commissioning and Benediction

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.

God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.

*Know *God will guide you in all you do.*

Go now in love, and show you believe.

Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there watching from above.

Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. AMEN

May the Peace of Christ be with you;

(*original is He)

Postlude