

KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BAYFIELD

5th Sunday of Lent 2022 04 03 11 am

WE GATHER

PRELUDE *a time of quiet reflection*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The grace of Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

HYMN **Let There be Light** **#727**

CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 126*

One: When God restored the fortunes of Zion

All: We were like those who dream.

One: Then we were filled with laughter and shouts of joy.

All: The Lord has done great things for us.

One: May those who weep and bear the seed for sowing

All: Come home with joy, carrying their sheaves

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SHARING THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

HYMN **God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending** **#663**

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

HEBREW BIBLE Isaiah 43:16-21 [B#672/W#746]¹

HEBREW BIBLE Psalm 126 [B#572/W#634]

EPISTLE Philippians 3:4B-14 [B#198/W#211]

GOSPEL John 12:1-8 [B#109/W#106]

May God bless our understanding of this, God's holy word. **The word of the Lord.**

HYMN **In suffering love** **#696**

MESSAGE **Rev. Dolson**

HYMN **Jesus, the very thought of thee** **#367**

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

THE OFFERING OF OUR LIFE AND LABOUR TO GOD

QUOTE We have forgotten how to be good guests, how to walk lightly on the earth as its other creatures do.
Barbara Ward – economist, writer

PRAYERS OF PEOPLE, BLESSING OF GIFTS

HYMN **A prophet woman broke a jar** **#588**

TO GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE **Holy, Holy, Holy** **#623**

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¹ Page #'s for pew bibles with Blue or White edged pages

Resources include: PCC Worship Planner, Feasting on the Word: Preaching the Revised Common Lectionary and Companion, <https://www.workingpreacher.org/>

Morning Prayer

Merciful God, as I begin this day, place in me a spirit of generosity so that I may freely share love, joy, and encouragement with those I encounter. Keep me from quick judgments so that I leave room for your grace in my life and in the lives of others. Make me your faithful disciple in my words and in my actions, as well as in the thoughts of my heart; in Jesus' name. Amen.

Evening Prayer

All through the day, Lord Jesus, you have been present. As I settle into the routines of home and evening, I long to be at home in my relationship with you. Help me to put aside the cares of the day and the worries of tomorrow in order to fully enjoy the peace of your presence now. I pray that your peace will also be with those I know who have special need of your care tonight, and I pray for those who lie down this night without the safety of home or bed, without enough food or resources. Bring your light into the surrounding darkness so that all of us may sleep in the security of your love. Amen.

Daily Prayer Isa. 43:21b; Ps. 126:2-6

Creator God, whether we are weeping or laughing, dreaming or joyful, we are always coming home to you. For all this and more, we thank you in Jesus' name. Amen.

Questions for Reflection

John 12:1-8 draws attention to 3 people: Mary, Judas, and Jesus. Do you find it easy to identify Mary as the good disciple" and Judas as the bad disciple in this story and in the larger story of Jesus' life and death. We make this judgment: Mary is accepted and affirmed, while Judas is rejected. Would the other person in the story would make the same judgement? A commentator wrote, "... if Jesus came to save the lost, surely there is no one in the gospel story who is more lost than the one who betrays Jesus... If the Good Shepherd can and does go to any length to save a lost sheep, is Judas beyond the saving grasp of the Good Shepherd?" This is not a question with an easy answer. As this story ushers you into Holy Week, consider how the grace of Christ speaks to this story and to your own life story. Most life stories are not "either/or" examples of faithfulness, but a "both/and" mix of faithfulness and unfaithfulness.

Camp Kintail Sunday Supper dine in or take out with sittings from 4 - 6 pm \$20 Register: camp office at 519-529-7317 or e-mail admin@campkintail.ca

Watch the date!

- April 15 Good Friday
- April 17 Easter Sunday with Communion

MISSION MOMENT: Amerika Tharu is a 52-year-old carpenter from Nepal. In early 2020, he developed a fever, and his face began swelling. Amerika sought help at two different hospitals, where he was misdiagnosed and underwent expensive treatment that didn't address the problem. His poor health affected every area of his life, including his career. Eventually, his son brought him to see a doctor who suspected that Amerika might have leprosy and sent him to the Presbyterian World Service & Development-supported Shining Hospital. The hospital's medical staff confirmed the diagnosis, and Amerika received the treatment he needed, allowing him to return home and resume his livelihood.

Readings next week Liturgy of the Palms

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Luke 19:28-40

Your **financial offerings** can be made with post-dated cheques, PAR (Pre Authorized Remittance), and e-transfer. For more information contact Brenda McLean 519-524-8645 brmclean@hurontel.on.ca and she will guide you through the process. Your contributions to the ongoing work of the church are appreciated. The February **financial reports** show income \$2,737 and expenses \$5,228 with a year-to-date deficit of \$4,761.

Are you dealing with **food insecurity**? Reach out to the Bayfield Area Food Bank if you are struggling to put food on your table. Make a confidential call to 519-955-7444

Ukraine Crisis Appeal: The current conflict in Ukraine has caused massive displacement resulting in an urgent need for food and non-food support. We lift up the people of Ukraine and surrounding regions in prayer.

<https://presbyterian.ca/2022/03/04/praying-for-ukraine/>

There are many ways to take additional action to assist them during this difficult time. **The Canadian Foodgrains Bank and ACT Alliance** are receiving donations through **PWS&D** to respond to the escalating situation in Ukraine.

Financial donations online www.WeRespond.ca/Ukraine-Crisis and www.redcross.ca

Presbyterian World Service & Development works to ensure food insecure families and communities have the food they need to survive and thrive. In partnership with Canadian Foodgrains Bank, we advocate for awareness and action to address food insecurity around the globe. You can help! Reach out to the Minister of Environment & Climate Change and the Minister of International Development to let them know that you care about investing in solutions that address climate change and global food security. For more information on how to get involved in advocacy initiatives <https://foodgrainsbank.ca/>

Fraud Alerts: Have you received unsettling phone calls claiming you have unpaid bills? The impact of reported fraud in Canada in 2021: Reports of fraud: 106,637
Victims of fraud: 67,724 Lost to fraud: \$380 Million! The Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre collects information on fraud and identity theft. If you think you're a victim of fraud, report it! <https://www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca/index-eng.htm>