

**KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BAYFIELD**

**11 am Fifth Sunday of Easter 2022 05 15**

**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**

One: Alleluia! Christ is alive.

**All: Let all the people praise him.**

One: Let all creation sing with joy.

**All: Alleluia! Christ is alive.**

**PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**SHARING THE PEACE**

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

**Hymn** **Praise the Lord with the sound** **#466**

**TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE**

TANAKH\* **Psalm 148** [B#582/W#645]<sup>1</sup>

HISTORICAL **Acts 11:1-18** [B#130/W#135]

EPISTLE **Revelation 21:1-6** [B#259/W#282]

GOSPEL **John 13:31-35** [B#108/W#112]

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

**HYMN** **Love divine, all loves excelling** **#371**

**MESSAGE** **Rev. Dolson**

**HYMN** **One more step along the world** **#641**

**TO RESPOND IN FAITH**

**THE OFFERING OF OUR LIFE AND LABOUR TO GOD**

**QUOTE** The environment is where we all meet; where we all have a mutual interest; it is the one thing all of us share. Lady Bird Johnson—Former First Lady USA

**PRAYERS OF PEOPLE, BLESSING OF GIFTS**

**HYMN** **Give me oil in my lamp** **#655**

**TO GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME**

**COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION**

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

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<sup>1</sup> Page #'s for pew bibles with Blue or White edged pages

\*Tanakh, an acronym derived from the names of the three divisions of the Hebrew Bible: Torah (Instruction, or Law, also called the Pentateuch), Nevi'im (Prophets), and Ketuvim (Writings).

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

### Morning Prayer

Delivering God, each day we awaken to your goodness and our hearts cry out in praise as you set us to tasks for the life of the world. Do not let us hinder your love, but strengthen our will, as we offer thanks in every simple gesture of this day. Amen.

### Evening Prayer

Faithful God, the nightly dance of earth, moon, and stars speaks of your gift: love given, love received. We give thanks this night for the love you have shown to us this day. Let us rest in your peace and awaken in joy. Amen.

### Daily Prayer

Rev. 21:5; Acts 11:1-18; John 13:34

Surprising God, in the resurrection of Jesus Christ you make all things new. Long ago you called your church to a love beyond all social and cultural differences and gave them the gift of your Holy Spirit to open their hearts to enact such love. Give us that same spirit of openness, that we too might discern new directions in our day for your dream to reconcile and heal all creation. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

### Readings next week

Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67;

Revelation 21:10, 21:22-22:5; John 14:23-29

### Questions for Reflection

Peter, led by the Spirit, shared God's directions to heal creation and the church reconfigured its social boundaries. (Acts 11:1-18) The Gentiles, who were excluded from the church because their eating habits were judged to be vile and unclean, are now included by the reconciling work of the Spirit. Where is God's Spirit opening us to new directions in mission this day?

Your financial offerings can be made with post-dated cheques, PAR (Pre Authorized Remittance), and e-transfer. For more information contact Brenda 519-524-8645 [brmclean@hurontel.on.ca](mailto:brmclean@hurontel.on.ca) Your **contributions** to the ongoing work of the church are appreciated. The April financial reports: income \$6,303, expenses \$5,464, with the year-to-date deficit \$4,363.

### Dates to note:

29 May	Communion Sunday
5-8 June	General Assembly online
8 June	Joint Finance & Session meeting 7 pm
5 July	Book discussion starts Wholehearted faith
7 July	Alpha Film Series begins at 12 noon

**Volunteer opportunities:** Your help is needed!

- Greeters to welcome people on Sunday morning
- Readers for weekly scripture

Following the worship service you are invited to linger in the sanctuary. There will be a short discussion time to ask a question or concern and, hopefully, learn a little more about this wonderful faith community. You are encouraged to participate in this new opportunity.

**MISSION MOMENT:** In Malawi, unreliable rainfall patterns are a significant issue affecting food security and limit what farmers can and cannot plant. Workshops teach conservation agriculture techniques to assist farmers in Malawi's Karonga District,. Farmers learn: how to use mulch; make compost to nourish the soil and grow better crops; and, essential techniques of weed & pest management. Many have significantly increased their crop yields since implementing a conservation approach. This agricultural project is supported by PWS&D<sup>2</sup>, in partnership with Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

**Ukraine Appeal:** Are you interested in local volunteer opportunities to assist with people arriving from the Ukraine? The Connected County of Huron is gathering a database of volunteers to assist with the "Ukrainian Diaspora Support Canada"

**Volunteer Survey** <https://connectedcountyofhuron.ca/support-for-ukrainian-newcomers>

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<sup>2</sup> Presbyterian World Service & Development PWS&D

Join in the discussion! Two opportunities to explore your faith in small groups.

**Alpha** will begin on **Thursday July 7<sup>th</sup>** at **12 noon** It's a great opportunity to meet with others and explore faith together in an open, informal environment. Everyone is welcome! We will watch an episode on a topic of faith, then ask questions and share your thoughts. We will share a time of lunch and fellowship as we explore our faith.

**Tuesday July 5<sup>th</sup>** at **2 pm** The book discussion will focus on **Wholehearted Faith** by Rachel Held Evans (with Jeff Chu). Books can be ordered from the Village Bookshop, Bayfield (mention you are part of our group). Contact Rev Lisa for more information and to be added to the Zoom email list. Wholehearted Faith is "... a collection of essays that ask candid questions about the stories we've been told—and the stories we tell—about our faith, our selves, and our world. This book is for the doubter and the dreamer, the seeker and the sojourner, those who long for a sense of spiritual wholeness. ... Rachel wrestles with God's grace and love in an imperfect world, looks unsparingly at what the Church is and does, and explores universal human questions about becoming and belonging."<sup>3</sup>

<sup>3</sup> <https://rachelheldevans.com/wholehearted-faith>