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Plague Years*

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Song Books are: VU *Voices United* and MV *More Voices*

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

The Lord's My Shepherd - Crimond, Jesse Seymour Irvine, 1836-1887

setting by Robert J. Powell

Bill Egnatoff, flute; Joan Egnatoff, piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

Since time immemorial, Indigenous peoples have occupied and cared for this land. In acknowledging this land, the traditional home of the Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee, we seek to rebuild right relations with First Nations, Metis and Inuit peoples, to learn from them, and to live on this land with respect and gratitude for its bounty.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

from 1 John 3

Let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him. So let us come boldly before our God with prayer and praise. Let us lift up our hearts and express our faith in song and silence wherever we may be.

INTROIT

MV 2

Come all you people, come and praise your Maker,
Come now and worship the Lord.

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PRAYER OF APPROACH

Holy God, it comforts us to know that you know each of us by name; that you know the talents we each have and you know when we use them and when and why we fail to use them for your good will. It comforts us to know that you are there to guide and mentor, to reach for us even at the brink of our decisions. You call us and challenge us to be the best we can be, and when we strive and do not reach, you are there with comfort and new beginnings. Help us to be open to your new Word for us in these times of change and grant us the strength to help others on the way. We ask in Christ's name. Amen

HYMN VU 574 *Come Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love*

1 Come let us sing of a wonderful love,
tender and true, tender and true,
out of the heart of the Father above,
streaming to me and to you:
wonderful love, wonderful love
dwells in the heart of the Father above.

2 Jesus, the Saviour, this gospel to tell,
joyfully came, joyfully came,
came with the helpless and hopeless to dwell,
sharing their sorrow and shame,
seeking the lost, seeking the lost,
saving, redeeming at measureless cost.

3 Jesus is seeking the wanderers yet;
why do they roam? why do they roam?
Love only waits to forgive and forget;
home, weary wanderers, home!
Wonderful love, wonderful love
dwells in the heart of the Father above.

4 Come to my heart, O thou wonderful love!
Come and abide, come and abide,
lifting my life till it rises above
envy and falsehood and pride:
seeking to be, seeking to be
lowly and humble, a learner of thee.

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A WORLD ENGAGED WITH GOD

A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, Light of life and hope, you call us into your future, but always with care for the most vulnerable among us. Grant us open hearts and ears to hear the comfort and the challenge in your call to your gathered people. Amen.

Psalm 23

John 10: 11 - 18

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN VU 273 *The King of Love*

1 The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his,
and he is mine forever.

2 Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.

3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home rejoicing brought me.

4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.

5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and O what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never:
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house for ever.

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SERMON

Shepherding in Plague Years

Rev. Kathy Walton

COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE

SHARING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

trad. spiritual
arr. by Judy Nishimura
Bill Egnatoff, flute

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN VU 595 *We are Pilgrims (The Servant Song)*

- 1 We are pilgrims on a journey,
Fellow travellers on the road;
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load.
- 2 Sister, let me be your servant,
Let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to
Let you be my servant too.
- 3 I will hold the Christ-light for you
In the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
Speak the peace you long to hear.
- 4 I will weep when you are weeping,
When you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow,
Till we've seen this journey through.
- 5 When we sing to God in heaven,
We shall find such harmony,
Born of all we've known together
Of Christ's love and agony.
- 6 Brother, let me be your servant,
Let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to
Let you be my servant too.

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BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

CHORAL BENEDICTION

VU 701

What does the Lord require of you?

Justice, kindness,

Walk humbly with your God.

To seek justice, and love kindness and walk humbly with your God.

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POSTLUDE

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us - Sicilian Marinera, Sicilian folk melody

setting by Robert J. Powell

Bill Egnatoff, flute; Joan Egnatoff, piano

THANK YOU FOR TALENTS SHARED

Guest Minister **The Rev. Kathleen Walton** was born in

Aberdeen, Scotland and grew up in southern Ontario in the 50's and 60's. She attended McMaster University for a degree in Anthropology, and then worked for several years as a librarian at York University in the Government Documents Dept. of the Library. The call of the north in the 70's took her to Whitehorse, Yukon, supposedly for a year or so, but the call went deeper than that and she stayed in Whitehorse working first for the Indian Affairs Dept. and then the Territorial Government Economics Dept. She married Tom Walton in 1980 and they lived on a small hobby farm and horse rescue operation near the Takhini Hot Springs until 1991, when they both felt the call to another life, and attended Queen's University to study Theology. The United Church has been Kathy's faith home for most of her life and she has served churches in Plevna, Frankford, Seeley's Bay, Athens, Westbrook, and Grace United, in Gananoque. In Retirement, serving as a Supply Minister has introduced her to the life and struggles of many local congregations. She continues to believe that pastoral care for congregation and community is the core quality that reveals the depth of commitment to gospel values and feeds the spiritual life of all.

Hymn Choir

Janice Moncrieff, Joan Egnatoff,
Barb Fletcher, Juliet Milsome, Al Fletcher,
Bill Egnatoff

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pre-Service Coffee Hour

- The pandemic is dragging on, live worship services are suspended, and a return to normalcy is a while off. But we can still meet and visit!

Pre-Service Coffee Hour over zoom from 10-10.30 am will begin this Sunday 25 April. Let's use this opportunity to see each other and to chat! At 10:30, you can stay on to see the pre-recorded service with Rev. Kathy Walton, or leave the zoom meeting and watch the recording by yourself. Looking forward to seeing you on Sunday!

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83823105027?pwd=WUxMZFM3ZWlEL1l1NnN1Z1dVQoh3Zz09>

You can also dial in: 1 647 558 0588 (long distance charges may apply)
Meeting ID: 838 2310 5027. You don't need a Participant ID, just press #.
Passcode: 746801.

If you would like to talk to the other participants, press *6 to unmute yourself.



Next Sunday, May 2

- **Our Guest Minister** will be The Reverend Dr. William D. Smith

FaithCare

- The Reference Team is pleased with initial participation in our Listening Circles attended by over thirty participants and moderated by our FaithCare facilitators Bill Bickle and Bruce Schenk. Since the Circles must have a minimum and maximum number of participants, we are extending the initial run by offering additional dates in order to accommodate those who could not attend.

Tuesday, April 27 from 7 - 9 pm (FaithCare facilitator: Bruce Schenk)
Wednesday April 28 from 1 - 3 pm (FaithCare facilitator: Bill Bickle)
Saturday May 1 from 10 am - 12 pm (FaithCare facilitator: Bill Bickle)
Saturday May 1 from 1 - 3 pm (FaithCare facilitator: Bruce Schenk)

These conversations are NOT the same old same old. The Listening Circles are the beginning of the Restorative Conversation process that FaithCare has honed for many years, and that they are introducing to Chalmers. We have had our first round, but we intend to hold many more Circles with even more participation. The Restorative Conversation process will help us all learn new ways of communicating and will help Chalmers people build new and improved relationships with each other.

We know that many of us are anxious to "get on with it" but we think that before we can get there, we need to practice these new ways of interacting in order to be able to build a new base, a consensus on how to move forward.

We are currently compiling comments from these Circles and will be launching a new set of Circles shortly that will address specific topics.

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Study Session

- A seven-session study based on the video "Doctrine of Discovery: Stolen Lands, Strong Hearts" will take place Wednesdays, May 5 - June 16, 7:00-8:30 pm, via Zoom. This video describes the history behind the Doctrine of Discovery, a set of beliefs and legal framework that led to European Colonization of the Americas. Through interviews with Indigenous and non-Indigenous people, the video documents how the doctrine informed centuries of racist policies and practices – and how Canada must transcend its lingering effects to achieve healing and reconciliation. Senator Murray Sinclair and Rev. Ginny Doctor are featured in the video. Hosted by St. James Anglican Church, Kingston
Participation is free – please email to register: sharon@stjameskingston.ca
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BENEVOLENT FUND PROGRAM

Hi

The cupboard is bare. The need is great.

We are out of:

Granola snack bars,

Kraft dinners

Toothbrushes

Bars of soap.

Baggies of laundry detergent or pods.

If you can donate,
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to arrange drop off.



Royal Canadian College of Organists (RCCO), Kingston Centre

- Picture yourself seated at the helm of a huge cockpit lined with jillions of levers, pistons, and pedals. You are Commander in Chief. At your fingertips, sounds are called, combined, silence and sound built layer upon layer, reverberations envelope you, resonating through your body, penetrating your being, filling the room, forming an incomparable sound experience.

It could be you at the Pipe Organ.

If you would like to experience the awesome experience that playing the pipe organ can afford, you may be interested to know that the Royal Canadian College of Organists (RCCO), Kingston Centre offers scholarships for talented pianists of all ages who would like to be introduced to and develop their playing skills on the pipe organ. Scholarships provide 10 hours of free organ lessons with a qualified instructor. Auditions for qualified applicants will be held by Zoom.

The Kingston Centre receives financial support for these scholarships from the National RCCO office, local individuals and churches, and raises funds by sponsoring centre events. Each student has the opportunity to perform in the student concert in late-winter and is invited to attend all local RCCO events.

Information and application materials. Information are available at www.rcco-kingston.ca, by emailing scholarships@rcco-kingston.ca or by calling Aurora at 613-453-6323.
