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7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY of EASTER SEASON - MAY 24, 2020

**Welcome! We are glad you have joined us in worship. May you feel the warmth of God's presence.**

***Our Mission:***

**To live God's love through our actions: Seek, Serve, Challenge.**

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**Reflection Question:**

"When has Love lifted me?"

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**WE GATHER AND APPROACH GOD**

Welcome and Announcements – Rev. Coral Prebble

Lighting the Christ Candle:

One: Jesus, Light of the World, is risen.

**All: Let us walk in the Light of Christ's life.**

**Opening Hymn V.U. 187 "The Spring Has Come" vs. 1, 2 & 3**

Cantor: Kathleen Wells, soprano choral lead

Piano: J.-C. Coolen, Music Minister

- 1 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!**
  
- 2 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!**

**3 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!**

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Call to Worship:

One: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth

**All: Sing to the honour of God's name; make glorious the praise of God.**

One: How awesome are your deeds!

**All: The darkness of the tomb is flooded with your resurrection power.  
The garden of the world has come to flower.**

One: We join together to worship you.

**All: We unite to sing and praise your name!**

Prayer of Approach:

One: God is with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Let us pray:

**All: Loving God, many of us feel lonely, even orphaned, in this time when we  
are cut off from family and friends. In our worship, give us your Holy Spirit,  
our Comforter, the spirit of truth. May we feel deeply our connection to you  
and to our interconnected community, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Musical Offering: "A Joyful Noise" – Dave and Jean Perry

Junior Choir

Wendy Simone, Director

J.-C. Coolen, piano

### **LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD**

John 14:15-21 Reader: Karen Munday

Jesus continues to deliver his Farewell Discourse (chapters 14-17), preparing his disciples for this departure and their receipt of the Holy Spirit.

Sermon: "Making Space for the Holy Spirit"

- Rev. Kerri Hagerman

**Hymn V.U. 333 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" vs. 1 & 2**

Cantor: Kathleen Wells, soprano choral lead

Piano: J.-C. Coolen, Music Minister

- 1** Love divine, all loves excelling,  
 joy of heaven to earth come down,  
 fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
 all thy faithful mercies crown.  
 Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
 pure, unbounded love thou art;  
 visit us with thy salvation,  
 enter every trembling heart.
- 2** Come, almighty to deliver;  
 let us all thy grace receive;  
 suddenly return, and never,  
 nevermore thy temples leave.  
 Thee we would be always blessing,  
 serve thee as thy hosts above,  
 pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,  
 glory in thy perfect love.

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## **RESPONDING TO GOD**

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession – Rev. Coral Prebble

### **Closing Hymn V. U. 158 “Christ Is Alive” vs. 1, 2, 4 & 5**

Cantor: Kathleen Wells, soprano choral lead  
 Piano: J.-C. Coolen, Music Minister

- 1** Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
 The cross stands empty to the sky.  
 Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
 Love, drowned in death, shall never die.
- 2** Christ is alive! No longer bound  
 to distant years in Palestine,  
 but saving, healing, here and now,  
 and touching every place and time.
- 4** Women and men, in age and youth,  
 can feel the Spirit, hear the call,  
 and find the way, the life, the truth,  
 revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

**5 Christ is alive, and comes to bring  
good news to this and every age,  
till earth and sky and ocean ring  
with joy, with justice, love and praise.**

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Commissioning and Benediction – Rev. Kerri Hagerman & Rev. Coral Prebble

**Congregational Benediction: “Prayer of Dedication” –Don Besig**

Cantor: Bill Price, baritone choral lead

Descant: Kathleen Wells, soprano choral lead

Piano: J.- C. Coolen, Minister of Music

**Go with us, Lord, as now we depart,  
Calming the fears that trouble each heart.  
Keep us all in your grace  
Until we come, again, to this place.**

**Now we will walk in peace with the Lord,  
Living in faith and teaching His word.  
Share His love every day,  
For He has surely shown us the way! Amen.**

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**Welcome Rev. Kerri Hagerman**, our guest preacher this morning. Rev. Kerri was ordained in 2003 and served congregations outside of Winnipeg and in Brampton. In 2012 she received a Master of Theology in Pastoral Studies with a focus on preaching at Emmanuel College in Toronto. Currently, Kerri works for the Peel District School Board as a Resource Teacher supporting Guidance and Career Education through the promotion of apprenticeship in the skilled trades. She has a son and daughter ages 17 and 20 who attend Kingsway-Lambton United Church in Etobicoke.

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**Thank you** to the Junior and Youth Choir members, Wendy Simone, J.- C. Coolen, Bill Price, and Kathleen Wells for leading us in music and song, to Gord Burrell for creating an audio recording, to Rod Lord for his camera and tripod and coordinating Sunday worship by telephone, to Karen Munday for reading scripture and creating slides of the hymn words and responsive prayers, to Don Munday for reading the responsive “All” portions and creating and producing our audio-visual worship experience.

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**Sunday, May 31 – Celebrating Pentecost** and the birth of the Christian Church. Rev. Coral Prebble preaching.

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**Sunday, June 7 – Trinity Sunday and Holy Communion.** You are invited to have a piece of bread or cracker and a beverage of choice ready as we remember the gift of Christ with us. Rev. Coral Prebble will be preaching on Genesis 1 – 2:4, the story of creation.

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**Worship & Music Committee – Hymn Survey:** The Worship and Music Committee has sent out an electronic survey, comprised of just five questions, regarding hymns used during our Sunday Worship Services. If you have not yet filled it in, we encourage you to please do so by May 24. We would love to hear your preferences and feedback! Thank you.

**YouTube Hymns:** J.-C. Coolen has a series of YouTube videos to help introduce new hymns and familiar hymns to their original tune. You can view the full list of videos on our church website, here: <http://www.stjamesunitedchurch.com/music/introducing-new-congregational-song/> Please feel free to enjoy and review these introductory videos as much as you desire, and do feel free to sing along!

If you choose to subscribe to our YouTube channel you will receive automatic notifications of new videos.

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**Seniors Lunch** has been cancelled until the fall, hopefully October 1<sup>st</sup>.

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**Epistle Newsletter** – the May issue is now available online at our website as well as a print version for pick up from St. James. Printed copies with a bright yellow cover are available at the glass entrance closest to the parking lot on the left hand side of the glass doors. They will be in a clear plastic bag for now and a special clear outdoor magazine holder will be mounted soon. If you need a copy of the Epistle newsletter delivered to your mailbox, please email us at [stjames\\_uc@rogers.com](mailto:stjames_uc@rogers.com) or call us at 416-622-4113. If you would be willing to deliver an Epistle to someone from St. James who lives in your neighbourhood please let us know. Thank you to our editors Jennifer Ling and Jennifer Flaxman and to all who wrote articles or shared content.

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**Adult Education Video with Reflection Questions** – Thanks to a suggestion from Carol Jones, a link to this month’s thought-provoking video and reflection questions are posted on our website under “Get Involved” and then “Adult Education”. Stacey Campbell is a Christian and a successful businesswoman who wanted more depth and meaning in her life while living out her faith. She began visiting people in prison and had an aha God experience. <https://www.ideacity.ca/video/stacey-campbell-ha-moment-god/>

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