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7th Sunday after Pentecost

Music as We Gather

Welcome, Celebrations, Life and Work of the Community

The 50th Anniversary for *Wayne & Carol Doherty*
Birthday wishes to *Harold Sage* [91]

Acknowledgement of the Land:

As we gather, we acknowledge that we meet and live on the traditional territories of the Mississauga Anishinaabe People. We give thanks for their care for the land over thousands of years and for their deep spirituality and honouring of the Creator and the creation. May we live with respect in God's creation and in harmony with our neighbours.

Call to Worship:

One: Called to face the big questions of life and living.

All: Called to answer those questions through an informed faith.

One: Called to use those answers to transform our world and communities.

All: Called to worship.

One: Called to worship and praise.

All: Let us worship God. Amen.

Opening Hymn: VU315

"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"

- 1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
- 2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.
- 3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.
- 4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth
and sky and sea;
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Opening Prayer

Words of Assurance:

One: As we celebrate our resurrection faith, the Spirit of the Holy blows among us and within us...

All: ...we are challenged to live our faith actively with compassion, as we live and learn together in the midst of Holy Grace.

One: In the name of the Risen One, Jesus the Christ...

All: ...Amen.

First Lesson:

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

^{6:1} David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. ² David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the LORD of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. ³ They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart ⁴ with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. ⁵ David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the LORD with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.

¹² It was told King David, "The LORD has blessed the household of Obed-edom and all that belongs to him, because of the ark of God." So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing; ¹³ and when those who bore the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. ¹⁴ David danced before the LORD with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. ¹⁵ So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.

¹⁶ As the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart.

¹⁷ They brought in the ark of the LORD, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the LORD. ¹⁸ When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts, ¹⁹ and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

Young at Heart Time:

"Dance, Dance!"

Psalm Selection: VU751 (Psalm 24)

One: Lift up your heads,

All: that God who rules with glory may enter.

One: The earth is God's, and all that is in it; the world, and those who live upon it.

All: For God founded it upon the seas, planted it firm from the waters beneath.

One: Lift up your heads,

All: that God who rules with glory may enter.

One: Who may ascend the mountain of God? Who may stand in God's holy place?

All: Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, who have not set their minds on deceit, nor made false promises;

One: they shall receive God's blessing, righteousness from the God who will save them.

All: Such are those who seek God, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

One: Lift up your heads,

All: that God who rules with glory may enter.

One: Lift up your heads, you gates!

All: Lift yourselves up, you everlasting doors, that the one who rules in glory may enter.

One: Who rules in glory?

All: It is God, valiant and strong, God, who is mighty in battle.

One: Lift up your heads, you gates!

All: Lift yourselves up, you everlasting doors, that the one who rules in glory may enter.

One: Who rules in glory?

All: It is God of Hosts, God who rules in glory.

One: Lift up your heads,

All: that God who rules with glory may enter.

Music for Meditation

Gospel Lesson:

Mark 6:14-29

^{6:14} King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." ¹⁵ But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶ But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

¹⁷ For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. ¹⁸ For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹ And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰ for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹ But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²² When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." ²³ And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." ²⁴ She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." ²⁵ Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶ The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷ Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸ brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹ When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

One: As the Holy One moves within and around us, the stories of our faith are filled with examples of God's grace and compassion.

All: May these stories inform, guide, transform, and challenge us as children of the Holy.

One: In the name of the Risen One, Jesus the Christ...

All: ...Amen.

Hymn: VU352

"I Danced in the Morning"

1 I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came from heaven and I danced on the earth;
at Bethlehem I had my birth.

R *Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

2 I danced for the scribe and the pharisee,
but they would not dance and they would not follow me;
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;
they came with me and the dance went on. R

3 I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;
the holy people said it was a shame;
they whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,
and left me there on a cross to die. R

4 I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back;
they buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the dance and I still go on. R

5 They cut me down and I leap up high;
I am the life that will never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;
I am the Lord of the dance, said he. R

Meditation:

"A Prophet Sleeps"

The New Creed:

One: Let's share together in the New Creed:

**All: We are not alone,
we live in God's world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Hymn: VU589

"Lord, Speak to Me"

1 Lord, speak to me that I may speak
in living echoes of your tone;
as you have sought, so let me seek
your straying children lost and lone.

2 O lead me, so that I may lead
the wandering and the wavering feet;
O feed me, so that I may feed
your hungering ones with manna sweet.

3 O teach me, so that I may teach
the precious truths which you impart;
and wing my words, that they may reach
the hidden depths of many a heart.

4 O fill me with your fullness, Lord,
until my very heart o'erflows
in kindling thought and glowing word,
your love to tell, your praise to show.

Invitation to Offer Our Gifts

Dedication of Our Gifts

Minute for Local Mission:

“Local Community Gardens”

Community gardens are about more than just growing food. By increasing the number of local community gardeners and available garden space, families and individuals are able to grow fresh, healthy produce for very little money, green previously underused areas, donate to local food security programs, get to know and interact with their neighbours, and work together to enhance the communities they live in.

Do you have questions about community gardening in Peterborough City or County? Visit our [Community Gardening FAQ page](http://www.nourishproject.ca) at www.nourishproject.ca for answers to commonly asked questions.

Currently, there are more than 40 community gardens throughout Peterborough County and City. Northminster hosts a garden off of the back parking lot.

To find a garden in your community contact Nourish at its website <https://www.nourishproject.ca/community-gardening> or the City of Peterborough for more information.

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer:

Closing Hymn: VU642

“Be Thou My Vision”

- 1 Be thou my vision, O joy of my heart;
naught be all else to me save that thou art,
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping thy presence my light.
- 2 Be thou my wisdom, my calm in all strife;
I ever with thee, and thou in my life;
thou loving parent, thy child may I be,
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.
- 3 Be thou my battle shield, sword for the fight
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O power of my power.
- 4 Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.
- 5 Great God of heaven, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O ruler of all.

Blessing as We Go Forth:

One: As our time together comes to an end...

All: ...the Spirit of the Creator stirs us to live faithfully and love openly as we celebrate a living, active faith!

One: As we journey together, we hope to transform our world into one of compassion, acceptance, and equality as we share the grace of the Holy.

All: In the name of Jesus, the Risen Christ, Amen and Amen!

Music as We Depart

Prayer Cycle

As church, we are called to pray for each other and for our mission in the world.

Regional Council Prayer Cycle
for the week of July 4, 2021

Janetville Pastoral Charge
Janetville United Church, Janetville
Mount Horeb United Church, Reaboro
[*East Central Ontario Regional Council*]

THANK YOU TO THIS WEEK'S VOLUNTEERS-July 11, 2021

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Sound	<i>tbd</i>
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www.northminsteruc.ca



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