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Sunday, May 22nd, 2022

6th Sunday of Easter

Music as We Gather

Opening Hymn: VU559 “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

- 1 Come, O Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing your grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing
call for songs of endless praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount; I'm fixed upon it,
mount of God's unfailing love.
- 2 Here I pause in my sojourning,
giving thanks for having come,
come to trust, at every turning,
God will guide me safely home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God,
came to rescue me from danger,
precious presence, precious blood.
- 3 O, to grace how great a debt
or daily I am drawn anew!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to you.
Prone to wander, I can feel it,
wander from the love I've known:
here's my heart, O, take and seal it,
seal it for your very own.

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.

Lighting the Christ Candle

Welcome, Celebrations, Life, and Work of the Community

Call to Worship:

One: The tomb is empty! Alleluia!

**All: As we live a resurrection faith, the Holy calls us to
A vision of what is possible.**

One: Jesus is risen! Alleluia!

**All: A vision within our communities. A vision within our
relationships. A vision celebrating the presence of the
Risen Christ in our lives, informing and transforming
our faith.**

One: The tomb is empty! Jesus is Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All: Let us worship with joy and celebration.

One: Let us worship together.

All: Let us worship the Holy. Amen.

Opening Prayer

Words of Assurance:

One: Out of the empty tomb, the Holy calls us to love and forgiveness as we have been loved and forgiven.

**All: As we reflect on who and whose we are, let us always
remember we are children of the Holy.**

One: In the name of Jesus, the Risen One, our sibling and friend...

All: Amen.

First Lesson: Revelation 21:10, 22 – 22:5 (*Bruce Newmaster*)

^{21:10} And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

²² I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³ Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴ they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Psalm Selection: VU786

Psalm 67

(Led by Bruce Newmaster)

Refrain:



One Be gracious unto us, O God, and bless us;
and let the light of your face shine upon us,

**All that your ways may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.**

One Let the nations be glad, and sing for joy,

**All for you judge the peoples righteously
and guide the nations of the earth.**

One The earth has yielded its harvest,
and you, our God, have blessed us.

**All Your blessing, O God, be upon us.
May all the ends of the earth revere you. R**

Young at Heart Time:

“Dream a Dream”

Gospel Lesson: John 14:23-29

(Bruce Newmaster)

^{14:23} Jesus answered him, “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴ Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

²⁵ “I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸ You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.”

Reader: As we listen to the words from our scripture...

All: ...may we hear the stories from our faith history that inspire us to embrace the promise and new life of the empty tomb.

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

All: ...Amen.

Hymn: VU577

“I’ve Got Peace Like a River”

1 I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in-a my soul.
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in-a my soul.

2 I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in-a my soul.
I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in-a my soul.

3 I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean in-a my soul.
I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean in-a my soul.

Meditation:

“For Heaven’s Sake”

Music for Meditation

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: VU686

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

- 1 God of grace and God of glory,
 on your people pour your power;
 now fulfil your church's story;
 bring its bud to glorious flower.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
 for the facing of this hour.

- 2 Lo, the hosts of evil round us
 scorn your Christ, assail your ways;
 fears and doubts too long have bound us;
 free our hearts to work and praise.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
 for the living of these days.

- 3 Cure your children's warring madness,
 bend our pride to your control;
 shame our wanton selfish gladness,
 rich in goods and poor in soul.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
 lest we miss your kingdom's goal.
- 4 Set our feet on lofty places,
 gird our lives that they may be
 armoured with all Christlike graces,
 pledged to set all captives free.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
 that we fail not them nor thee.

Invitation to Offer Our Gifts

Dedication of Our Gifts

An Affirm Minute:

(Presented by Affirm Committee Member, *John Taylor*)

Prayers of the People and the Jesus Prayer

Closing Hymn: VU512 “Lord, You Give the Great Commission”

- 1 Lord, you give the great commission:
 'Heal the sick and preach the word.'
 Lest the church neglect its mission,
 and the gospel go unheard,
 help us witness to your purpose
 with renewed integrity;
 with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us
 for the work of ministry.
- 2 Lord, you call us to your service:
 'In my name baptize and teach.'
 That the world may trust your promise,
 life abundant meant for each,
 give us all new fervour, draw us
 closer in community;
 with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us
 for the work of ministry.

- 3 Lord, you make the common holy:
 'This my body, this my blood.'
Let us all, for earth's true glory,
 daily lift life heavenward,
asking that the world around us
 share your children's liberty;
with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us
 for the work of ministry.
- 4 Lord, you show us love's true measure:
 'Father, what they do, forgive.'
Yet we hoard as private treasure
 all that you so freely give.
May your care and mercy lead us
 to a just society;
with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us
 for the work of ministry.
- 5 Lord, you bless with words assuring:
 'I am with you to the end.'
Faith and hope and love restoring,
 may we serve as you intend,
and, amid the cares that claim us,
 hold in mind eternity;
with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us
 for the work of ministry.

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 our journey to Jerusalem appears
to have ended with a new beginning.**

One: As we journey together with each other and our Creator
during this Resurrection season, may our reflections and
discussions transform our actions and attitudes as we live
and love together in faith.

All: In the name of the Risen One, Amen and Amen!

Music as We Depart

Regional Council Prayer Cycle

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

For the week of May 22, 2022

Frankford-Batawa Pastoral Charge
Frankford-Batawa United Church, Frankford

[East Central Ontario Regional Council]

THANK YOU TO THIS WEEK'S VOLUNTEERS-May 22

Duty	<i>Paul Andrews</i>
Elevator	<i>Kathy Common</i>
Ushers/Greeters	<i>Daphne & Tom Arnott</i>
Scripture Reader	<i>Bruce Newmaster</i>
Affirm Minute	<i>John Taylor</i>
Congregational Elder	<i>Mary Hess Northey</i>
Sound	<i>Bill VanTol / Alex Brunton</i>
Video	<i>Ron Kervin/Nelson Pickett</i>
Videographer	<i>Ken Nash, John Taylor</i>
Coffee Fellowship	<i>Worship Committee</i>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AFFIRM COMMITTEE MEETING, meet on Tuesday, June 14th at 1 p.m.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING will be held on Tuesday, June 14th at 7 pm in Lower Wright Hall.

OFFICIAL BOARD MEETING will be held on Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at 7 pm. in Lower Wright Hall

FOOD BANK SUNDAY- is held on the 2nd Sunday of each month. We invite you to bring items to support Kawartha Food Share. Boxes are located in Upper Wright Hall and the Narthex. Thank you for your generous support! Next date: June 12th