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*Creation Time 1 in the Season of Pentecost*

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**Music as We Gather**

**Welcome, Celebrations, Life and Work of the Community**

Birthday wishes to Annika MacIntosh-Grobler [3]

Birthday wishes to Isabel Hendren [96]

**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: Let us listen together for the Word of the Holy as we worship together.

**All: When we hear Holy Word, we are challenged to understand it.**

One: When we understand Holy Word, we are challenged to heed it.

**All: Let us worship.**

One: Let us worship, together.

**All: Let us worship the Holy. Amen.**

**Opening Hymn: VU288**

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

1 Great is thy faithfulness, God our Creator;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;

thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided -  
great is thy faithfulness, ever to me!

- 2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. R
- 3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow -  
wondrous the portion thy blessings provide. R

## Opening Prayer

### Words of Assurance:

One: As we move through Creation Time in the Season of Pentecost...

**All: ...we are encouraged to live creatively following the image of the Holy and the teachings of the Christ, knowing the presence of the Spirit within, among and around us.**

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

**All: ...Amen.**

### First Lesson: Proverbs 1:20-33

*Jacquie Jameson*

<sup>20</sup> Wisdom cries out in the street;  
in the squares she raises her voice.

<sup>21</sup> At the busiest corner she cries out;  
at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:

<sup>22</sup> "How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple?  
How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing  
and fools hate knowledge?"

<sup>23</sup> Give heed to my reproof;  
I will pour out my thoughts to you;  
I will make my words known to you.

<sup>24</sup> Because I have called and you refused,

have stretched out my hand and no one heeded,  
 25 and because you have ignored all my counsel  
 and would have none of my reproof,  
 26 I also will laugh at your calamity;  
 I will mock when panic strikes you,  
 27 when panic strikes you like a storm,  
 and your calamity comes like a whirlwind,  
 when distress and anguish come upon you.  
 28 Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer;  
 they will seek me diligently, but will not find me.  
 29 Because they hated knowledge  
 and did not choose the fear of the LORD,  
 30 would have none of my counsel,  
 and despised all my reproof,  
 31 therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way  
 and be sated with their own devices.  
 32 For waywardness kills the simple,  
 and the complacency of fools destroys them;  
 33 but those who listen to me will be secure  
 and will live at ease, without dread of disaster.”

**Young at Heart Time:**

*“The Hurting Words”*

**Psalm Selection: VU740-41 (Refrain 2):**

Psalm 19

*(Led by Jacquie Jameson)*

One: Glory and praise to God

**All: whose word brings life.**

One: The heavens declare the glory of God; and the vault  
of the sky reveals God’s handiwork.

**All: One day speaks to another, and night shares its  
knowledge with night,**

One: and this without speech or language; their voices are  
not heard.

**All: But their sound goes out to all the lands, their  
words to the end of the earth.**

One: Glory and praise to God

**All: whose word brings life.**

One: In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun  
which comes out like a bridegroom from under the  
canopy, like an athlete eager to run the race.

**All:** Its rising is at one end of the sky, it runs its course to the other, and there is nothing that is hidden from its heat.

One: Glory and praise to God  
**All:** whose word brings life.

One: God's law is perfect, refreshing the soul,  
**All:** God's instruction is sure, giving wisdom to the simple;

One: God's precepts are right, rejoicing the heart;  
**All:** God's commandment is pure giving light to the eyes;

One: God's fear is clean, enduring forever;  
**All:** God's judgements are true, every one of them righteous;

One: more desirable than gold, even much fine gold;  
**All:** sweeter also than honey, pure honey from the comb.

One: Glory and praise to God  
**All:** whose word brings life.

One: By them is your servant warned;  
**All:** for in keeping them there is great reward.

One: But who can discern unwitting sins, lest they get the better of me.  
**All:** Then shall I be clean and innocent of great offence.

One: Glory and praise to God  
**All:** whose word brings life.

One: Let the words of my mouth and the thoughts of my heart  
**All:** be acceptable in your sight, O God, my strength and my redeemer.

One: Glory and praise to God  
**All:** whose word brings life.

## Music for Meditation

**Gospel Lesson: Mark 8:27-38**

*Jacquie Jameson*

<sup>27</sup> Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" <sup>28</sup> And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." <sup>29</sup> He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." <sup>30</sup> And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

<sup>31</sup> Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup> He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup> But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

<sup>34</sup> He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup> For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup> For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup> Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup> Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

One: As we live and love in the midst of Holy Creation...

**All: ...may we hear the stories from our faith history and grasp the messages we can bring forth to transform today and tomorrow.**

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

**All: ...Amen.**

**Hymn: VU149**

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

1 When I survey the wondrous cross  
on which the Prince of glory died,

my richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride.

- 2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
save in the death of Christ, my God:  
all the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.
- 3 See from his head, his hands, his feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down!  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?
- 4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were a present far too small:  
love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.

**Meditation:**

*"At a Loss for Words"*

**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: VU654**

**“All My Hope Is Firmly Grounded”**

- 1 All my hope is firmly grounded  
in our great and living Lord;  
who, whenever I most need him,  
never fails to keep his word.  
God I must wholly trust,  
God the ever good and just.
- 2 Tell me, who can trust our nature,  
human, weak, and insecure?  
Which of all the airy castles  
can the hurricane endure?  
Built on sand, naught can stand  
by our earthly wisdom planned.
- 3 But in every time and season,  
out of love's abundant store,  
God sustains the whole creation,  
fount of life forevermore.  
We who share earth and air  
count on God's unfailing care.
- 4 Thank, O thank, our great Creator,  
through God's only Son this day;  
God alone, the heavenly potter,  
made us out of earth and clay.  
Quick to heed, strong in deed,  
God shall all the people feed.

**Invitation to Offer Our Gifts**

**Dedication of Our Gifts**

**Minute for Local Mission:** *“Canadian Mental Health Association  
of Kawartha, Haliburton and Pine Ridge: Support for Mental  
Health”*  
*Jacquie Jameson*

The Canadian Mental Health Association of  
Kawartha, Haliburton and Pine Ridge

(CMHAKHPR), in partnership with clients, families and the community, provides best practice services through education, advocacy, therapeutic supports and assistance with social determinants, to improve mental health recovery and quality of life.

The CMHAKHPR Vision is: Mentally healthy people thriving in an inclusive society free from stigma.

The Values of the CMHAKHPR centre on the client and are stated by them as follows:

- Self-Determination – We are grounded in a philosophy of recovery, increasing the capacity of clients and families to build resilience, become more empowered, make informed choices, and to transform choices into actions with successful outcomes for each person.
- Social Justice – We address the barriers and discrimination that impact people’s quality of life. We support equitable access to resources, so everyone can fully participate in society.
- Collaboration – We continuously build on community experience and expertise in the delivery of mental health and addictions supports. Our partners are: individuals who use our services, families, community service providers, staff, volunteers, students, our Board of Directors, and provincial and national partners in mental health and addictions.
- Diversity and Inclusion – We respect the dignity, integrity, beliefs and cultures of all people and seek to continuously provide safer environments for recovery.
- Innovation- We value the continuous momentum of ongoing quality improvement in the provision of effective and evidence-based services and supports.
- Accountability – As a publicly funded charitable organization we are committed to using our funds as efficiently and effectively as possible and to being open to the highest standards of public scrutiny.

CMHAKHPR operates on a strong foundation supported by three pillars, which support their belief that mental health for all is possible. They state their pillars as:

**Knowledge:** Through education and open dialogue we can help to provide our community with a greater understanding of mental illness, and to eliminate stigma.

**Hope:** Through our services we are able to foster hope that we are a community where everyone who needs help, gets help.

**Belonging:** Through our programs we are able to promote belonging to a community which is an important part of recovery.

They are committed to supporting recovery and define it as:

An experience where you actively engage in your own process, working independently and with others to enjoy a meaningful life in your own community, to fully exercise your rights and freedom as citizens, and to achieve the quality of life you desire.

Their approach to recovery is...

Working together in partnerships of empowerment and respect for lived experience, embracing key principles of hope, self-determination, responsibility, and social inclusion.

Embracing the recovery approach...

They recognize that you are a unique individual with the right to determine your own path towards mental health, well-being, and a meaningful fulfilling quality of life.

They are committed to putting their clients and families first. In all of their services and programs they work with clients and families to understand their needs and put their priorities at the centre of what we do. They respect people from all walks of life and value diversity. CMHAKHPR continuously strive to make their spaces safer and more supportive, so that every person can explore meaningful ways to experience recovery and improve the quality of their life.

## Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn: VU567

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

- 1 Will you come and follow me  
if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know  
and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown,  
will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown  
in you and you in me?
- 2 Will you leave yourself behind  
if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind  
and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare  
should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer  
in you and you in me?
- 3 Will you let the blinded see  
if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free  
and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean,  
and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean  
in you and you in me?
- 4 Will you love the 'you' you hide  
if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside  
and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found  
to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound  
in you and you in me?
- 5 Christ, your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name.

Let me turn and follow you  
and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go  
where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow  
in you and you in me.

### **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 move through this time in  
Creation!**

One: As we journey together with each other and our Creator,  
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 September 12, 2021

**St. Mark's Pastoral Charge**  
**St. Mark's United Church, Whitby**  
*[East Central Ontario Regional Council]*

***THANK YOU TO THIS WEEK'S VOLUNTEERS***  
***September 12, 2021***

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