



*Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 "Virtual Service"*

*~ Fifth Sunday of Easter ~*

**Worship Team:** Rev. Dr. Pirie Mitchell, Lardner family, Mallory Brennan, Cindy Milne-Wren

**Music Team:** Karen Schuessler, Owen Spicer (organ), Sheila LeClair (hymn leader)

*VU = red hymnal Voices United*

*Please sing along at home; we have provided the lyrics!*

*We Gather Together*

**Prelude:** Prière à Notre-Dame (Boëllmann)

**Words of Welcome & Lighting of the Christ Candle**

Katie & Tom Lardner with Ben & Teddy

*We Approach God*

**Call to Worship** (responsively)

Rev. Pirie & Congregation

(adapted from *Worship Companion to Feasting on the Word*)

**Pirie:** Let us offer spiritual sacrifice acceptable to God.

**Cong:** **Let us offer them through our spiritual leader Jesus the Christ.**

**Pirie:** Let us worship leaving the doubts and negativity behind.

**Cong:** **Let us join forces with one another and be a collective reflection of the love of Christ.**

**Pirie:** Let us see the Faith we have in each other and the faith we have in God through Christ.

**Cong:** **Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

**Opening Prayer** (in unison)

Rev. Pirie & Congregation

(adapted from from *Worship Companion of Feasting on the Word*)

Almighty God, in Christ you have shown us the way, revealed to us your truth, and offered us everlasting love. We, in our church congregations are unified within the United Church of Canada, and in that we share a common bond of worship and love. Help keep our eyes on Jesus the leader, that we may see his past more clearly, know his truth more fully, and receive your life more abundantly through him our teacher and leader. Amen.

**Hymn:** Holy, Holy, Holy

VU 315 vs. 1, 2, 4

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!

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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 were, and art, and evermore shalt be.
  
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!

## *We Listen for God's Word*

### **Learning with Children**

Mallory

#### **The Lord's Prayer** (VU page 921)

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed by thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth, as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil:  
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

**Scripture:** Psalm 31  
1 Peter 2: 2-10

Cindy Milne-Wren  
Owen Spicer

**Message:** What We Believe

Rev. Pirie  
(Including a video of our Youth Group acting out the United Church Creed)

## *We Respond to God*

**Hymn:** There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying

VU 18 Vs. 1, 2, 3

(This hymn was written for United Church union in 1925.)

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. There's a voice in the wilderness crying,<br/>a call from the ways untrod:<br/>prepare in the desert a highway,<br/>a highway for our God!<br/>The valleys shall be exalted,<br/>the lofty hills brought low;<br/>make straight all the crooked places,<br/>where the God, our God, may go!</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 O Zion, that bringest good tidings,<br/>get thee up to the heights and sing!<br/>Proclaim to a desolate people<br/>the coming of their King.<br/>Like the flowers of the field they perish,<br/>like grass our works decay,<br/>the power and pomp of nations<br/>shall pass like a dream away.</li> </ol> |
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- But the word of our God endureth,  
the arm of the Lord is strong;  
God stands in the midst of nations,  
and soon will right the wrong.  
God shall feed the flock like a shepherd,  
the lambs so gently hold;  
to pastures of peace will lead them,  
and bring them safe to fold.

**Virtual Offering**

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**Offering Response:**

VU 539 vs. 1

**Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you,  
Use them your holy purpose to fulfill;  
Tokens of love and pledges brought anew  
That our whole life is offered to thy will.**

**Prayers for the People**

Rev. Pirie

**Hymn:** The Church of Christ in Every Age

VU 601 vs. 1, 2, 3, 5

- The church of Christ, in every age,  
beset by change but Spirit led,  
must claim and test its heritage  
and keep on rising from the dead.
- Across the world, across the street  
the victims of injustice cry  
for shelter and for bread to eat,  
and never live until they die.
- Then let the servant church arise,  
a caring church that longs to be  
a partner in Christ's sacrifice,  
and clothed in Christ's humanity.
- We have no mission but to serve  
in full obedience to our Lord:  
to care for all without reserve  
and spread Christ's liberating word.

**Commissioning & Blessing with Congregational Response** (sung)

VU 298 v. 1

**When you walk from here,  
When you walk from here,  
Walk with justice, walk with mercy,  
And with God's humble care.**

**Please stay tuned for post-worship feature videos!**

<p><b>10</b></p> <p>10:30 am - 11:30 am Online Worship</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Reaching Out Meeting</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>7:30 pm - 9:00 pm ↻ How Jesus Became God</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>7:00 pm - 7:40 pm ↻ Prayer Group (Online)</p>	<p><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>15</b></p>	<p><b>16</b></p>
<p><b>17</b></p> <p>10:30 am - 11:30 am Online Worship</p> <p>12:15 pm - 1:30 pm Lunch and Learn- Nicaragua</p>	<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>7:30 pm - 9:00 pm ↻ How Jesus Became God</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>7:00 pm - 7:40 pm ↻ Prayer Group (Online)</p> <p>7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Leadership Council</p>	<p><b>21</b></p>	<p><b>22</b></p>	<p><b>23</b></p>