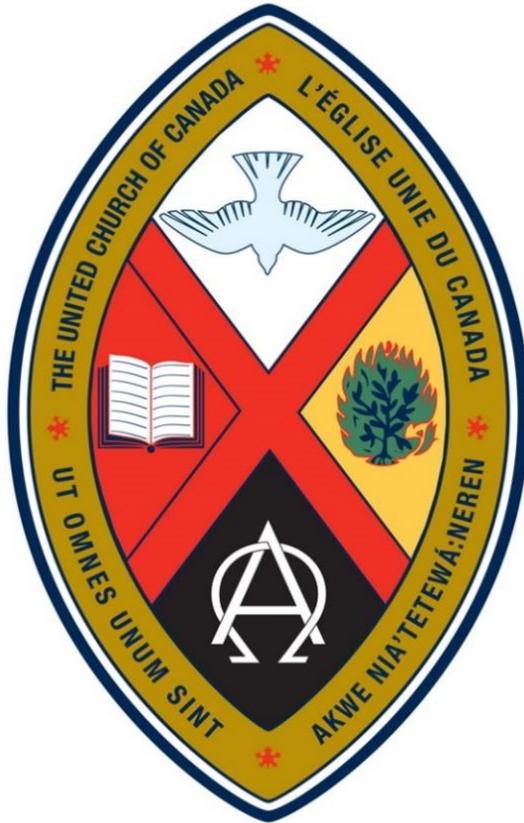


# Knox United Church

United Church of Canada



Holy Humour Sunday

April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019

# CELEBRATE GOD'S PRESENCE

## WE GATHER IN THE GARDEN ON EASTER

*This is a house of prayer for all people.  
You are welcome here.*

### PRELUDES

### WELCOME — OUR MINISTRY

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

### LIGHTING OF CANDLES & OPENING SENTENCES

*Silence is observed*

### GATHERING SONG "Draw the Circle Wide"

MV 145

### AFFIRMING AND CONNECTING

What good news would you like to  
share with the world today?

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*adapted from David Sparks, Prayers to Share Year C*

Binding us into community,

**Christ is among us!**

Receiving our doubts,

**Christ is among us!**

Calming our fears,

**Christ is among us!**

Bringing us hope,

**Christ is among us!**

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"VU" refers to the red hymnbook. "MV" is the coil bound book.

We have not seen Jesus, but we believe!

**We believe he welcomes our questions and our doubts.**

We have not seen Jesus, but we believe!

**We believe he calls us to create inclusive  
and diverse communities.**

We have not seen Jesus but we believe!

**We believe he encourages us to act justly  
and to promote healing.**

We have not seen Jesus, but we believe!

**We believe; he inspires us to spread the  
life-giving Good News wherever we go.**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be 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.**

**Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil,  
for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory.**

**Forever and ever, Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE      "Sing a Happy Hallelujah"

VU 224

## WE CELEBRATE SIGNS OF RESURRECTION

A WORD FOR HUMANITY

Psalm 8

"Awe and Wonder"

By James Taylor in *Everyday Psalms*

My God, my God,

how wonderful you are!

**There is nothing like you in the whole earth.**

I look up to the skies, and I see you there;

**Babies and infants open their mouths,  
and I hear them cry your name.**

Compared to you, our weapons, our bombs,  
our power to destroy,  
dwindle into insignificance.

**On a starry night, with your glory splashed across the skies,  
I gaze into your infinite universe, and I wonder:**

**Who am I?**

Why do I matter?

Why do you care about mere mortals?

**We humans are less than specks of dust in your universe.**

We have existed less than a second in the great clock of creation.

**Yet you choose us as your partners.**

You share the secrets of the universe with us;

**you give us a special place in your household;**

you trust us to look after the earth, on your behalf –

**not just the sheep and oxen,**

**but also the wolves that prey on our domestic animals;**

**the birds, the plants, and even creatures we have never seen  
in the depths of the sea.**

My God, my God! How amazing you are!

Matthew 28:16-20

ANTHEM

“Mysteries of the Deep”

Whetter

COME AS A CHILD

“Let’s Go Fly a Kite”

*Children of all ages are invited to gather  
on the chancel steps*

RESPONSE

“Let’s Go Fly a Kite”  
Sing-a-long

REFLECTION

“Good News”

Craig S. Miller

RESPONSE

“I Danced in the Morning”

VU 352

## WE RESPOND TO THE PROMISE OF EASTER

MINUTE FOR MISSION AND SERVICE

“A Place for Mother and Child”

OFFERINGS OF THE GATHERED CHURCH

OFFERTORY

*We welcome your gifts; but if you are here for the first time or just  
visiting, we have no expectation that you make an offering,  
you are our guests.*

RESPONSE

“Dance With The Spirit”  
Walk – Laugh - Move

MV 156

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### WE DEPART TO LOVE AND SERVE

SONG OF SENDING “Give to Us Laughter”

VU 624

COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

The Laughing One called us together  
**so we could share in the laughter of life.**

The Laughing One sends us out,  
**to carry the joy of life and love to the world.**

Go out to laugh, to live to love. And when you hear a good joke...  
**remember that sharing is a great thing!**

POSTLUDE

## Spirit Kids' Club

Classes for children and youth take place during worship on Sunday mornings. Groups focus on storytelling, spirituality, friendship, fun and service.

Wigglin' Worship Room - Infants/Toddlers through Age 4 – Teachers: Mel Doyle, various parent/teen volunteers.

Junior – K-Grade 2 - Basement, Teachers: Leanne Sprung, Madelyn Robinson, Deirdre Taylor-John

Intermediate – Grades 3-5 - Club Room, Teachers: Jill Hannah Kayes and Judy Olmstead

Youth - Grades 6-12 - Youth Room, Youth Director: Antoinette Gravel-Ouellette

## Affirm United

As the people of Knox United Church we aim to provide a safe, nurturing environment where we accept and welcome all into the life and ministry of the Knox family: persons of any age, colour, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, ability, marital status, social or economic circumstance.

## Acknowledgement of Land – An Act Towards Reconciliation

For thousands of years Indigenous people have walked in this land, on their own country. The relationship with the land is at the centre of their lives. We acknowledge the first peoples and their stewardship of this land throughout the ages



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