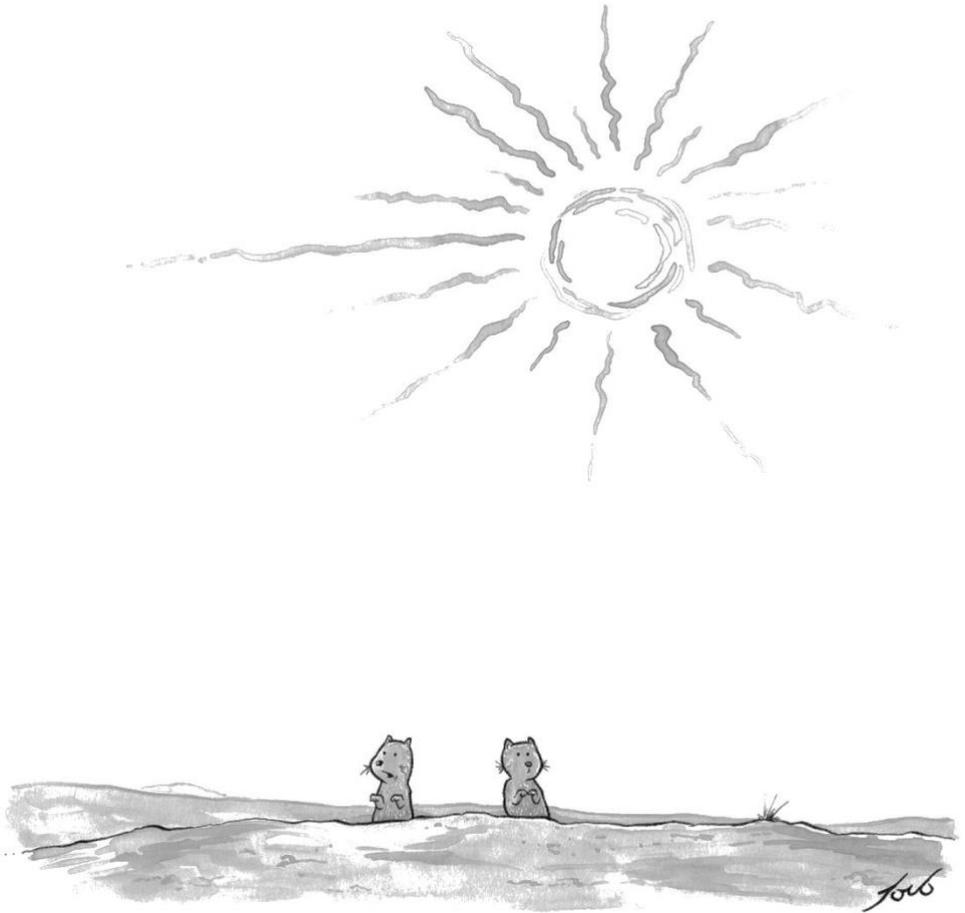

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God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith



Other than the constant looming threat of danger, it's a beautiful day. Tom Toro – New Yorker, May 14, 2020

May 24, 2020 – Seventh Sunday after Easter

Welcome!

Welcome to worship!

We hope it will be a quiet space for you as you prepare to spend time with God amid life's busyness and storms.

We honour each other's desire for peace as we gather.

We're glad you're here!

WE GATHER IN GOD'S HOPE

VU: Voices United

MV: More Voices

* Please rise in body and/or Spirit as you are able.

We would like to acknowledge that we are on the Haldimand Tract, traditional territory of the Neutral, Anishnaabeg, and Haudenosaunee peoples.

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle

Prelude

Rhosymedre

Opening Hymn

Here I Am Lord

VU 509

I, the Lord of sea and sky,

I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.

I who made the stars of night,

I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them?

Whom shall I send?

Refrain *Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?*

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,

I have borne my people's pain,

I have wept for love of them; they turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone,

give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them.

Whom shall I send? Refrain

**3 I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send? Refrain**

Call to Worship *based on Acts 1:9-11 written by Steve Garnaas-Holmes*

One: Don't try to diagram the mystery.

The Body of Love,

in your hands but hard to put your finger on,

within, among and yet beyond,

is here and not here.

The One who Is With You is not present as you wish.

Sorrow and joy mingle perfectly.

Theories will not help you.

You can't look it up.

Look here: this, now.

In the bed you make,

the people you meet,

the rumpling within.

Even what has left you,

your empty arms,

is a place to look.

Jacob on his stone pillow knew:

this loss, this trouble, this gift, this moment

is the ladder to heaven.

Keep looking, but not up there...

look within to see.

Opening Prayer *interpretation of the teachings of Julian of Norwich*

All: Await. Allow. Accept. Attend.

Silence

Story Time

Hymn

Fill My Cup

Fill my cup and let it overflow
Fill my cup and let it overflow
Fill my cup and let it overflow
Let it overflow with love

Jesus loves me, this I know,
for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong,
they are weak but he is strong.

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Minute for Mission

Prayer in the Park

Readings from the Scriptures (NRSV) John 17:1-11

17 After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "God, the hour has come; glorify your son so that the son may glorify you, ² since you have given him authority over all people to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴ I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ So now, God, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶ "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸ for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and

I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

Anthem **A Beautiful Land**

Reflection **May you be one**

During Reflection **I Have Made Mistakes**

After Reflection **In the Bulb, there is a Flower** VU 703

***1 In the bulb there is a flower;
in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.***

***2 There's a song in every silence,
seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness,
bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;
what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.***

***3 In our end is our beginning;
in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing;
in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;
at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.***

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND LOVE

Invitation to Offering

(Donate online at sjruc.ca)

Offertory How Can I Keep from Singing

*** Offering Response ***

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow VU 541

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.*

***Dedication of the Offering**

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Blessing of Prayer Shawls

WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

Closing Hymn Great is thy Faithfulness VU 288

*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.*

Refrain *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!*

*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. Refrain*

*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. Refrain*

Commissioning written by Thomas Merton

One: O God, we are one with you.

You have made us one with you.

You have taught us that if we are open to one
another, you dwell in us.

Help us to preserve this openness

and to fight for it with all our hearts.

Help us to realize that there can be no understanding
where there is mutual rejection.

O God, in accepting one another wholeheartedly,
fully, completely,

we accept you, and we thank you, and we adore you,
and we love you with our whole being,
because our being is in your being,
our spirit is rooted in your spirit.

Fill us then with love,
and let us be bound together with love as we go our
diverse ways,
united in this one spirit which makes you present in
the world,
and makes you witness to the ultimate reality that is
love.

Love has overcome.

Love is victorious.

*** Choral Benediction**

Deep Peace

Deep peace of the running wave to you

Deep peace of the flowing air to you

Deep peace of the quiet earth to you

Deep peace of the shining stars to you

Deep peace of the gentle night to you

Moon and stars pour their healing light on you

Deep peace to you.