



Carlisle/Kilbride United Church

Memorial Sunday

Trinity Sunday

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Kilbride 9:30/Carlisle 11 am

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Greeting, Announcements, and Birthdays/Anniversaries

Lighting of Christ Candle:

One: The Risen Christ Lives!

All: He lives as a flame in our hearts

One: Let his light shine within us

All: Let his light shine for all

Time for Reconciliation:

As we join together this morning, we remember with gratitude that we live, love, pray, and sing within the territorial lands of the Neutral, Haudenosaunee, and Anishinaabe peoples, an area covered by the Dish with One Spoon Treaty. May our worship honour that spirit of respect and cooperation, and may we continue to seek right relations with all.

Opening Hymn: VU 315 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

You won't want to miss this fun and sassy a cappella version sung by The Martins on Gaither Music TV. This Christian music vocal trio consists of siblings Joyce, Jonathan, and Judy – perhaps their long relationship helps explain their wonderfully tight rhythms and harmonies... and subsequent well-deserved awards in gospel music!

[The Martins - Holy, Holy, Holy \(Live In Columbia, TN/2020\) - YouTube](#)

- 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!

- 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 wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

- 3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.
- 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!

Call to Worship:

One: God calls us:

All: We respond!

One: Christ welcomes us:

All: We enter!

One: The Spirit is Alive:

All: We are nourished!

One: We come to worship:

All: Creator, Word and Spirit One! Amen

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of God's Blessing

Choral Response: MV 130 Rise Up, Rise Up

Last week I was unable to find a YouTube recording of this 2003 responsive hymn by Linnea Good. Many thanks to Winfield United Church in Lake Country, BC, for sharing their music ministry with the online community by posting this lyric video on Tuesday. [Rise Up, Rise Up MV 130 - YouTube](#)

Rise up, rise up, rise up, O my soul.
Rise up and sing this blessing to God's name.
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Prayer of Illumination: Let us hear and ponder – and wonder – and take it in – the mystery and the promise, the challenge and the hope that all lie here within the words of our Faith Stories. Amen.

Scripture: Proverbs 8 – selected verses

Does not wisdom call,
and does not understanding raise her voice?

On the heights, beside the way,
at the crossroads she takes her stand;
beside the gates in front of the town,
at the entrance of the portals she cries out:
“To you, O people, I call,
and my cry is to all that live.

I came into being at the beginning of God’s work,
the first of God’s acts of long ago.
When God established the heavens, I was there,
when God drew a circle on the face of the deep,
when God made firm the skies above,
when God established the fountains of the deep,
when God assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress God’s command,
when God marked out the foundations of the earth,
then I was beside God,
like a master worker;
and I was daily God’s delight,
rejoicing before God always,
rejoicing in God’s inhabited world
and delighting in the human race.
“And now, my children, listen to me:
happy are those who keep my ways.
Hear instruction and be wise,
and do not neglect it.
Happy is the one who listens to me,
watching daily at my gates,
waiting beside my doors.
For whoever finds me finds life
and obtains favor from the Lord

Hymn: MV 10 Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom

This is a new hymn for us, with words written by Ruth Duck in 1993 and set to music by Donna Kasbohm two years later. Donna retired just last July after serving over 20 years as Director of Worship and Music at Pax Christi Catholic Community in Eden Prairie, Minnesota, and at various churches in the area for nearly 50 years. I invite you to sing along with singers from the More Voices Festival held at Mount Paul United Church in Kamloops, BC in 2006.

[Come And Seek The Ways Of Wisdom Hymn Lyric Video - YouTube](#)

Come and seek the ways of Wisdom, she who danced, when earth was new.
Follow closely what she teaches, for her words are right and true.

Wisdom clears the path to justice, showing us what love must do.

Listen to the voice of Wisdom, crying in the market-place.
Hear the Word made flesh among us, full of glory, truth and grace.
When the word takes root and ripens, peace and righteousness embrace.

Sister Wisdom, come, assist us; nurture all who seek rebirth.
Spirit-guide and close companion, bring to light our sacred worth.
Free us to become your people, holy friends of God and earth.

Scripture: Romans 5:1-5

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Sermon

Hymn: VU 410 This Day God Gives Me

This arrangement of "This Day God Gives Me" is performed by L'Angéus, a band consisting Katie, Paige, Johnny, and Stephen Rees, four of ten siblings. Although they perform in a variety of genres, they often emphasize their Cajun roots. The siblings tell a sweet story of their origins: their dad bought their mom her first guitar the first Christmas they were married, and she learned to play while her children were babies. When her first coffee shop performance became a regular gig, one-by-one her children joined her onstage as they grew and learned instruments of their own. As "Linda Lou and the Lucky Four," they began to tour country fairs in the United States.

[This Day God Gives Me - YouTube](#)

- 1 This day God gives me strength of high heaven,
sun and moon shining, flame in my hearth,
flashing of lightning, wind in its swiftness,
depths of the ocean, firmness of earth.

- 2 This day God sends me strength to sustain me,
might to uphold me, wisdom as guide.
Your eyes are watchful, your ears are listening,
your lips are speaking, Friend at my side.

3 God's way is my way, God's shield is round me,
God's host defends me, saving from ill.
Angels of heaven, drive from me always
all that would harm me, stand by me still.

4 Rising, I thank you, mighty and strong One,
King of creation, giver of rest,
firmly confessing Threeness of Persons,
Oneness of Godhead, Trinity blest.

Stewardship Second: Spirit, help our gifts to shine and help us to trust that what we have and what we offer is enough.

Prayer of Dedication:

Holy One, we bring these gifts with thanksgiving and with joyous hearts for Christ lives in each act of kindness and self-giving. Let Christ live in each life touched by the giving and receiving of these gifts. Amen.

Prayers of the People:

As part of Horseshoe Falls Region, each week we hold a community of Faith in our prayers. This week we pray for our sister church, [Bowman](#). We pray for their ministry and spiritual wellbeing.

VU 959 The Lord's Prayer

Remembering Our Loved Ones with Lighting Memorial Tea Lights

Closing Hymn: VU 586 We Shall Go Out With Hope of Resurrection

I encourage everyone to sing along with Bells Corners United Church Choir in Ottawa! As you may know, the melody of this hymn is borrowed from the anonymous Irish "Londonderry Air." Its original title is actually unknown: when the old tune was published in the 1855 book *The Ancient Music of Ireland* it remained titleless, but was later named after County Londonderry, where Irish folksong collector Jane Ross wrote it down (but failed to ascertain the title!).

[BCUC: We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection - lyric video - YouTube](#)

1 We shall go out with hope of resurrection;
we shall go out, from strength to strength go on;
we shall go out and tell our stories boldly;
tales of a love that will not let us go.
We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted;

we'll dream our dreams of hurts that can be healed;
we'll weave a cloth of all the world united
within the vision of new life in Christ.

- 2 We'll give a voice to those who have not spoken;
we'll find the words for those whose lips are sealed;
we'll make the tunes for those who sing no longer,
expressive love alive in every heart.
We'll share our joy with those who still are weeping,
raise hymns of strength for hearts that break in grief,
we'll leap and dance the resurrection story,
including all in circles of our love.

Congregation Goes Out to the Cemetery

Blessing of the Butterfly Garden

Benediction

Postlude: Carillon

Online Postlude: The Song of the Butterfly

In honour of Memorial Sunday and the blessing and symbolism of the butterfly garden, I wanted this online postlude to incorporate meditation, the natural world, and, if possible, the butterfly. While attending the Everness Festival in Hungary in 2014, four musicians were invited to visit artist Istvan Sky Kék Ég's ashram (or spiritual retreat) where they collaborated to create this wonderful 17-minute improvisation. If this is not to your taste, what kind of music do *you* find reflective and relaxing? What music makes you breathe more deeply?

[The Song of the Butterfly \[Hungary 2014\] HD - YouTube](#)

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Announcements:

1st and 3rd Thursdays: [Devotional Group](#) on Zoom at 9:30-11 am

June 18: [Live Concert with "Sean and The Mothballs"](#) in the field behind Carlisle United at 4 pm; free-will donation in support of refugee sponsorship; bring a lawn chair; hotdogs, hamburgers, and drinks available