

KNOX FLOS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcomes you to Worship

*Please stand if you are able.

5th SUNDAY IN LENT

April 7, 2019

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE ENTER INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

LENT LITURGY: Pauline Hunter

*HYMN: 342 All who the name



PRAYER OF APPROACH, CONFESSION & LORD'S PRAYER:
(unison)

Eternal God, through Christ's death and resurrection, you have cancelled the debt of our sins and opened the door to new life for us. In you, dead ends can become new beginnings; the cross is transformed from a means of torture into the very means of our salvation. And so this moment is filled with fresh possibilities through your renewing presence. We praise you for your abiding love.

Yet we confess that we have a hard time believing this good news, much less living it out. Past mistakes and failures, regrets and grievances, often haunt us. We carry our sins, and the sins others have lain upon us, like heavy burdens which sap our energy and enthusiasm. We hear old voices repeating their condemnations: "What you have been, you will always be..." "You can't change, so why try?"

Lord, help us accept the gift of new life you offer us in Jesus Christ. Forgive us for listening to voices that condemn us rather than your voice of liberating love. Refresh us with springs of living water, so that our parched lives may blossom in your renewing presence. And hear us further in our Lord's Prayer... 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, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

PARDON & PEACE:

L: Hear the Good News: "If anyone is in Jesus Christ there is a whole new creation. The past is finished and gone. Behold, the new has come!" Friends, believe the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Receive the power to begin new lives, starting this very moment.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

(offering words of peace and right hand of fellowship)

CHILDREN'S PRAISE SONG: 698 Saviour, teach me day by day

CHILDREN'S TIME:

GOD'S WORD FOR US

SCRIPTURES: Pauline Hunter

Psalm 126

(Pages 572,968)

Isaiah 43:16-21

(Pages 672,1131)

John 12:1-8 (Rev. Margaret)

(Pages 106,1682)

L. This is the word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: So Many Questions (Rev. Margaret Robertson)

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING: *Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
praise him all creatures here below;
praise him above ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.*

PRESENTATION & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN: 626 Lord of all power

GOD SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD

***BENEDICTION & BLESSING**

Go Now in Peace

*Go now in peace. Never be afraid
God will go with you each hour of every day
Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true
Know he will guide you in all you do
Go now in love, and show you believe
Reach out to others so all the world can see
God will be there, watching from above
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We extend a warm welcome to everyone today on this 5th Sunday in Lent. A special welcome and thank you to Rev. Margaret Robertson for taking the service while Rev. Paul is away doing a presbytery visitation.

April 7: World Health Day (April 7)

Good health starts with good nutrition—especially for young children. In a poor village in Haiti, one-year-old Marcellus was losing weight rapidly and had a persistent cough. Because of crop losses, his single mother was struggling to feed the little boy and his five siblings. She knew Marcellus needed medical attention, but the price of transport to the closest health facility was more than she could afford. Hope came to Marcellus's mother in the form of a mobile clinic supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development and other Canadian Foodgrains Bank members. There, Marcellus received a nutrient-rich food supplement called Nourimanba, antibiotics and multivitamins. Marcellus is no longer malnourished and is on course to grow up healthy and strong.
PWS&D brings health care closer to home

CHURCH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Tue. April 9 10 a.m. **Bible Study** (*Elmvale parlour*)

Thur. April 11 12-1 p.m. **“Let's Do Lunch”** (\$5)
6 p.m. **G.A.S.**

UPCOMING CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tue. Apr. 30 **KNOX, FLOS MEAT PIE DAY** Please place your orders with Sandy Conn (705) 322-2102 as soon as possible.

Sun. April 14 11 a.m. **Palm Sunday and Communion**

7 p.m. **Easter Cantata (EPC)**

Hallelujah! What a Saviour! This is being performed by the choirs from Elmvale Presbyterian, St. John's United and Friends. Directed by Carolyn Hill and pianist Ruth Currie. Free will offering and reception downstairs to follow. All welcome.

The **Worship & Nurture Committee (EPC)** are planning a Maundy Thursday service (April 18). We are looking for plants for decorating our Garden of Gethsemane. If you are willing to lend us your greenery talk to Elizabeth Hill or Janice Terry. This service will place us in the garden with Jesus just before His arrest. We encourage you to come, imagine yourself in the garden and discover your feelings and your thoughts as you join the disciples and enter the garden. Everyone is encouraged to come and explore.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thur. April 11 7 p.m. **The Canadian Food Grains Bank** presents: “The Intersection of Conflict and Hunger” at St. John's United Church. Hosted by The North Simcoe G.R.A.I.N. Project.

The **annual Daffodil Luncheon** will take place at **Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church on Wednesday April 24th** from 11:30 - 1pm. For \$7 you can enjoy sandwiches, sweets and a beverage. All monies raised will stay in the area to assist those needing transport to and from treatment.

WEEKLY PRAYERS: Week by week we list two households from our mailing list. We would ask you to keep these people in your prayers. The names are in alphabetical rotation: **Diane & John Pinder; Kim & Jim Rettinger** and their families.

PRAYERS OF CONCERN are requested for those people known by the Minister or Church Secretary to be in Hospital or Nursing Homes. The help of the congregation is essential to keep the list up to date.
Sara Vista, Elmvale - Mabel Reynolds, Marg Graves & Nancy McGrady
Serenity, Barrie - Muriel Patchell
Hillcrest Village Care Centre, Midland - Evelyn Fleming
Georgian Manor, Penetang - Edna Kerr
King Place, Midland - Violet Graham
The Villa, Midland – Bill Cox Rm. 229
Telfer Place, Paris - Nancy Hull
Roberta Place, Barrie - Louise Wanless
Extendicare, Sudbury - Alma Faris
At Home - Dolores Parker, Bill Murray, Stan McNutt, Jill Lieper, Wally Greenlaw, Stan & Jackie Ritchie, Ellen Furlong, Herb & June Ritchie, Patsy Graham, Walter Marshall, Doug & Norma Kirton & Ross Cole

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