

#### THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

WEEKLY OFFERING – We are grateful for your financial gifts to our 9 ministries. If you are financially able, please continue to support our faith community financially through this challenging time via your PAR givings arranged through the office, or by dropping off your offering envelope in the secured mailbox outside the front doors of the church at 345 Pym street, or through the "Donate" tab on our website. While the church is currently closed due to COVID-19, for the health and well-being of our faith community our minister (minister@kucparksville.ca), church office administrator (admin@kucparksville.ca), facility coordinator (facility@kucparksville.ca), and music leader (music@kucparksville.ca) will continue to be accessible through email and phone calls.

## SUNDAY CELEBRATION 10:00 AM KNOX UNITED CHURCH



May 3, 2020

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Our Core Values are:

#### Compassion, Inclusion, Joy and Spirituality

Our Mission:

Guided by the creative Spirit of God, we are called to build community that cares, shares and dares.

Rev. Jennifer Ferguson, *Minister* Rev. Dr. M. Bruce McIntyre, *Minister Emeritus*Jane Williams, *Administrator* Jenny Vincent, *Music Leader*Karen Freeman, *Facility Coordinator* Jan & Bill Laurie, *Music Team*Kathleen Howard. *Relief Administrator* 

**Welcome to Worship at Knox!** We extend a warm "virtual" welcome to **all** who are a part of our community of faith, who are seeking a church home, or visiting with us from away. May you receive what you need today and sense the presence of the Spirit of God moving among us.

**REGIONAL PRAYER CYCLE** – Prayers this week to the ministry and congregation of Quadra Island United Church.



FINDING FAITH IN THE AGE OF COVID 19

#### ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME AND LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE
AND VIRTUAL PASSING OF THE PEACE TO ONE ANOTHER

**PRELUDE** 

A TIME OF REJOICING

HYMN: In the Quiet Curve of Evening 278VU

In the quiet curve of evening, in the sinking of the days, in the silky void of darkness, you are there. In the lapses of my breathing, in the space between my ways, in the crater carved by sadness, you are there. You are there, you are there.

In the rests between the phrases, in the cracks between the stars, in the gaps between the meaning you are there. In the melting down of endings, in the cooling of the sun, in the solstice of the winter, you are there. You are there, you are there.

In the mystery of my hungers, in the silence of my rooms, in the cloud of my unknowing, you are there. In the empty cave of grieving, in the desert of my dreams, in the tunnel of my sorrow, you are there. You are there, you are there.

**CENTERING PRAYER** 

A TIME OF REFLECTING

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 17:14-20

REFLECTION AND UNITED CHURCH CREED (SEE INSERT)

HYMN: True Faith Needs No Defense 139MV

True faith needs no defense, it echoes in the soul; a faithful life gives evidence of grace that makes us whole.

True faith like music, soars beyond cathedral walls; on city streets and ocean shores, from age to age faith calls.

Expect your faith to grow; begin by being still, and in the quiet come to know God's living, breathing will.

To live the faith we find, is all that love can ask; to sing God's praise with heart and mind, and rise to meet the task.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

The Singing Bowl invites us to center....

Sung Response: O God We Call 411VU

O God we call, O God we call, from deep inside we yearn, from deep inside we yearn, from deep inside we yearn for you.

580VU

A TIME OF RISING

HYMN: Faith of Our Fathers Faith of our fathers, living still in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword; O how our hearts beat high with joy, whene'er we hear that glorious word: faith of our fathers, holy faith, we will be true to you till death.

Faith of our mothers, daring faith, your work for Christ is love revealed, spreading God's word from pole to pole, making love known and freedom real: faith of our mothers, holy faith, we will be true to you till death.

Faith born of God, O call us yet; bind us with all who follow you, sharing the struggle of your cross until the world is made anew. Faith born of God, O living faith, we will be true to you till death.

**BLESSING** 

**POSTLUDE** 

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### UNITED CHURCH CREED (insert)

We are not alone. We live in God's world.

We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus
the Word made Flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:
to celebrate God's presence
to live with respect in creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

# "FAITH, WHILE TREES ARE STILL in BLOSSOM"

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