

*The Kirk Spring Service*

*June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 2:00 p.m.*

*Presider: Joan Hall*

*Music Director and Organist: Amy Anderson*

## *We Cannot Keep from Singing*

### **Meditation:**

Grateful for God's loving action,  
we cannot keep from singing.

Creating and seeking relationship, in awe and trust,  
we witness to Holy Mystery who is Wholly Love.

-from A Song of Faith A statement of faith of the United Church

### **GATHERING AND PRAISE**

**Greeting :** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Response: And also with you.**

**Gathering Hymn:** VU 245 "Praise the Lord"

**Welcome and Announcements**

### **Call to worship**

From the beginning of time

the universe has hummed with creative energy.

**The rhythm of love pulses in our veins and echoes in our heartbeat.**

With a breath, God began the whisper of life  
and it reverberates in our breathing.

**We live and breathe and have our being  
in the One who called us into life.**

And we raise our voices to this One with praise and gratitude.

**Introit:** VU 315 "Holy Holy Holy" (verse 1 only)

**Opening Prayer and Confession** (sung)

VU 218 "With voices united, our praises we offer (verse 3 only)

**Words of Grace** (offered by worship leader)

God accepts our thanksgiving and our confession.

God receives us as we are and loves us.

We are a forgiven, loved, and thankful people. Let us sing

**Sung Response:** VU 958 "Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah" (many times)

### **HEARING GOD'S WORD**

**Prayer of Illumination:** (sung VU 501) Break now the bread of life.

**First Scripture:** Psalm 150 Praise God with trumpet sound.

Herein is Good News. **Praise be to God.**

**Second Scripture.** 1 Chronicles 13: 5-8 King David dances and makes music.

Herein is Good News. **Praise be to God.**

**Reflection:** Music of the Soul *including the singing of the hymns:*

VU 240 "Praise my soul the God of heaven (verses 1,2,3)

VU p 747 "The Lord's my shepherd:"

VY 144 "Were you there" (verses 1,2,3)

"You raise me up by Josh Groban (recording solo)

VU 710 "Shall we gather at the river" (Verses 1,2)

"What a friend we have in Jesus" (The Young Family)

VU 87 "I am the light of the world" (verses 1,4)

### **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

**Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer**

*Sung response:* VU 400 Lord, listen to your children praying  
concluding with "the Lord's Prayer" (sung VU 959)

**Offering to God: Gifts of money, music and selves**

*Sung response:* VU 541 "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

**Prayer of Dedication** (offered by worship leader)

**Hymn** VU 586 "We shall go out"

**Commissioning and Benediction**

*Sung response:* VU 967 "Amen, amen, amen"

*The bulletin today is dedicated in loving memory  
of Lorna Cluff by her daughters.*

## *Memories of the Kirk Church*

*David and Wallace Gibson deeded a parcel of land to James Rankin Sr. James Rankin Jr., David Jinson, George Trafton and Alexander Kearney were trustees of Saint James Church in connection with the Church of Scotland in the Parish of Northampton. This church was called "Greenbank" or "The Kirk."*

*It is believed that this church was built sometime between 1856-1857.*

*There is an unusual mosque like bell tower in which hangs a bell that was sent out from Scotland.*

*The walls and ceilings are of plaster and the interior of the church is almost unchanged since it was built.*

*The interior of the building is about 45 ft. long and 35 ft. wide and there are three sections of pews. These original pews are very straight backed, made of golden oak and would seat about 100 people.*

*The pulpit is on a platform that has a carpet on it. This is a replacement for the original high pulpit which is now in the vestry at the Presbyterian Church in Woodstock.*

*To the right of the pulpit stands an old reed organ, the bellows of which are filled with air by foot pumps. It was made by the Thomas Organ and Piano Company of Woodstock, Ontario.*

*Between 1959 and 1962 Rev. H. G. MacKenzie preached at the Kirk every second Sunday afternoon for three summers.*

*At present the Kirk Church is being kept alive by holding special services in the spring, fall, and at Christmas.*