



St. John's United Church

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April 28, 2019 Holy Humour Sunday

*Please note that an asterisk * invites you to stand as you are able
Assistive Listening Systems are available - see ushers*

Welcome

Announcements

Introit: "Lord of the Dance" shaker tune
arr L. Larson *Keith Eastman & Helen MacGregor*

Arrival Song: "Ameni" MV 219 (on screen)
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To Praise God

Call to Worship:

Praise God with clapping hands;
praise God with hands comforting a child.

**Praise God with silent hearts;
praise God with hearts broken for the
world.**

Praise God with electric guitars;
praise God with soft piano chords.

**Praise God with be-bop and hip-hop;
praise God with rhythms that don't stop.**

Praise God with a hallelujah chorus;
praise God with a Gregorian chant.

**Praise God with dancing steps;
praise God with feet walking for justice.**

Hymn: "Joy Comes with the Dawn" #166

Prayer of Approach:

One: We have not seen Jesus, but we believe!

**All: We believe Jesus welcomes our
questions and our doubts.**

One: We have not seen Jesus, but we believe!

All: We believe Jesus calls us to create accepting communities.

One: We have not seen Jesus but we believe!

All: We believe Jesus encourages us to act justly and to promote healing.

One: We have not seen Jesus, but we believe!

All: We believe; Jesus inspires us to spread the life-giving Good News wherever we go. Amen.

To Open the Scriptures

Scripture: Acts 5:27-32 NT p.149

***Hymn:** "I am a Child of God" MV 157 (on screen)

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Time to Wonder

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture: Psalm 150 VU# 874

Revelation 1:4-8 NT p.297 *Ed Chajkowski*

Ministry of Music: "All in the April Evening"
H.S. Robertson

Sermon: "You can believe it."

***Hymn:** "Give to us Laughter" #624

To Respond in Faith

Minute For Mission: David Estey

Offering

***Doxology:** VU #220 vs 4 (on screen)

Prayer of Dedication:

We could keep our treasures locked up in the tomb of our living where they never see the light of your love, or we can offer them to you as you have given yourself to us so that

those who live in the shadows of poverty might be fed, those who walk the streets of loneliness find a community, and those who long for peace will find an end to the violence in their lives. And so we open our hearts and our gifts in joyous praise to you. Amen.

Prayers of the People

We Return, Strengthened, To Live Our Faith

***Hymn:** "This is the Day That God has Made" #175

Benediction:

God sends us forth with songs of joy in our hearts.

We go to sing of wonder to all who are empty of life even as we gather them close to our hearts.

Jesus calls us to step out of our fears into lives of witness.

We go to breathe peace into all the broken places around us.

The Spirit teaches us new dance steps of grace.

We go to take our sisters and brothers by the hand to dance in the streets of the kingdom singing:

Ameni. MV 219 (on screen)

Ushers: Gertie Flay, Bill McElrea, Cathy Reeves

Regional Prayer Cycle: Wesley - Pembroke

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan

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