



ORDER OF WORSHIP

PENTECOST 11 August 18, 2019 **9:30am**



God, Naturally

OUR MISSION

TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE BY LIVING THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS:

> showing mercy, promoting justice, offering forgiveness, acceptance, and hope.

(** indicates rising in body or spirit as you are able) (The congregation reads together the words in bold print).

<u>Prelude</u>

Welcome + Work of the Church

Lighting of the Christ Candle

****Singing: VU 226** For the Beauty of the Earth (to the tune DIX found at VU 81)

**Call to Worship:

God tells us we are redeemed.

We are summoned by name. We belong to God.

When we pass through the waters, God will be with us.

When we pass through the rivers, they will not sweep us away.

When we walk through the fires of life,

We will not be overwhelmed.

God is with us. May we follow. In following may we always lift our eyes, our hearts and our ears as we worship him this morning.

**Opening Prayer:

Father God, you assure us that there is a place for all in your loving embrace. May we lean into your tender care confident and trusting in your compassion. As we live in your creation may we ever be mindful that we are entrusted to you. As we seek renewal of heart, seek faith strengthened and find blessings for our journey. AMEN.

Time for All Ages

Offering Invitation

Singing during the Offering: VU 227 For the Fruit of All Creation

**Offertory Response: VU 541 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Offering Dedication:

Ministry of Music:

Joyful Is the Dark

~ offered by Krysi Bruce and Kelsey Fletcher ~words by Brian Wren 1986; music by Veronica Bennetts 1986

Minute for Mission

Singing: VU 378 Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart (vs. 1, 2, 4)

Prayer of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture:

Matthew 6:1-9 Ephesians 6:18-19

~ Debbie Chisholm

The Word of God for the People of God Thanks be to God

Message:

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~ Bill Hale

**Singing: VU 703 In the Bulb There Is a Flower

**Blessing:

****Parting Song: VU 423** God Be with You till We Meet Again (v1)

<u>Postlude</u>

Elders: Judy Hayes, Linda Hefler



Christ's Disciples in Ministry: Everyone MINISTER: Rev. Sandra Cox Minister of Music & Dramatic Arts: John Lindsay-Botten Minister of Signing (ASL): Sandra Spears Youth Group: Jennifer Babineau jen_rye_jaybabs@eastlink.ca Pastoral Care: Olive McIldoon & Judy Hayes

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~ Thank you to Bill Hale (and his wife Muriel) for filling in while Rev Sandra Cox is away on holiday ~

~ Thank you to Krysi Bruce and Kelsey Fletcher for filling in while John Lindsay-Botten is away on holiday ~

Krysi has been around Knox for her whole life and loves helping to fill the church with music. You may remember her as one of the Nannies in Down to Knox Abbey, or last fall when she was heavily involved in *S.C.A.R. (Student Council Advisor's Reunion)* ~ *the 50s Dream.* You also might remember her singing while you wait during the last few November turkey suppers... or with East Coast Carolling (she's been with them since 2014)... or when she sang "O Holy Night" on Christmas Eve 2017. Now she has her own music teaching studio in Dartmouth -- Krysi's Music Solutions at 112 Woodlawn Road -- and resides in Elmsdale with her hubby-to-be, Stephen, and their Saint Bernard, Rosie.

Kelsey Fletcher is no stranger to Knox, having contributed to *Down to Knox Abbey* and playing in worship on several occasions now. Being surrounded by music her whole life, Kelsey's passion for music started when she was little. She sang in her church choir and began taking classical violin lessons at the age of 7. After graduating high school Kelsey went on to take the Music Arts program at Nova Scotia Community College where she continued to study both voice and violin. While there, she played in the jazz, Latin R&B, funk and blues ensembles, learning various violin styles. Since attending NSCC, Kelsey has now worked with various musicians around the city, playing different gigs, teaching lessons, and will start her 7th (?!?) season this November as a soprano with East Coast Carolling.