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# April 30th, 2023

4th Sunday of Easter

**WE GATHER**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Acknowledging Our Kinship**

As we begin today, we acknowledge the history, spirituality, culture, and stewardship of the land of the Indigenous People of this region. We seek to live in respect, peace, and right relations as we live, work, and worship upon Traditional Territory. We are mindful of broken covenants and the need to strive to make right with all our relations. (Donna May revise..wait)

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

**Hymn VU #399, one verse**

**God whose light is ever with us,**

**Source of All, the Ending True,**

**Hear the universal chorus**

**Raised in joyful praise to you:**

**“Hallelujah, Hallelujah”—**

**Worship ancient, worship new**

**Call to Worship** (ref 2 Peter 19-25)

Friends, let’s come joyfully to worship as followers of Jesus, the one who never sinned and never deceived.

**We’re children of God, free to serve**

**by doing what is right.**

For a time we were going astray like sheep.

**But now we have returned to the Shepherd,**

**the Guardian of our souls.**

**Come, let’s worship. Amen**

**Gathering Hymn** – **Psalm 23: God Is My Shepherd** VU (Page 748)

(Thomas, Can we play this a bit faster? Donna would like a lively pace.)

**Opening Prayer**

**Living God, wake us up to your presence.**

**Lead us, today and every day,**

**in the path of peace.**

**Teach us the ways of wisdom.**

**For we live in a world where so many voices**

**compete for our attention.**

**Above all, may we hear your word and do it.**

**May we remember Jesus’ resurrection**

**and be hopeful.**

**May we receive your grace and be thankful.**

**Amen**

**Young at Heart**

“I Love You” by Emil Sher and Barbara Reid

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD**

**Scripture Reading** – John 10:1-11

**Meditation** – Gateway

**Hymn** – **I Have Called You By Your Name MV #161**

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

**Invitation to Offering**

**Offering Hymn VU #236, vs 1**

**Now thank we all our God**

**with heart and hands and voices**

**who wondrous things has done**

**in whom this world rejoices,**

**who from our mother’s arms**

**has blessed us on our way**

**with countless gifts of love**

**and still is ours today.**

**Offering Prayer**

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern**

**The Lord**’**s Prayer**

**Closing Hymn** -  **All The Way My Saviour Leads Me VU #635, vs 1-2**

**Commissioning and Benedictio**n

Benediction Response

Vs 3, lines 3-4

**When my spirit, clothed, immortal,**

**wings its flight to realms of day**

**this my song through endless ages,**

**“Jesus led me all the way!”**

**Announcements**

Welcome to Rev.Donna Kerrigan. Welcome Donna and thank you for doing our service today.

**Please note there will be Prayer Shawl at 10:30am on May 3rd. All are welcome, bring any craft project.**

**Euchre on May 4 at 1:30pm. Come and enjoy this time of fellowship.**

**UCW on May 4th at 11am.**

***Remembering***

***Bea Horn’s memorial service will be on May 13th at 11am here at St.Andrews United Church. There will a luncheon to follow and then scattering of ashes at 1pm.***

Julie Jones

Sadly we report the passing of Julie Jones on April 23rd, 2023. Julie was a Beaver leader at St.Andrews and her four sons (Alexander, Christopher, Bradly&Scott) attended Beavers and Cubs at our church. Julie will be missed by her friends here at St.Andrews.