

1-13-19 Epiphany

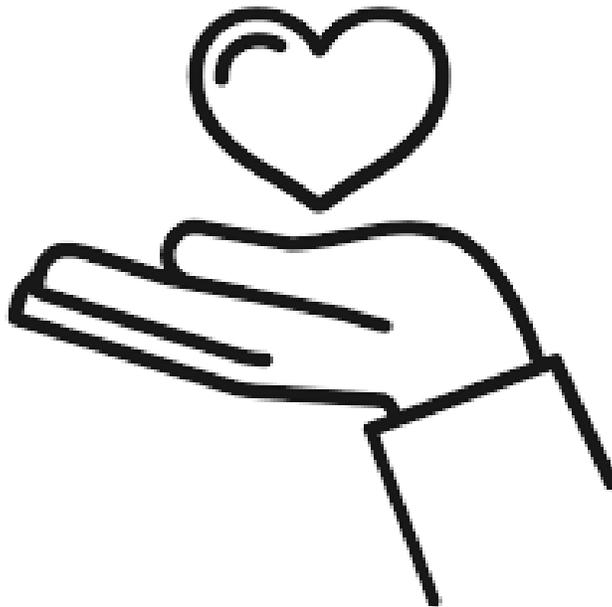
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Baptism of Jesus

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

"Working together to feed God's people mind, body and spirit"



REFLECTION

"The God who made us also can remake us."
Woodrow Kroll

GATHERING

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC AND WELCOME

MV 13 "O Let the Power Fall on Me"

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Let there be joy in our coming together this day.
Let there be truth heard in the words we speak and the songs we sing.
Let there be help and healing for our disharmony and despair.
Let there be silence for the voice within us and beyond us.

Carl Seaburg

Carol: *So let us celebrate the richness and diversity of this life in the presentness of God.*

The community candle is lit.

We light this flame to honour our past.

We light this flame to endorse our present.

We light this flame to symbolise our future.

ALL: Amen! Let it be so!

Act of Awareness

One: We receive fragments of holiness, glimpses of eternity, and brief moments of insight. Let us gather them up for the precious gifts that they are and, renewed by their grace, move boldly into the unknown. *Sara M Campbell*

MV 3 "River"

THE PEACE:

One: Jesus was continuously offering himself to others. As a friend and companion Jesus said, "Peace be with you." This morning we have the opportunity to offer that divine peace that exists in every cell of our being and so we say, "The peace of Christ be with you."

ALL: And also with you.

One: Let us offer each other the sign of that peace.

You are invited to share the peace with your neighbours.

INVITATION TO THE CHILDREN TO COME FORWARD

Children of all ages are invited to come forward to sit on the steps.

MV 21 "Open Our Hearts"

Meditative Music: "Lord God, now open wide Thy heaven" J.S. Bach

CENTERING

Gospel Acclamation: Celtic Alleluia

Cantor: *Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life.*

Video: Baptism of Jesus

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22 Inclusive Text

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, the strap of whose sandals I am not fit to undo; this one will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire'.

Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened, and the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

MV 110 "First Born of Mary"

First-born of Mary, provocative preacher,
itinerant teacher, outsider's choice;
Jesus inspires and disarms and confuses
Whoever he chooses to hear his voice.

Contemporary Word

MV 130 "Rise Up, Rise Up"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE

OFFERTORY INVITATION:

One: God is with us. Let us share our time, share our talent and share our money this year so that others might experience the good news that God has not forgotten us.

Offertory Hymn: "Down by the Jordan" tune: VU 220 Lobe den Herren

Down by the Jordan, a prophet named John was baptizing,
Preaching a message the people found bold and surprising:
"God will forgive! Show that you'll change how you live!
Surely God's new day is rising!"

There by the river, the crowd came with great expectation:

"Are you God's Chosen One, sent here to rescue our nation?"

"No!" John replied. "He who is mightier than I
Judges and offers salvation."

Jesus, you went to be baptized along with the others,
Taking your place among sinners, God's lost sons and daughters.
Then with great love, God's Spirit came as a dove!
Your work began in those waters.

Here in the Church, we are baptized and filled with God's Spirit.
Freed and forgiven, we're welcomed with joy! Can you hear it?
This is God's sign! This is how God says, "You're mine!"
Let's take the good news and share it!

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VU 542 "We Give You But Your Own"

We give you but your own, whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is yours alone, we give it gratefully.

***Baptism signifies the nurturing, sustaining,
and transforming power of God's love
and our grateful response to that grace.***

A Song of Faith: A Statement of Faith of The United Church of Canada

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY

Sacrament of Baptism

Litany: "We Come Together"

People stand as they are able.

One: We are people of all ages who enter this space bringing our joys and
our concerns.

ALL: We are a community living in hope.

One: We greet each other warmly with our voices and our smiles.

ALL: We are a community living in peace.

One: We share our growth and our aspirations.

ALL: We are a community living in wonder.

One: We share our losses and our disappointments.

ALL: We are a community living in sorrow.

One: We share our concern and our compassion.

ALL: We are a community living in love.

One: We sing and pray and listen.
We speak and read and dream.
We think and ponder and reflect.
We cry and laugh and centre.
We mourn and celebrate and meditate.
We strive for justice and for mercy.

ALL: We come together to celebrate life, all of life, in the presentness of God.

Presentation

Carol: *I present Ross Galloway who has come to us to receive the sacrament of baptism.*

The Narrative

One: Baptism is the church's way of celebrating and naming the grace of God living in everyone. It is the way we initiate new members into the life of the universal community of faith and it marks the entry point into the life-time pilgrimage of following in the Way of Jesus.

The Request

One: And what do you ask for Ross?

Ross: *I ask that I be baptised into the faith and family of God's love.*

ALL: We welcome you to this family and this community. We rejoice that you are here.

Thanksgiving

One: May it be well with you.

ALL: And also with you.

One: Life is a gift and we its celebration.

ALL: May we rejoice in the beauty that we are. GrettaVosper/wwg

Nicole: For us living in Canada, we have an appreciation for water because water is a precious commodity. Water is everything.

Water is life.

Today we claim the joy of water and the way it sustains and nourishes us.

ALL: Let it flow and pour and sprinkle for all people that all may know each day the gift of God in water.

The water is poured into the font.

Prayer

Nicole: We gather to pray, believing that God prays in us.

We acknowledge our responsibility to ensure we use the resources of water well, and make available future resources for our children and their children.

We give thanks for the gift of this water. May it be the birthing waters of a new and holy life.

ALL: May it be so.

The Baptism

One: Ross, in the touch of this water, the ancient symbol of new life, I baptise you into the love, service and joy of God- Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; Source of Life, Companion, Enlivener.

ALL: Amen.

One: Out of the stars in their flight, out of the dust of eternity,

ALL: Here have we come,

Stardust and sunlight, mingling

through time and through space. Robert Weston/slt

One: Ross may the presence of the Spirit of Love in you be nurtured and constantly affirmed by your family, your friends, and by this church community.

May the sun and the stars delight and touch your heart with fire and so may you find passion to be creative. May you know God's blessing.

Blessing

VU 965 The Lord bless thee, and keep thee;

The Lord make his face shine upon thee,

And be gracious unto thee:

The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee,

And give thee peace.

A lighted candle is given to the newly baptised

One: Ross may this candle remind you throughout your life, of the sage Jesus, who opened peoples' minds and hearts to see the 'light' of God's presence within them.

**Be not afraid of
going slowly, be afraid
only of standing still.**

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SCATTERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

One: Let us go in faith to ponder in our hearts the mystery and the wonder of this season.

The community candle is extinguished.

MV 209 "Go Make a Diff'rence" Go make a diff'rence. We can make a diff'rence. Go make a diff'rence in the world! (Repeat)

Blessing

One: You are a magnificent blessing just as you are. The world is waiting for you. Go now and share who you are with the world.

VU 974 Amen! Amen! Hallelujah, amen!

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Whether you are here for the first time, the 101st time or have been a long standing member we are happy that you are with us this morning.

Our mission is simple-to feed God's people (that's you) mind, body and spirit."

Our doors are open wide and our table welcomes all.

Communion, usually held on the first Sunday of each month, is shared with everyone, of any age, of any belief.

*Should you wish to offer a monetary gift there are **blue envelopes** which can be used and placed on the offering plate.*

*If you have any questions about our community or just want to meet some of our members you are invited to **stay for coffee and "what-nots"** in the hall following the service.*

*To learn more about us visit our website **www.kpuc.org** and/or like our Facebook page www.facebook.com/KimbourneParkUnitedChurch*

Next board meeting will be **Monday January 21, 7:30 PM** in the Jessie Scott room.

Games Night is the 2ND Saturday of each month. The next Games Night is next **Saturday January 12** 5:00-10:00 PM. Everyone is welcome.

ACT!ON SUNDAY

KPUC's commitment to food justice is ACT!ON SUNDAY. It is not instead of worship but rather how we worship. Being part of the KPUC community means that you are part of making every ACT!ON SUNDAY a success.

Sunday January 20 will be our next community breakfast. Let's live out our mission of *"working together to feed God's people mind, body and spirit"*

Reports to be included in the annual report are due to the office by January 28.