

April 29, 2018



**ST. JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
CORNWALL, ONTARIO**

**Welcome** to our worship service this morning. Visitors, please take a moment to introduce yourselves and to sign our guest book in the hall just outside the sanctuary.

**\*Hymns** are normally sung while standing, except for those marked with an asterisk indicating everyone may remain seated. However, those who feel it is better not to stand may remain seated during the singing of any hymn.

**We welcome Rev. Bob Martin to our pulpit this morning. Rev. Martin is the Interim Moderator of St. John's and he will be overseeing the Search Committee and will supervise the Calling of the new minister. Today, Rev. Martin will Commission the members of the Search Committee.**

**Lectionary Lessons for This Lord's Day**

Acts 8: verses 26 - 40;

Psalm 22: verses 25-31

1 John 4: verses 7-21

John 15: verses 1-8

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**Organ Prelude**

Preludio Expressivo – Blake/Cooman

How Great Thou Art – Stephen Otis

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship (Responsive)**

L: God has prepared for us things beyond our imagining.

**P: Our hope is for a renewed world and for fullness of life  
in the age to come.**

L: May the God of hope fill us with joy and peace in believing

**P: so that by the power of the Holy Spirit we abound in  
hope!**

L: Shout with joy before the Lord, O earth!

**P: Obey him gladly**

L: Come before His presence with joy

**P: The Lord is God  
He made us, we are His people.**

*All: Amen.*

**Hymn**

From all that dwells below the skies

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## **Pastoral Prayer**

Lord our God, we thank You for coming in times past  
through the law to order Israel's way,  
through the word of the prophets priest and wise people to address  
each need of your people, through the birth of Jesus to be the  
salvation of Your people.

**Lord our God, we adore You for coming to us through people,  
through their love and concern, through their experience and  
the sharing their hopes and concerns for us.**

We thank You for coming to us in silent thoughts, in shattering  
dreams.

In unexpected ways revealing the immensity of Your love, in the  
beauty of a Christmas morning, in the agony of the deep darkness  
of Calvary and then in the glorious splendor of the resurrection  
morning.

**Lord God, the vast dimensions of time and space overflow with  
the expressions of Your caring.**

**Out of the grandeur, out of the realms of glory, out of the  
riches of Your grace You gave us Jesus as Your final word of  
love.**

Lord our God, we praise You for this love,

Lord Jesus we praise You for this sacrifice,

Holy Spirit we praise You for Your continuing presence with us.

**We praise You for Your presence here this morning in our  
worship. We will be glad tomorrow when we know Your  
presence in our work and our interaction with family and  
friends.**

**We praise You for the security we know that while all around  
us in changing You are the same yesterday, today and for ever.**

**So we welcome You, our God who come and stays, who lives  
and reigns, who saves and renews.**

**Come now Lord Jesus and fill us with the knowledge of Your  
presence.**

**Our Father**

## **Time with the Young and Young at Heart**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn**                      Breathe on me, Breath of God                      389

### **Prayer of Illumination**

#### **The Scriptures**

Read by **Angela Matthews**

Acts 8: Verses 26-40                      NT pg. 120

Responsive Psalm 93                      OT pg. 558

St. John 15: Verses 9-17                      NT pg. 104

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God for His Word to us.**

### **Hymn of the Month**

Come, O thou traveler unknown                      693

#### **Sermon**

*“Out of the Comfort Zone”*

### **Presentation of our Offerings and Gifts**

#### **Offertory Anthem**

**No Turning Back – Roger Summers**

**Hymn**                      Speak, Lord, in the Stillness                      442

## **The Commissioning of our new Elders**

The Lord continues his ministry in and through the church. All Christians are called to participate in the ministry of Christ. As his body on earth we all have gifts to use in the church and in the world to the glory of Christ, our King and Head.

God calls some of us to our different and distinct ministries within His church. Today we celebrate the call extended to and accepted by Katherine Adams, Phyllis Bateman, Mark Bourgon, Lise Evan, Paul Hickey, Clement Gwanyam, Katalin Kennedy, Brian Markel, Sue McNeil, Dan Plant, Cynthia Seguin (Convener) to serve the Lord as a Search Committee within St. John's congregation to seek to discern the will of God in calling a new minister to lead, encourage and promote the work of the kingdom of God in this place.

As you prepare to take on the responsibility of the Search Committee in this congregation, do you accept this task willingly, as a calling from God?

**We do.**

Do you commit yourself to carry it out with enthusiasm and perseverance?

**We do.**

Do you acknowledge your dependence on God's strength and guidance?

**We do.**

\* The congregation will please stand.

These members of St. John's congregation will bear a special responsibility of seeking to discern God's leading and guiding in the call of a new minister.

Do you promise to support them in their task, to pray for them diligently that they might recognize and follow the leading of the Holy Spirit in this responsibility allotted to them?

**We do.**

May God bless and strengthen us as we seek to do as we have promised.

**Commissioning (Unison)**

**In the power of the Holy Spirit,  
we now go forth into the world, to fulfill our calling  
as the people of God, the body of Christ.**

**Benediction—We are Here Joined in Christ**

**We are here joined in Christ,  
called to serve and adore Him.  
Give us peace, perfect peace,  
patience and hope everlasting.  
Send us to serve in our Master's name,  
and to glorify Him.  
Joined with Christ, and through Christ,  
praise our Father forever**

## **News for the Pews**

Everyone is invited to the MacLellan Room  
for a time of fellowship.

Coffee hour is courtesy of **Trish Brown**



**Today's candles shine  
in loving memory of  
Max Cullen  
Florence Loucks  
Dorothy Urquhart**

### **Garage Sale**

The Board of Managers will be holding a **Garage Sale on Saturday, June 2.** We would be pleased to accept your treasures **after May 1.** Please leave items at the back of the stage in Caldwell Hall. The WOC will be providing a breakfast bar and as the board is small in numbers we will be calling for volunteers to help set up and sell! Start your spring cleaning!  
Jennifer Adams.

### **Remember My Song**

Come celebrate the gift of music with the Centennial Choir of Cornwall. Their Spring Concert will take place at Aultsville Theatre, Cornwall on Fri., May 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. A diverse program of many genres is sure to delight you! Tickets are available for purchase at The Lottery Kiosk, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Cornwall Square; Home Hardware, Pitt and 13<sup>th</sup>, Cornwall and from choir members.

Adults \$20. Children 12 and under \$10.

**St. John's Archives** welcome contribution of materials like news clippings, bulletins, anything basically historical relating to the life and work of the congregation. Drop such off @ the Church office, where Dr. Rennie will pick them up on his weekly day in the Archives.

We may have duplicates, you may think some things are not worth keeping but let your Archivist decide!

Many thanks for your support of our Archives.

**Inspirational Quote**

**“I believe that appreciation is a holy thing-that when we look for what’s best in a person we happen to be with at the moment, we’re doing what GOD does all the time.**

**So in loving and appreciating our neighbour, we’re participating in something sacred.”**

**- Fred Rogers**

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness and to whosoever will come, this church opens wide its doors and offers welcome to all in the name of The Lord Jesus Christ.

The text "Worship & Praise" is written in a golden, cursive script. The words are stacked, with "Worship" on the top line and "& Praise" on the bottom line. The text is set against a glowing, sunburst-like background that radiates outwards from behind the letters, creating a bright, warm effect. The overall style is elegant and celebratory.

*Worship  
& Praise*

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