

Holy Humour Sunday

Sunday, April 11, 2021



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ORDER OF SERVICE

GATHERING: Caricature of a Sunday School Song
(based on 'Jesus Loves Me' by William Bradbury)
Dale Wood

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN: **VU166** Joy Comes With the dawn vs. 2 & 3

CENTERING WORDS

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Gathering Resource, written
by Gord Dunbar, Kincardine, Ont.)

Arise, shine! Embrace laughter's light!

**Even in the midst of challenge, we should
laugh?**

Come and embrace God's gift of healing-laughter
within the shadows of life.

**Surely you jest, for life demands our somber
best.**

Come to chuckle at the overwhelming irony of living.

To laugh in this place of holiness and of reverence?

To laugh, and in the laughter to share, and in the
sharing to care,

and in the caring to love one another.

Glory to God through all our relations!

**Glory to God as we meet our call within Christ's
mission.**

HYMN: **MV133** Jesus Laughed Out Loud vs. 1 & 2

OPENING PRAYER

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

CANDLE LIGHTING

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN: **MV133** Jesus Laughed Out Loud vs. 3 & 4

SCRIPTURE READING: John 20:19-31 read by
Clark Brownlee

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to
God.**

ANTHEM: "Let all the world be glad and sing" *Text
and music - Natalie Sleeth*

SERMON

HYMN: **MV133** Jesus Laughed Out Loud vs. 5

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER
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Response: **MV59** Allelujah vs. 2

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: **VU218** We praise you,
O God vs. 1

**We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.**

We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;

we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.

BLESSING: Abingdon Worship Annual, 2021

Live in the light, **the light of unity, love and
laughter.**

Live in the light, **the light of faith and hope.**

Live in the light, **the light of God for all the world
to know.**



OUR LAND - We remember, as we celebrate God's presence in Worship that St. Andrew's River Heights United Church gathers in Treaty 1 land, the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe, Cree, Oji-Cree, and Dakota peoples and in the heart of the Metis Nation. As Treaty people, we seek to live with respect on this land, and live in peace and friendship with all our relations.

BENEDICTION (MV212 Sent out in Jesus' name)
**Sent out in Jesus' name, our hands are ready now
to make the world the place in which the kingdom comes.
The angels cannot change a world of hurt and pain
into a world of love, of justice and of peace.
The task is our to do, to set it really free.
O, help us to obey, and carry out your will**

POSTLUDE: March *Louis Lefebure-Wel*

Announcements

A special thank you to our quartet of singers today: Sarah Cory, Diane Wreford, Chris Donlevy, Paul Forget and to Clark Brownlee for reading the scriptures today.

A special thanks to the Fellowship & Pastoral Care Group who baked loafs and Abigail, Blake and Daphne Regier who made homemade cards for each of the forty packages. Thanks, it was appreciated by all who received them.

Each week we will mention people from our congregation who are in care facilities. Remember them in your prayers. This week we will remember those in:

Dakota House: Peggy Phillips Room 151

Lion's Place: Joyce Fry Room 1610

A very happy birthday to:

Joan Wilton who celebrated her birthday on April 4th

Bernard Boland on April 10th will be turning 86 years old!

If you or anyone you know has a special birthday, anniversary or celebration coming up let us know so that we can announce it.

Scripture Readings for next week:

Genesis 1:11-12

Psalm 133

*Mark 4:26-34

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Our heartfelt thanks go out to everyone who helped with today's service—we couldn't have pulled it off without you!

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