

**St. Mark's United Church
Cannifton, Ontario
June 16th, 2024**

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Fourth after Pentecost/Father's Day

Prelude

Video
"Daaaad"

Welcome

Community News

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

Faith is a perspective; it is learning to see life as a gift and God as the Giver.
Faith is trusting in strength for today and hope for tomorrow.

Faith sees us through the good times in the belief that God is with us
And faith sees us through the hard times knowing that we do not travel alone.

St Paul writes that our foundation of believers are built on three principals; faith, hope and love.

In faith, let us live today. In hope we face tomorrow and may all that we do, be done in love.

Come, let us worship God.

† Hymn # 232 VU “Joyful, Joyful We Adore You”

- 1 Joyful, joyful we adore you,
 God of glory, life and love;
hearts unfold like flowers before you,
 opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
 drive the gloom of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
 fill us with the light of day.

- 2 All your works with joy surround you,
 earth and heaven reflect your rays,
stars and angels sing around you,
 centre of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
 flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
 sound their praise eternally.

- 3 You are giving and forgiving,
 ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
 ocean depth of happy rest!
Source of grace and fount of blessing,
 let your light upon us shine;
teach us how to love each other,
 lift us to the joy divine.

- 4 Mortals join the mighty chorus
 which the morning stars began;
God's own love is reigning o'er us,
 joining people hand in hand.
Ever singing, march we onward,
 victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward
 in the triumph song of life.

Approaching God through Prayer

Father's Day Poem

Read by: Alexandra Reid

Hymn # 374 VU “Come and Find a Quiet Centre”

- 1 Come and find the quiet centre
in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter,
find the frame where we are freed:
clear the chaos and the clutter,
clear our eyes, that we can see
all the things that really matter,
be at peace, and simply be.
- 2 Silence is a friend who claims us,
cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us,
knows our being, face to face,
making space within our thinking,
lifting shades to show the sun,
raising courage when we're shrinking,
finding scope for faith begun.
- 3 In the Spirit let us travel,
open to each other's pain,
let our loves and fears unravel,
celebrate the space we gain:
there's a place for deepest dreaming,
there's a time for heart to care,
in the Spirit's lively scheming
there is always room to spare!

Prayer for Illumination

Living into God's story

Job 38: 1 - 11

Read by: Elaner Pound

Responsive Psalm # 107 Part 3

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Led by: Elaner Pound

Refrain: O give thanks to God for steadfast love.

Part Three (23 - 32)

Those who go down to the sea in ships,
those who ply their trade on great waters,
they have seen your good works, O God,
and the wonders you do in the deep. R

At your command the stormy wind arose,
and lifted up the waves.

Carried up to the sky, and down to the depths,
their courage melted in the face of danger;
reeling and staggering as if drunken,
their seafaring skill was to no avail.

Then they cried to you, God, in their trouble;
you rescued them from their distress.

You made the storm be still; you hushed the waves.

They rejoiced with the calm;

**you brought them to the harbour
for which they had longed for.**

Let them thank you, God, for your steadfast love,
for the wonders that you do for us.

**Let them extol you when the people gather,
and praise you when the elders take counsel. R**

Mark 4: 35 – 41

† Hymn # 153 MV **“Body, Mind and Spirit”**

- 1 Body, mind and spirit, holy earthly trinity,
 joy of God, Creator, life lived abundantly.
- 2 Body, mind and spirit, challenged battered by earth's ills,
 know that Christ rests within us, and stormy water stills.
- 3 Body, mind and spirit, nurtured in community,
 prayer, concern, loving action, faithful humanity.
- 4 Body, mind and spirit, in God's image born to be,
 Sing, rejoice in life most sacred. Revel in Mystery.

Responding to God

Message

“Faith in Stormy Times”

Prayers of Concern & Thanks

Lord's Prayer

Sharing Our Gifts

Prayer of Dedication

† Hymn # 675 VU “Will Your Anchor Hold?”

- 1 Will your anchor hold in the storms of life?
When the clouds unfold their wings of strife,
when the strong tides lift and the cables strain,
will your anchor drift or firm remain?
 **We have an anchor that keeps the soul
 steadfast and sure while the billows roll,
 fastened to the rock which cannot move,
 grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love.**

- 2 It will surely hold in the straits of fear,
when the breakers tell that the reef is near;
though the tempest rave and the wild winds blow,
not an angry wave shall our bark o'erflow. **R**

- 3 It will surely hold in the floods of death,
when the waters cold chill our latest breath;
on the rising tide it can never fail
while our hopes abide within the veil. **R**

- 4 When our eyes behold, through the gathering night,
the city of gold, our harbour bright,
we shall anchor fast by the heavenly shore,
with the storms all past for evermore. **R**

Blessing & Sending Forth

Postlude

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