

7th Sunday – Season of Easter
May 16, 2010
Worshipping at Mountainview School

MINISTER: Rev. Pix Butt
PIANIST: Étienne
GREETER:

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

“That they may be one” was used at the formation of the UCC in 1925. What does that phrase mean for us today? What is unity, in our time of great diversity?

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL MEDITATION

(A silence to give time to center ourselves for worship)

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT

MV #115

**Behold, behold, I make all things new,
beginning with you and starting from today.
Behold, behold, I make all things new,
my promise is true, for I am Christ the way. (2X)**

HYMN: As We Gather at Your Table

VU#457

PRAYER OF APPROACH/CONFESSION

Holy One, when we gather we know we can expect to experience your Spirit in our midst. Forgive us when we close ourselves to your Presence and your word of wisdom, challenge, and comfort that you offer. Forgive us when we stand in the way of the unusual unity that Jesus taught. Forgive us when we focus too much on ourselves and not enough on others. As you forgive, Loving One, activate your Spirit of transformation within us, for we want our lives to reflect your Way. Amen.

FOCUS ON OUR CHILDREN
THE LORD’S PRAYER

VU#916

LISTENING FOR A WORD OF WISDOM

Hebrew scripture: Psalm 97

You, O Beloved, are known through those who are true to the Promise, You are the Light of the saints; You hide yourself in every soul. Light dawns for the just, and joy for the upright of heart. Rejoice in the Most High, O people of the Light, and give thanks to the Radiant One, the Bestower of Life!

From Psalms for Praying, N. Merrill

Gospel reading: John 17:20-26... an unusual “oneness”

HYMN: Blessed Be the Tie that Binds

VU#602

OFFERING/PRAYER

MV#121

**Hey now! Singing hallelujah!
Hey now! The morning has come!
Hey now! Singing hallelujah!
The tomb was empty at the rising sun.**

SHARING SYMBOLS OF ONENESS

One: The Lord is with you!

All: And also with you!

One: Let us open our hearts to Spirit in this place.

All: We open our lives to the Holy One.

REFLECTION

HYMN: Eat this Bread and Never Hunger

VU#471

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give thanks for the possibilities of transformation that live in us because you are present with us, Holy One. May we hold fast to the experiences of our togetherness. May they shape us in the unity which is your Way. Amen.

BENEDICTION

CHORAL CLOSING: MV#145
Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,
standing side by side,
draw the circle wide. (2X)

18 of us gathered to continue our Easter celebrating last week. Our offering was \$316,00. Our Benevolent Fund offering was \$169,05. We give thanks!

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Next week's scriptures: Next week is Pentecost! Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104; Romans 8:14-17; John 14:8-27

Stewardship thought: Stewardship is about giving lives to God and living faithfully.

We are praying for... Hans W. Anne, Diane, Linda, Susan (Vi & Walter), Junior (Yvette), Jeff Clayton, Greg and Claude (Barbara B), Donna (Anna), Kidsie & Wooley's family, the residents of the Griffith McConnell home, and all those living with grief.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The congregation is called to a meeting on June 6. We will have this meeting integrated in our worship time as we discern our next steps together. Information will be shared requests made at our last meeting for further study on ideas, and new ideas will be presented. We'll have a pot luck lunch as well.

A Benevolent Fund offering of \$169,05 was received last Sunday. Thank you to all who gave to this ministry to our wider community. You can give to this fund at any time, just make note on your regular offering envelope.

Today is the last day to give to **Camp Cosmos**. Cheques are to be made to Inner City Day Camp. This is our 5th year in supporting this ministry to children and we have sponsored well over 100 children over that time. Let's continue that support this year.

Our Community Learning Center is coordinating a **Community**

Garden behind the school. Students are already growing the plants in their classrooms. There are many ways we can also be involved. See the insert for details.

Tuesday Women's Group will meet on May 18 at Cathy's. All women of the congregation are welcome. Bring your lunch and coffee/tea and dessert are provided.

Mountainview Elementary School is celebrating it's 50th anniversary this year. There will be a dinner and dance on May 22nd. See the bulletin board for details.

Étienne is part of **Le Choeur de la Montagne**. They will be singing on May 22, 23 at Église Saint-Mathieu in Beloeil. See Étienne for tickets. Poster in the corridor.

Lynn's choir, EVMSH, will have their spring concert on June 6 at 3:00 at Our Lady of Good Council church.(note this is the correct time)

Summer Solstice is on June 21st. We'll gather at Lac Hertel on June 16th to share in "solstice time". If you don't have a membership for the mountain you will have to pay \$5.00 at the gate. We'll meet at the lake for a 6;30 start.

If you give to the church on any kind of regular basis, please ask for church envelopes. This really makes our record keeping much easier. Speak with Norm if you need them. Of course PAR is a great alternative to envelopes for all of us. More coming on that.

<p style="text-align: center;">DATES TO NOTE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Choir practice – Wednesdays at the school -7:30</p> <p style="text-align: center;">May 18 – Tues –TWG meeting at Cathy's (see note)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">May 22,23 – Étienne's choir concert (see note)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">June 6 Sunday – Lynn's choir concert (see note)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Congregational meeting – June 6 during the worship +pot luck</p> <p style="text-align: center;">June 16 6:30 Solstice gathering on the mountain</p>
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*Did you leave a hymn request for next week??
Please leave music inserts behind for re-use.
You can leave bulletins you don't want as well. We'll
mail out to our friends or recycle here.*

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