

Sunday, April 14, 2024,
We Gather to Celebrate God's Presence

Welcome
Family Life and Work
Family Celebrations
Lighting of the Christ Candle:
Acknowledgment of the Land:

Introit: This Day God Gives Me

VU 410 vs 1

**This day God gives me strength of high heaven,
sun and moon shining, flame in my hearth,
flashing of lightning, wind in its swiftness,
depths of the ocean, firmness of earth.**

Call to Worship: (based on Psalm 4)

We gather to worship God who hears our prayers.

God's grace pours out on those who seek Him.

Let us worship God who gives more than we could ever hope for.

We come before the One who gives us true peace and safety.

Opening Hymn: Be Still, My Soul

VU 652

- 1 Be still, my soul, for God is on your side;
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Trust in your God, your saviour and your guide,
who through all changes faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul, your best, your heavenly friend
through stormy ways leads to a peaceful end.**
- 2 Be still, my soul, your God will undertake
to guide the future surely as the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul, life's tempests still obey
the voice that once the waves' wild fury stayed.**
- 3 Be still, my soul, the hour is hastening on
when we shall be forever in God's peace;
when disappointment, grief and fear are gone,
love's joys restored, our strivings all shall cease.
Be still, my soul, when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.**

Prayer of Approach:

Righteous God, answer us when we pray to you.

O God of mercy and grace, hear the prayers of our hearts.

Help us to offer our very lives to you as we trust in you.

O God of mercy and grace, hear the prayers of our hearts.

Fill our hearts with your joy as we live within your protection.

O God of mercy and grace, hear the prayers of our hearts.

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil
For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen**

First Reading: 1 John 3: 1 - 7

Children's Time: "See! I told ya!"

Second Reading: Luke 24: 36 – 48

Minute for Mission: Sandy Coe

We Listen

Gradual Hymn: What a Friend We Have in Jesus

VU 664

**1 What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer.**

**2 Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful,
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**3 Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Christ the Saviour is our refuge;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do our friends despise, forsake us?
Are we tempted to despair?
Jesus' strength will shield our weakness,
and we'll find new courage there.**

Meditation: Peace Be with You

Musical Offering: I Have Felt the Hand of God

Craig Courtney

We Respond

Offertory: For the Gift of Creation

VU 538

**For the gift of creation, the gift of your love,
and the gift of the Spirit by which we live,
we thank you and give you the fruit of our hands.
May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give.**

Offertory/Prayer of Dedication:

Prayer of People

Closing Hymn: Let There Be Peace on Earth

(Words and Music by Sy Miller and Jill Jackson, 1955)

**Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me
Let There Be Peace on Earth
The peace that was meant to be
With God our creator,
Children all are we**

**Let us walk with each other
In perfect harmony.**

**Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry step I take
Let this be my solemn vow
To take each moment and live
Each moment in peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me**

Benedictions and Commissioning

How great is the love that God has lavished on you! You are now children of the living God! Go into the world bearing Christ's light and grace.

Choral Benediction: May the Road Rise to Meet You
(A Gaelic Blessing)

Music - Derek Jordan

**May the road rise up to meet you,
May the wind be ever at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
And the rain fall soft upon your fields (on your fields).
Until we meet again,
May the Lord hold you in the palm (of his hand) of his hand**