

Greetings to you from Kirkwall Presbyterian Church. We sincerely encourage you to join us for weekly worship at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary on Sunday mornings. Keith Marcy is our supply minister and we warmly welcome him as he leads our weekly worship with a Biblical Christian message. His email is keith.marcy@outlook.com, and his cell phone number is 519-400-6200

Today we welcomed Rev. Jakob Koch to the pulpit, for the children's story and the message. Jakob was born and raised in Hamilton. His father and mother, immigrants themselves, taught Jakob through example to be hospitable to other new Canadians. They were practical missionaries, showing the love of Christ by repairing appliances, houses and cars for those who had little money. Jakob met his wife, Lorie, while they were students at McMaster. As a couple, they first ministered in a jungle in West Africa where they oversaw the construction of a youth camp and trained youth leaders. After returning to Canada, they ministered in several small churches of various denominations and cultural groups. They devoted 12 years to establishing and operating a retreat center at Brookville, north of Campbellville. Presently they work with an organization called *'Helping International Students.'* Jacob describes it as *'mission in reverse.'* While it is often hard for foreign missionaries to be welcome in other countries, it is easier to teach international students the basics of Christianity so that when they return to their own countries, they can be missionaries on their home turf.

We thank our organist Nora Marcy, and our choir members Marg Foreman, Laurie Donaldson, Cheryl Anderson and Debbie Watson for their musical leadership and anthem 'O Holy Day of Pentecost'

We thank our scripture reader Rev. Jakob Koch.

For the children's message today, Rev. Jakob asked for a volunteer to be blindfolded and try to find her way through the pews and return to her place. Then a second volunteer gave her verbal instructions and the walking blindfolded was much easier. The next time through the pews, one volunteer physically lead the blindfolded one, and the task was flawless. The children realized that we need God to lead us and guide us, and we don't have to struggle on our own. Rev. Jakob led a prayer with the children before they went downstairs for Sunday School and nursery.

For the message today, Rev. Jakob Koch expanded on the children's message, that we don't need to struggle through life trying to find our way, when we just need to ask God for guidance and leadership. He told us about his role as a missionary, and guiding others through their questions and struggles. We watched a video of a blind man running a cross-country run (The Dipsea Race) with a sighted running mate – a feat that would be impossible without leadership and guidance. Be grateful everyday for our faith in God, trusting his guidance.

Message: 'Holy Spirit, our Helper'

Scripture: Psalm 8

John 16: 5-15, 20

Hymns: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

For God So Loved the World

What a Day That Will Be

Blessed Quietness