

Knox Presbyterian Church

15 June 2025: Trinity Sunday / Father's Day

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The Rev. Julianne Kasmer is an ordained minister in the United Church of Canada. After many years of ministry on Denman Island, in Cumberland and around the mid-island area, she moved to Victoria to take up Chaplaincy at Our Place Society on Pandora Street in Victoria, where she served for nine years until her retirement in 2021. Since retirement, Julianne has devoted her time to farming, gardening and living life to the full.

Welcome/Announcements/Land Acknowledgement (Lilian Sutherland)

As followers of Jesus, we are compelled to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with God. It is our love of God and neighbour that leads us to acknowledge the land where we gather. We honour God with gratitude for this land and the peoples who have fished, hunted, harvested and gathered here for generations. This is the Coast Salish Territory of Lkwungen people – the Songhees, Esquimalt and WSÁNEĆ. It is traditional and unceded land. We pray that past and present injustices can be reconciled as we commit ourselves to just and respectful relationships.

Come Holy Spirit

Call to Worship

Since the beginning,

God has been relentlessly pursuing us in love.

Though our faithfulness ebbs and flows,

God's love endures forever.

Taking on flesh like ours,

God became one with humanity in the person of Jesus Christ.

God lived and moved and ministered in the margins of power.

God incarnate was not what we expected.

We did not recognize God in Jesus.

Still we struggle to recognize God with us.

And yet, God continues to dwell in our midst.

Thanks be to God!¹

¹ <https://enfleshed.com/liturgy/calls-to-worship/>

#436 God, We Praise You for the Morning (vs. 1-5)

Gathering Prayer

God of herons and heartbreak, teach us to love the world again. Teach us to love extravagantly knowing it may (it will) break our hearts and teach us that it is worth it. God of pandemics and suffering ones, teach us to love the world again. God of loneliness and longing, of bushfires and wilderness, of soup kitchens and border towns, of snowfall and children, teach us to love the world again. ²

The Lord's Prayer

... 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen

Words of Hope

#27 As the Deer (Psalm 42)

Prayer for Understanding (Mariann Mortimer)

We gather in the presence of the Holy One to encounter Love that sets free. We do not come seeking crumbs of justice but a way of life that liberates. Together, we practice courage in resisting evil and rejecting the temptations of complicity and complacency. The Spirit leads us in power and truth. Our faith is placed in Love Eternal that lifts broken spirits and brings new life from places of ruin. With hope that is neither narrow nor fragile, we come to follow Christ. ³

Scripture

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 (OT 590-591)

Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads, she takes her stand; beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: "To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that lives. The LORD created me at the beginning, at the first of God's acts of long

² Excerpt from - *A Collection of Meditations for Renewal: A Rhythm of Prayer*, Edited by Sarah Bessey

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ago. Before the beginning of the earth, when there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth—when God had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. When God established the heavens, I was there, when God drew a circle on the face of the deep, when God made firm the skies above, when God established the fountains of the deep, when God assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress God's command, when God marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside God, like a master worker; and I was daily God's delight, rejoicing before God always, rejoicing in God's inhabited world and delighting in the human race."

Romans 5:1-5 (NT 155)

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Let us hear what the spirit is saying to the church. **Thanks be to God!**

Message

🔍 **# 310 Bring Many Names**

Note: The offering is collected at the door as people enter and brought forward during the singing of the doxology. It is placed by the brass cross to the side of the pulpit.

☐ Offering Words

🔍 **#306 Praise God from whom all blessings flow**

☐ Prayer of Dedication

Please join in our prayer of dedication:

Transforming God, Take these expressions of our labour And turn them into Hope for the weary, liberation for the oppressed, Power for those who are dispossessed; Take us flawed creatures and manifest in us Your love that knows no end, Your faith that can do all things, Your service that spares no cost, Your patient endurance that hopes to the last. AMEN

□ Pastoral Prayers

🔍 *#471 We are One in the Spirit*

Blessing

From the dust of the earth, the Holy One breathed us into life. Through the breath of the Creator we are all connected. Shaped in their image, God created us with a purpose. To create. To serve. To tend. To protect. To love. That love may flourish in all its forms, May the Spirit of the Living One be manifest in us. AMEN⁴

🔍 *# 622 Go now in peace*

⁴ <https://enfleshed.com/liturgy/calls-to-worship/>