

**Welcome To South Kinloss
Presbyterian Church
April 21, 2024**

**Worship Leader
Rev. Kathy Fraser**



Announcements

- Welcome to all who are worshipping with us. Thanks to Rev. Kathy for leading the service. Thanks also to Alie and girls for providing refreshments following the service.
- Tues., April 23 at 12:30 pm: Bible study on Living Well Together in Diversity concludes in the South Kinloss basement.
- April 24 from 5 – 7pm: Messy Church at LPC with theme parable of the sower. Vegetarian lasgna – No charge. Everyone welcome!
- April 26 from 5 – 7pm: Youth Group (ages 11-14) meet at soccer fields to help with town clean-up. Parents and siblings welcome.
- Almost Famous Players presents “Something Old, Something New” at Wingham Town Hall Theatre: Apr. 30 at 7 pm, May 2 at 7 pm and May 5 at 2 pm. See poster in the front entrance for more details.
- May 4 at 5 pm: Secret Pal wrap up – More details to follow
- May 10 or 11: Workshop on “Life After Doom: Wisdom and Courage for a World Falling Apart” led by author, activist and public theologian, Brian McLaren. In person and online participation options are available. Speak to Dale for more details.

Upcoming Services:

- April 28: service led by Rev. Kathy Fraser (Food bank Sunday)
- May 5: LPC anniversary service (time TBD) – no church at SK
- May 12: Service led by Annette Proconier
- May 19: Mission Awareness service organized by the WMS
- June 2: Ministerial candidate preaches for a call.

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

L: This is the day that the Lord has made;

P: Let us rejoice and be glad!

L: God made the bright, warm sunshine, and the spring showers;

P: God made the tiny flowers and the huge pine trees.

L: God made the gently flowing rivers and the crashing ocean waves.

P: God made the prairie wheat fields and the rocky mountain splendour.

L: God made the colourful butterflies and the gray squirrels.

P: God made you – and God made me. Let us rejoice and be glad!

L: Let us worship God who made all things, and said they were good.

P: Let us worship, rejoice and be glad!

Opening Hymn #338 – Let all things now living

Prayers of Approach, Confession and The Lord’s Prayer

Music Ministry

Hymn: It’s a song of praise to the maker (see insert)

Family Focus/Children’s Time

Morning Canticle Of Praise (K. Fraser April 2007) (see insert)

Responsive Psalm 8 (NRSV)

L: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.

P: Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.

L: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;

P: what are humans that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

L: Yet you have made them a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honour.

P: You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet,

L: all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field

P: the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

All: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Song - Canticle Of The Feathered Ones (Sara Thomsen) (see insert)

Responsive Psalm 148 (NRSV)

L: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

P: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

L: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

P: Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the heavens!

L: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created.

P: He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

L: Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!

P: Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

L: Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

P: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

L: Young men and women alike, old and young together!

P: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

L: He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him.

P: Praise the LORD!

READING – Chief Seattle’s 1854 oration in response to the request of the President in Washington

Hymn #716 – Pray for the wilderness (Tune: Slane)

Mission Moment, Doxology #79 and Offertory Prayer

Prayers of the People (Responsive)

L: God of the Universe, You made the heavens and the earth;

P: So we do not call our home merely “planet earth.” We call it your Creation, a Divine Mystery, a Gift from Your Most Blessed Hand.

L: The world itself is your miracle. Bread and vegetables from earth are thus also from heaven. Help us to see, in our daily bread, your presence and your provision.

P: Upon this garden, may your stars rain down their blessed dust. May you send rain and sunshine upon our garden and us. Grant us the humility to touch the humus that we might become more human.

L: That we might mend our rift from your Creation, That we might then know the sacredness of the gift of life— That we might truly experience life from the hand of God.

P: For you planted humanity in a garden, and began our resurrection in a garden. Our blessed memory and hope lie in a garden.

L: Thanks be to God, who made the world teeming with variety, For things on the earth, above the earth, and under the earth, we rejoice and give thanks to God

P: For the many kinds of plants, trees, fruits and creatures, we celebrate and give thanks to God.

L: For the centipedes, ants, and worms; for the mice, the marmots, the beagles and the bats,

P: For the cucumbers, tomatoes, and peppers, for apples and oranges, pine nuts and pineapples we delight and give thanks to God.

L: That we find ourselves eclipsed by the magnitude of generosity and mystery - Thanks be to God. And knowing that all life is precious to you, O God, we lift up before you those who are known to us who are in need of your care, your healing, your strength, your comfort, and a keen sense of your presence with them this day. (SILENCE)

Song: The blue-green hills of earth (see insert)

Benediction and Benediction song: Walk With The Lord

The Blue-Green Hills of Earth

1. For the earth for e-ver turn-ing,
For the skies for e-v'ry sea.
For our lives, for all cre-a-tion,
Sing we our joy-ful praise to Thee.
2. For the moun-tains, hills, and pastures,
In their si-lent maj-es-ty;
for all life for all of na-ture,
Sing we our joy-ful song of peace.
3. For the sun, for rain and thun-der,
For the land that makes us free,
For the stars, for all the hea-vens,
Sing we our joy-ful praise to Thee.
4. For the world we raise our voic-es,
for the home that gives us birth;
In our joy we sing re-turn-ing
Home to our blue-green hills of earth.

It's a song of praise to the Maker

1. It's a song of praise to the Maker,
the thrush sings high in the tree.
It's a song of praise to the Maker,
the gray whale sings in the sea,
And by the Spirit you and I
can join our voice to the holy cry
and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.
2. It's a call of life to the Giver,
when waves and waterfalls roar.
It's a call of life to the Giver
when high tides break on the shore,
And by the Spirit you and I
can join our voice to the holy cry
and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.
3. It's a hymn of love to the Lover;
the bumblebees hum along.
It's a hymn of love to the Lover;
the summer breeze joins the song,
And by the Spirit you and I
can join our voice to the holy cry
and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.
4. It's the chorus of all creation;
it's sung by all living things.
It's the chorus of all creation;
a song the universe sings,
And by the Spirit you and I
can join our voice to the holy cry
and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.

MORNING CANTICLE OF PRAISE (K. Fraser April 2007)

Refrain: *O sing to the Lord with joy in your heart.*
 O sing to the Lord with joy in your heart.

In the morning, before I am awake,
You are already at work setting the stage.
The morning breeze blows the cobwebs from the corners.
The sun rises as spotlight so no one will miss a thing.

(Refrain)

The actors begin to stir, flitting about to find their perfect place.
They clear their throats and exercise their vocal chords.
There is no need for rehearsal for their song is well known.
It comes from their heart and is known from their birth.

(Refrain)

At your gracious invitation, I take my seat - front row -
Always the best in the house.
And then it begins - the voices rise together in perfect harmony.
Twits, twitters, warbles and trills - an endless symphony of beauty.

(Refrain)

I have heard this concert many times and thrilled to the melody.
But this morning I really listened to the words.
They are your love song to me.
Composed in just the right key - in tune with my heart and soul -
In the language of love that goes beyond words -
and yet fully understood.
I sit enfolded by grace, enraptured in awe that all this is for me.
I receive it as gift and raise my heart and voice in thanksgiving.

I sing to the Lord with joy in my heart.
I sing to the Lord with joy in my heart.

Canticle of the Feathered Ones

Canticle of the feathered ones
Hymn of the hermit thrush
A song in the holy hush
A lake in the wake of sun
Vireos in the vestibule
Warblers wait in the wings
A finch begins to sing
The water, a sparkling jewel
Kyrie eleison, kyrie eleison

Canticle of the mourning dove
Angels in pine and spruce
The fox and the bear and the moose
Listen to the choir above
Gloria in excelsis deo, Gloria in excelsis
Gloria in excelsis deo, Gloria in excelsis

Heron delivers the homily
Incense fills the air
Cedar boughs in prayer
And I am lost in reverie
Sanctus, sanctus
Sanctus, sanctus

Canticle of the feathered ones
Candlelight of the moon
Litany of lark and loon
As the dark of the evening comes
Benedictus (repeat 6 more times)