

**South Kinloss Presbyterian Church**  
**Sunday, May 18, 2025**

**Musical Prelude and Welcome**

**Responsive Call to Worship**

L: Praise the Lord!

**P: Praise God in the heights!**

L: Praise God, all you angels; praise God, all creatures high and low!

**P: Rulers of the earth and all peoples, praise God's holy name!**

L: All people together!

**All: With one voice, let us praise the Lord!**

**Opening Hymn #466 Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet**

**Prayer of Approach and Lord's Prayer**

*... we recognize our shortcomings and confess to you our sin  
to begin again with you and one another:*

**Loving God; Jesus commanded us to love one another so the world would know we follow him. Yet we confess we do not always love one another, as Jesus loves us. The world has seen our squabbling, our history of hypocrisy, and our lack of compassion for those who are in pain. Loving God, forgive us. Lord Jesus, continue to love us. Holy Spirit, fill us with love, so that the world will witness your love in our words and actions. And hear us now as we pray 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, forever and ever. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

The Peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

**Music Ministry**

**Hymn #639 We are marching (word variation)**

1. We are marching in the light of God (x4)  
We are marching, marching, We are marching, Oh,  
We are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching, marching, We are marching, Oh,  
We are marching in the light of God.
2. We are living in the power of God, (x4)  
We are living, living, We are living, Oh,  
We are living in the power of God.  
We are living, living, We are living, Oh,  
We are living in the power of God.
3. Repeat verse 1

**Affirmation of Baptism**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scriptures**

**Responsive Psalm 148**

One: Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights above.

**All: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his heavenly hosts.**

One: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.

**All: Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies.**

One: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for at his command they were created,

**All: and he established them for ever and ever— he issued a decree that will never pass away.**

One: Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths,

**All: lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do his bidding,**

One: you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars,

**All: wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds,**

One: kings of the earth and all nations, you princes and all rulers on earth,

**All: young men and women, old men and children.**

One: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

All: **And he has raised up for his people a horn, the praise of all his faithful servants, of Israel, the people close to his heart. Praise the Lord.**

### **The Acts of the Apostles 11:1-18**

#### **Peter Explains His Actions**

The apostles and the believers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him and said, "You went into the house of uncircumcised men and ate with them." Starting from the beginning, Peter told them the whole story: "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance, I saw a vision. I saw something like a large sheet being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to where I was. I looked into it and saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, reptiles and birds. Then I heard a voice telling me, 'Get up, Peter. Kill and eat.' "I replied, 'Surely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' "The voice spoke from heaven a second time, 'Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.' This happened three times, and then it was all pulled up to heaven again. "Right then three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea stopped at the house where I was staying. The Spirit told me to have no hesitation about going with them. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen an angel appear in his house and say, 'Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter. He will bring you a message through which you and all your household will be saved.' "As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning. Then I remembered what the Lord had said: 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' So if God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could stand in God's way?" When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, "So then, even to Gentiles God has granted repentance that leads to life."

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

**Sermon: Moving ahead with the mission**

**Hymn #765 We've a story to tell to the nations**

#### **Announcements**

- Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> – Session at 7:00pm.
- Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>  
*Secret Pal* Wrap-Up Dinner at 4:30pm. There is a sign-up sheet to volunteer and/or donate a food offering.
- Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am.  
169<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service with Guest Preacher Rev. Kathy Fraser.
- Please contact a WMS member if your child would like assistance for attendance at Camp Kintail this summer.
- Envelope Bridal Shower for Becky Guay, Saturday, May 24 at 7:00pm. Enjoy tea and dessert.
- Rev. Royal's Office Hours (posted)

#### **Invitation to the Offering**

#### **Doxology #79**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

#### **Prayer of Dedication**

#### **Mission Moment**

#### **Prayers of the People**

**Closing Hymn #255 Now let the vault of heaven resound**

#### **Benediction**

#### **Benediction Song**

#### **Musical Postlude**