

June 23, 2024
St. Mark's Presbyterian Church, Orillia, ON

Acknowledgement of the Land:

We gather on land that has been inhabited by Indigenous peoples from the beginning. We acknowledge the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe, including the Ojibway, Odawa and Pottawatomi. This territory is covered by the Williams Treaty of 1923 and the J. Collins land purchase of 1785. We acknowledge the harm caused by colonization and we commit to learn, to listen, and to work towards genuine Truth and reconciliation.

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

Strength is commanding
the wind and sea to obey,

**Strength is accepting vulnerability
from inside the boat,**

Strength is standing in solidarity
with the powerless.

**Strength is turning a cheek,
Strength is loving an enemy.**

We come to worship
a God who redefines our vision of strength.

Introit: Worship the Lord, BP #555 (verses 1 & 2)

Refrain

Worship the Lord (Worship the Lord.)
Worship the Father, the Spirit, the Son,
raising our hands
in devotion to God who is one!

Raising our hands as a sign of rejoicing,
and with our lips our togetherness voicing,
giving ourselves to a life of creativeness,
worship and work must be one!

[Refrain]

Praying and training that we be a blessing,
and by our handiwork daily confessing,
we are committed to serving humanity,
worship and work must be one.

[Refrain]

Opening Prayers

Assurance of Forgiveness

Passing the Peace of Christ

Hymn: Peace Like A River

I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul;
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul.

I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean in my soul;
I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean in my soul;

I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul;
I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul;

A Word for all Ages

Hymn: Praise, I will praise, BP #420

Praise, I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart.
O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways,
And glorify your name.
Love, I will love you, Lord, with all my heart.
In you I will find the source of all my joy. Hallelujah!

Serve, I will serve you, Lord, with all my heart.
O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways,
And glorify your name.
Serve, I will serve you, Lord, with all my heart. In you
I will find the source of all my joy. Hallelujah!

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture: read by Ted Southorn

Psalm 136:1-9

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Mark 4:35-41 – read by Rev. Linda

Message: Stormy Weather

Hymn: Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

Jesus, you have come to the lakeshore
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones,
You only asked me to follow humbly,

Refrain

O Jesus, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling, have spoken my name,
now my boats left on the shore-line behind me,
by your side, I will seek other seas.

You need my hands, full of caring,
Through my labours to give others rest,
and constant love, that keeps on loving,

Refrain

You who have fished other oceans;
Ever longed for by souls who are waiting,
my loving friend, as thus you call me.

Refrain

Prayers for the World

Invitation to the Offering

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Jesus Christ, our burdens know,
Praise Spirit through whom our hearts grow,
Praise Three-in-One, from here below.

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn: Simply trusting every day, BP #689

Simply trusting every day,
trusting through a stormy way,
even when my faith is small,

trusting Jesus, that is all.

Refrain:

Trusting as the moments fly,
trusting as the days go by,
trusting him whate'er befall,
trusting Jesus, that is all.

Brightly doth his Spirit shine
into this poor heart of mine;
while he leads I cannot fall,
trusting Jesus, that is all.

(Refrain)

Singing, if my way be clear,
praying, if the path be drear,
if in danger for him call,
trusting Jesus, that is all.

(Refrain)

Trusting him while life shall last,
trusting him till earth be past,
till within the jasper wall,
trusting Jesus, that is all.

(Refrain)

Benediction

Sung Benediction - May the God of hope go with us, BP #726

May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace,
singing, share our joy with all.
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.