*St. Paul’s Presbyterian Church*

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Interim Moderator: Rev. Robert Lyle

Clerk of Session: Jan Alchorn

Music Director: Sue Murray

Leading Worship Today Rev. Bob Lyle

May 5th, 2024 9:30 am

6th Sunday of Easter

*THE ORDER OF WORSHIP*

*OUR APPROACH TO GOD*

Call to Worship:

Let us sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvellous things.

Let us make known the Lord’s victory, for God’s steadfast love covers the whole earth.

Let us sing joyful praises, and join all creation to worship God’s holy name.

Hymn For the beauty of the earth 98

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Holy God, the power of your love is beyond comprehension, the breadth of your compassion without measure, the depths of your wisdom knows no bounds. In Jesus Christ, you meet us in the midst of life’s joys and challenges to show us what it means to love and be loved. And so we offer you our love and loyalty, and our prayers and praise; through the power of your Spirit, draw us closer to you and closer to each other as friends and followers of Christ, our Risen Lord.

Merciful God, We often find it difficult to love others as you command. We seek our own security before the wellbeing of others. We fulfill our own desires rather than act for the common good. Forgive us. Redirect our priorities, and renew our commitment to live out your love, even when that demands more of us than we expect. Amen.

Hymn Jesus loves me, this I know 378

We hear God’s Word

First Lesson: Acts 10:44-48 p. 779

Responsive Psalm Psalm 98 p. 426

**1**Sing a new song to the Lord,  for he has done wonderful deeds.  
His right hand has won a mighty victory; his holy arm has shown his saving power!

**2The Lord has announced his victory  and has revealed his righteousness to every nation!**

**3**He has remembered his promise to love and be faithful to Israel. The ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

**4Shout to the Lord, all the earth; break out in praise and sing for joy!  
5**Sing your praise to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and melodious song,

**6with trumpets and the sound of the ram’s horn. Make a joyful symphony before the Lord, the King!**

**7**Let the sea and everything in it shout his praise! Let the earth and all living things join in.

**8Let the rivers clap their hands in glee! Let the hills sing out their songs of joy**

**9**before the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with justice, and the nations with fairness.

N.T. Epistle 1 John 5:1-6 p. 863

N.T. Gospel John 15:9-17 p. 764

Sermon: Loving him who first loved us

Hymn Love divine, all loves excelling 233

Offering

Doxology 603

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers for God’s World and God’s People

The Apostles’ Creed 616

Closing Hymn When I survey the wondrous cross 178

Benediction & Choral Amen

Announcements: Announcements:

* May is designated as Camp Geddie month, you may mark your offering envelope if you wish to donate.

Worship Leaders:

May 12- Brad Little

May 19- Bob Lyle

May 26 – Maryann Skinner

June 2 – Brad Little

Mission Moment: Sunday, May 5

Sydney Nkhata, a 27-year-old from Northern Malawi, is the chair of a youth network made up of 12 clubs. His management journey was significantly influenced by the “Every Youth Empowered” project, which provided valuable leadership training and is funded by PWS&D. Equipped with new skills, Sydney has become a mentor—guiding and nurturing club members. His efforts ensure that youth actively embrace and take ownership of the project, where they learn about sexual and reproductive health rights—turning it into an integral part of the community. As a result, girls and boys are more aware of the risks related to early pregnancies and transmission of diseases and are changing behaviours. Sydney’s story highlights the transformative power of leadership training and showcases his commitment to mentorship and community development.

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