

FEB 9TH, 2020

HOPE UNITED CHURCH

10:30 AM

6th Sunday of Epiphany

Gathering in Expectation

(▲ Please rise in body or in spirit)

Prelude

Welcome and Life & Work of the Church

Birthday Coins for the Birthday Church

Happy Birthday to you. To Jesus be true.

May God's richest blessings abide over you.

Light the Christ Candle

▲ Opening Song **VU # 670 *Precious Lord, Take My Hand***

Call to Worship (responsive)

Leader: When the people of Israel forgot about God.

All: They were taken into exile.

Leader: When the people of Judah forgot about God.

All: They were taken into exile.

Leader: When people today forgot about God.

All: I don't like where this is going.

Leader: But it's already happened.

All: Then there's no going back.

Leader: We don't need to go back.

All: We must find a way forward.

Leader: Then let us humble our hearts.

All: And remember our God.

Opening Prayer (together)

Exile. Though we haven't been conquered and may freely come and go there is no denying that this is where we're headed. And the thought of it scares us, God, because where death would be an end to suffering exile demands that we live through the loss of all we hold dear and yet somehow go on.

So remind us, God, that even in exile we are never alone; that you're still here; and there is a way home. So please, God, humble our hearts and teach us anew. So that the healing may start and the journey begin. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

Hymn: **VU # 701 *What Does the Lord Require of You***

Growing in Faith Matthew 5: 13-20

We Hear the Word of God

Scripture 2 Chronicles 36:15-21

For the word of God in scripture, among us and within us...

Thanks be to God!

Ministry of Music *You Are My All in All*

Reflection Past the Point

Prayers of the People and **The Lord's Prayer**

Hymn **VU # 652 *Be Still, My Soul***

We Offer Our Gifts

The Presentation of our Offering ~ *Jesus, What A Friend For Sinners*
(with Two Part Invention #8 in F by Bach)

▲ Sung Response **MV 115 *Behold, Behold***

***Behold, behold, I make all thing new
beginning with you and starting from today.***

***Behold, behold, I make all thing new
My promise is true for I am Christ the way.***

Prayer of Dedication

We Journey Forth

▲ Sending Hymn **MV # 106 *I Am the Dream***

▲ Commissioning & Benediction

▲ Song of Dismissal ***Hope Shines as the Solitary Star (MV #220)***

***Hope shines as the solitary star,
faith is the inner light.***

***You and I together mirror the Light of Lights
and illumine the pathway home.***

Postlude

**Mission Statement: Hope United is a welcoming,
inclusive family of faith, committed to a life of love and
serving God in the community and throughout the world.**

A warm welcome is extended to all.
 Visitors are invited to sign the guest book in the church entry.
 Newcomers, please fill out a WELCOME card and place it
 on the offering plate so we can get to know you.
 There is a Social Time in the Lower Hall following worship.

Thanks to Today's Participants:

Greeters: Sohani & David Welcher
Announcements: Muriel Hale
Elevator: Matthew Riley
Audio/Visual: Jared Oxner/Bruce Jarvis
Bulletin Folder: Kathy Morris
Social Time: Diane MacVicar

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 Condolences are extended to Diane Cairns  
 on the death of her mother-in-law Ruth Cairns on February 5<sup>th</sup>

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**Make a Joyful Noise!**

As many of you know, Barbara Pate will be retiring in June after 10 years with this faith community. Her wish is to leave us with a sense of joyful anticipation about the future direction of our music ministry. On Sunday November 24<sup>th</sup> the choir, ministry team and others met for a facilitated workshop to explore our vision for the future of the music ministry at Hope United. The display at the back of the church summarizes the thoughts expressed at the workshop and some of the ideas explored for sustaining and enhancing a vibrant music ministry here at Hope.

Now it's your turn! Please take a moment to look over the display and add your own words, thoughts and ideas - by placing a check mark beside something you like or by writing a label of your own to stick on the display.

**Announcements for February 9<sup>th</sup>**

| <b><u>THROUGH THE WEEK Feb 10<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup></u></b> |             |                           |             |
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| <b>Tue</b>                                                           | 11:00 am    | Chair Yoga                | Parlour     |
|                                                                      | 6-8:30 pm   | Guide groups              | Hall        |
|                                                                      | 7:00 pm     | M&O                       | Hoyt Room   |
| <b>Wed</b>                                                           | 10-11:30 am | Seniors Meet & Greet      | Hall        |
|                                                                      | 7:00 pm     | Choir                     | Hoyt Room   |
| <b>Thu</b>                                                           | 10am – noon | SCANS                     | Hall        |
|                                                                      | 11:00 am    | Chair Yoga                | Parlour     |
|                                                                      | 1:30-3:30pm | SCANS                     | Hoyt Room   |
|                                                                      | 7-8 pm      | Hfx. Hawks                | Hall        |
| <b>Fri</b>                                                           | 9:30-12     | Quilters                  | Parlour     |
| <b>Sat</b>                                                           | 1-4 pm      | Language class            | Lower Level |
| <b>Sun</b>                                                           | 10:30 am    | Worship & Sunday School   |             |
|                                                                      | 2-4 pm      | Atl. Ministry to the Deaf | Hoyt Room   |
|                                                                      | 2-3 pm      | Dance Class               | Hall        |
|                                                                      | 7:00 pm     | Youth Group               | Hall        |



**2020 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS**

available for pickup at the back of the sanctuary.

**MEMORIAL HYMN SING:**

There is a Congregational Letter regarding our upcoming Memorial Hymn Sing service on March 8<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to read your invitation and respond by February 23<sup>rd</sup> to have your dedication included in the service bulletin. Let's all plan to attend and support this wonderful morning of music and memories.

We are pleased to announce that **Becky Campbell** has volunteered to take over as Hope's Facebook Page Administrator as of Feb 1st. Becky has been affiliated with Hope United since 1990 and has attended regularly since 2002. She's taken on several roles over the years. She's been a dedicated choir member for the past 8 years, and she is still going strong! You'll see her singing her heart out each week, and attending Christian Life & Growth Committee meetings. She can be reached by email at rcampbell@gnsps.ca, or through Hope's FB page. **Thank You Becky!** And **Thank You to Jana Forgrave** for her great work filling this role for the past several months.



**Camp Kidston** has been ministering to children, youth, and families for over 50 years, through our summer camping programs. As we launch our new Strong Roots: Bright Futures sustainability plan, we are welcoming new members of all ages and backgrounds to our Program Committee. This committee will play a key role in shaping the direction of present and future camping programs. If

you have an interest in sharing or building your skills in the following areas, please consider joining us in this exciting, challenging undertaking: ministry, youth leadership, leadership training, recreational programming, faith development; outdoor or environmental education; musical education, direction, or ministry; event planning; evaluation; community relations; or grant writing. To learn more, please contact Kidston's Program Chair, Isabel Fearon, at [campkidstonplanning@gmail.com](mailto:campkidstonplanning@gmail.com)

**Education Fund:** The Hope United Education Fund provides support for children & youth in the congregation who wish to attend United Church Camps at Camp Kidston and Sherbrooke Lake. Contact the office for an Education Fund application.

**Camp Kidston is now accepting applicants for our paid summer staff and volunteers.** We offer a range of jobs, suited to various levels of skill, training, and experience. In addition to counselling and program staff, we are looking for kitchen staff (including a Lead Cook), First Aider, Community Outreach Liaison, Administrative Support, and Environmental Education Lead. Government regulations and accreditation standards typically require that paid staff be at least 16 years of age. Youth between 14 and 17 years of age who are looking to build their leadership and employment skills are encouraged to consider our Counsellor-in-Training program. Interviews will start in a few weeks and will continue until positions are filled.

More information is available on our website:  
[www.campkidston.com](http://www.campkidston.com).

**Storm Cancellation Notices** for Sunday service are posted on the office voice mail (902-455-0261), website ([www.hopeunitedchurch.ca](http://www.hopeunitedchurch.ca)) and Facebook page as well as the Nova Scotia Storm Centre found at [cbc.ca](http://cbc.ca). The Pastoral Care Team is also willing to call those without Internet/Computer access. If you would like your name and phone number on the call list, please contact the church office.

**Annual Meeting** time is approaching. **Committee Reports** can be submitted to the office as soon as possible. The deadline for submissions will be **February 28**.

**Confirmation classes** are coming up **February 21-22**. Anyone interested should contact Caitlin or Rev. Sean.



**Mission and Outreach is holding a collection of toiletries** for the month of February in support of the Aids Coalition and the Elizabeth Fry Society. You can leave your items in the basket at the back of the church. Thanks for support. Janet Ward, Chair M&O

**Social Time** following worship each week is an important part of Hope's ministry that brings us all into community with a chance to greet folks, familiar and new, in a relaxed, casual setting. Please check the **sign up sheet** in the Hall to see when you or your group could host!

**Bulletin Dedications:** Each week Hope offers the opportunity for a person or group to dedicate the church bulletin - in memory of a loved one or in celebration of a special person or event. **The sign up sheet is on the Greeter's Table** at the back of the sanctuary. A donation in the amount of your choice is appreciated and helps offset the cost of bulletin covers and printing.



**Coldest Night of the Year walk:** Hope will be participating as "Hope United for Change." All funds raised will be going to The Souls Harbour Rescue Mission. Please join our team to walk on **Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020**. You can participate in body, or in spirit, financially, or in prayers for those less fortunate (or, all of the above). Sign up at <https://cnoy.org/home>

**Haven't tried Fundscrip yet?** This easy-to-use program allows our church to turn your everyday spending into ongoing fundraising. Simply buy gift cards from us or on-line for participating retailers and up to **15%** is donated back to the church. Many of these are retailers you already use - plus cards can be used as a great gift alternative on special occasions or as a donation. use invitation code **3M3RWE** at **www.fundscrip.com/retailers** and or contact Barb 457-1112 for info. Order day is the first Sunday of each month.

**Lenten Offerings:** This year during the six Sundays of Lent, **Christian Life & Growth** will be collecting "most needed" items identified by **Parker Street**. The first three Sundays - March 1, 8 & 15 - will be food items: **dry pasta, rice and cereal**. For the last three Sundays - March 22, 29 and Apr. 5 - we will collect **personal care items** such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, feminine pads, and small bottles of shampoo & conditioner. Please consider picking up a few extra items at the store to donate as part of your Lenten practice this year.

**Youth Forum (grades 9 to age 19) is looking for facilitators:** If you have a passion for youth, and are looking for a way to give back to the youth in our church, we would love for you to join our team! Facilitators need to be at least 21 years old and be available **April 15<sup>th</sup>** for a training day and from **May 21-24** for the main event!

**CHAIR YOGA:** Hope United is host to a **Chair Yoga class on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 11 am - 12 noon:** This class is designed using the assistance of a chair to support your yoga poses - to help restore vitality, strength, balance and mobility while rejuvenating the spirit with a sense of community. Regardless of one's age and physical condition, we can all experience the many benefits of yoga. Chair yoga can help clear the mind, reduce stress and improve focus. For more information contact:

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