

FEB 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2020

**HOPE UNITED CHURCH**

10:30 AM

All Ages Service

**Gathering in Expectation**

(▲ Please rise in body or in spirit)

Prelude

Welcome and Life & Work of the Church

Minute for Mission ~ Matthew Riley

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 ~ Brennan Smith & Sophia Reinhardt

▲ Opening Song **VU 381 *Spirit of Life***

Call to Worship (responsive)

God we come as those who follow Jesus Christ the good sower.

Seeds will be sown at this service.

**Some seeds will grow into joyful praise.**

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**Some seeds will be grown into care for the sick or grieving.**

Seeds will be sown at this service.

**Some seeds will grow into just and caring actions. We rejoice that we follow Jesus Christ, God's good sower. Amen.**

Opening Prayer (together) ~ Jacob Riley

**O Lord, we praise you with our entire beings. We praise you, God, our Creator, in the quiet of your holy sanctuary. In your forest, by your rivers, in a new sunrise, a beautiful sunset, you show us wisdom, grace and might! We use every instrument in a chorus of beautiful music. We want you to know how much we love you. You have given natural gifts to people so they may praise you: those who play flutes, harps, guitars, violins, accordions, pianos, horns, clanging cymbals and drums. All manner of instruments. Yes, we need to show you just how much we adore you. Everyone who draws breath and knows you as their personal savior and friend will praise you, O God. We give thanks to you with our entire beings, and we need to show you, with every breath, with thanksgiving, that you are our Lord, the Almighty, Amen.**

▲ Hymn **MV 41 *O Beautiful Gaia***

**We Hear the Word of God**

Scripture Readings: Genesis 1: 9-12  
Matthew 13: 31-32  
Matthew 18: 12-14 ~ Jayden Welcher

Music Ministry *Amazing Grace* ~ Mya Cogswell

Godly Play Story "Holy Communion"

▲ Hymn **MV 194 *Bread of Life, Feed My Soul (verses 1,2,3)***

**Holy Communion**

(Rev. Don Uhryniw ed. Rev. Sean Handcock)

Jesus was a baby, a child, a youth, and then an adult. Jesus loved children and told the disciples to let the children come to him. Jesus had a great wonder for the beauty of the earth. He spent a lot of time outside, under the sky and the stars, by rivers and lakes, and under trees.

**All Sing: MV 18 Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary**

One time, his parents thought that he was lost, but then they found him in a holy place, teaching the teachers. All of us can teach each other a lot of things: love, friendship, wonder, and delight.

**All Sing: MV 18 Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary**

Jesus loved to play and make things. When he grew up, he became a carpenter. Just like children today, Jesus liked to build and create things, making community, welcoming everybody, helping others to see God in a new and different way.

**All Sing: MV 18 Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary**

So today, we will share a small meal together. Jesus was very good at sharing. He shared God's love and he shared himself. Someone has shared their craft in making this bread, and someone else has shared the contents of this cup. So we share this meal together, because God loves everyone and welcomes us to the table.

**Sharing the Bread and Cup**

God, send your Holy Spirit upon us and these gifts, that all who share in the bread and cup may be the body of Christ: light, life and love of the world. In this hope, and as your people, we praise you: Amen.

The gifts of God for the children of God. Come for all is ready.

Thank you God for having refreshed us at your table and for having shared with us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love, and send us out into the world united in courage and peace; rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; this day and always. Amen.

Hymn **VU 959 *The Lord's Prayer***

**We Offer our Gifts**

Presentation of Our Offerings *Morning Has Broken* ~ Riley Cogswell

▲ Sung Response **MV 181 *Lord, Your Hands Have Formed v 1,2***

▲ Prayer of Dedication

**We Journey Forth**

▲ Sending Hymn **VU 586 *We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection***

▲ Commissioning & Benediction

▲ Song of Dismissal **VU 884 *You Shall Go Out with Joy***

Postlude



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:** Margaret O'Riley & Ruth Douglas  
**Announcer:** Helga Wotherspoon  
**Elevator:** Parker Verboom  
**Audio/Visual:** Bruce MacDonald  
**Bulletin Folder:** Kathy Morris  
**Social Time:** Marion Stairs, Diane Ashton, Helga Wotherspoon

Hope United gratefully acknowledges a donation in memory of Lloyd Naugler from Ron Herold

**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.

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**Announcements for February 16<sup>th</sup>**

**THROUGH THE WEEK Feb 17<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Mon	NS Heritage Day - Africville Day	Office closed
Tue	11:00 am Chair Yoga	Parlour
	6-8:30 pm Guide groups	Hall
Wed	10-11:30 am Seniors Meet & Greet	Hall
	10:30 am Pastoral Care Team	Hoyt Room
	7:00 pm Choir	Hoyt Room
Thu	10am – noon SCANS	Hall
	11:00 am Chair Yoga	Parlour
	1:30-3:30pm SCANS	Hoyt Room
	7-8 pm Hfx. Hawks	Hall
Fri	9:30-12 Quilters	Parlour
Sat	1-4 pm Language class	Lower Level
Sun	10:30 am Stewardship service	
	11:30 am <u>Stone Soup &amp; Stewardship brainstorming</u>	
	2-3 pm Dance Class	Hall

The congregation joins family and friends in mourning the death of Rev. John Roberts on February 9<sup>th</sup>. We were blessed to have Rev. Roberts lead this faith community from 1976-1982 and continued to benefit from his role as Minister Emeritus. The service of celebration for John's life will be Friday Feb 21<sup>st</sup> at 2 pm.

**In Appreciation** to our Hope Church Family for the many expressions of sympathy to us following the death of our brother and brother-in-law, Lloyd. Your heartfelt support was very much appreciated by Laurie, Shirley, Georgina and Ralph.

**Ash Wednesday Service** will be held on **February 26 at 7 pm** in the sanctuary at Hope United. This year our friends from St. John's United are invited to join us at Hope.

**LADIES LUNCH:** The women of Hope are celebrating "Leap Day" with lunch at Swiss Chalet on Kempt Road at noon on **Saturday, February 29**. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate, and we'll see you there.

**Family Movie Night: Saturday February 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm - Save the date and watch for details next week! If you have movie suggestions let Caitlin know!**

**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!

**Our Memorial & Celebration Hymn Sing** will be held **March 8<sup>th</sup>** during morning worship at **10:30 am**. Be sure to respond by **February 23<sup>rd</sup>** to have your dedication included in the service bulletin. Let's all attend & support this wonderful morning of music & memories.

### 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. 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.

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.

We are pleased to announce that **Becky Campbell** has volunteered to take over as **Hope's Facebook Page Administrator** as of Feb 1st. She can be reached by email at [rcampbell@gnsps.ca](mailto: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.

**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**.

**Hope Cottage Meal:** We are serving **Chili Beef casserole** at Hope Cottage on **February 27**. I will be in the kitchen at 1:00 PM to receive your casserole. Recipes are available at the back of the church or from Nancy in the office. Thanks for your support in this important ministry. Janet Ward, Chair of M&O

**Confirmation classes** will be held **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 your support. Janet Ward, Chair M&O



**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](http://www.fundscrip.com/retailers) and or contact Barb 457-1112 for info. Order day is the first Sunday of each month.

**Lenten Offerings Mar 1 - Apr 5:** 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 (Mar 22, 29 and Apr 5) we will collect **personal care items** such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, feminine pads, & 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.

**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.



Are you ready to plan a great summer? Camp Kidston is! We have been providing faith-based, nature-based camping programs for children and youth in Nova Scotia for more than 50 years. **Registration is now open at [www.campkidston.com](http://www.campkidston.com)**. We are pleased to announce that we have added a second Family Camp weekend in August, due to tremendous demand for this program. Be sure to sign up soon, as sessions fill quickly. An Early Bird Discount is available before March 1.

**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, & 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 require paid staff to be at least 16. Youth 14 - 17 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).