

The United Church of Canada
Carlisle/Kilbride Pastoral Charge
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Baden-Powell Sunday – Lent 1
Kilbride 9:30 am, Carlisle 11 am



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*Those who wish to do so are invited to stand for the Hymns and the Sending Forth/Benediction. Likewise, those who wish to do so are invited to respond aloud where indicated by **bold print**.*

Procession of Flags

Profession of Cub and Scout Promises

Hymn: VU 524 – O Canada

Eight musicians join forces to give a powerful rendition of our national anthem in an arrangement by Kibwe Thomas. An interesting fact: the National Anthem Act, which was passed in 1980, not only officialised the lyrics and melody, but declared them public domain so musicians are free to arrange the score without seeking governmental copyright permission.

O Canada for MLK Day 2021 - Martina Ortiz Luis

O Canada! Our home on native land!
True patriot love in all our lives command.
With glowing hearts we see thee rise, the True North strong and free!
From far and wide, O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
God keep our land glorious and free!
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

Welcome:

We welcome the scout and cub sections of the 1st Carlisle Scout Group that regularly meet here in Carlisle Church. We give thanks they are sharing in the leadership of this

service as we recognize and celebrate Lord Baden-Powell who founded this amazing organization.

Acknowledgement of Land:

As we worship God, we acknowledge that we are on the traditional lands of (Kilbride: the Huron-Wendat, Petun, Seneca, Neutral, Anishinaabe, and most recently the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation), (Carlisle: the Neutral, Haudenosaunee, Anishinabek, and Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation), who continue to cry out for justice. As treaty people, we commit to listen, learn, and work to right the wrongs of the past and present.

The Life and Work of the Church

Gathering Song: MV 8 (v. 1) – And On This Path (2-4x)

The virtual choir of Trinity United in Ingersoll perform Lynn Bauman's hymn, which was originally published in his 2000 collection *Ancient Songs Sung Anew: The Psalms as Poetry*.

MV8 And On This Path

1 And on this path, the gates of holiness are open wide,
 And on this path, the gates of holiness are open wide,
 And on this path, the gates of holiness are open wide,
 Open wide! Open wide! Open wide! The gates are open wide!

Lighting of the Christ Candle:

The light of Christ shines anywhere and everywhere.

All: We welcome the light.

Call to Worship:

One: God is good

All: all the time.

One: All the time

All: God is good.

Opening Hymn: MV 104 – Know That God Is Good (repeat many times)

This is a traditional song from the Congo known in Swahili as "Mungu ni mwema." The recording can be found on the 2008 album *Sing with the World: Global Songs for Children*, a collection of 24 songs selected and edited by Iona Community members John L. Bell and Alison Adam.

Mungu ni Mwema (Know That God Is Good) (Democratic Republic of the Congo)

Know that God is good,

know that God is good,
know that God is good,
God is good, God is good.

Opening Prayer:

(Facing East)

One: From the east, the direction of the rising sun,
we receive peace and light and wisdom and knowledge.

All: We are grateful for these gifts, O God.

(Facing South)

One: From the south comes warmth, guidance,
and the beginning and the end of life.

All: We are grateful for these gifts, O God.

(Facing West)

One: From the west comes the rain,
purifying waters, to sustain all living things.

All: We are grateful for these gifts, O God.

(Facing North)

One: From the north comes the cold and mighty wind,
the white snows, giving us strength and endurance.

All: We are grateful for these gifts, O God.

(Facing upward)

One: From the heavens we receive darkness and light,
the air of your breath,
and messages from your winged creatures.

All: We are grateful for these gifts, O God.

(Facing downward)

One: From the earth we come and to the earth we will return.

All: We are grateful for your creation, Mother Earth, O God.

One: May we walk good paths, O God,
living on this earth as one creation should,
rejoicing in one another's blessing,
sympathizing in one another's sorrows,
rooting up injustice,
planting the seeds of peace,
and, together with you, renewing the face of the earth. Amen.

Lord Baden-Powell Quote:

We never fail when we try to do our duty; we always fail when we neglect to do it.

Lenten Lament:

Great Spirit, you invite us to accept the richness and abundance in every human, in all of life. We lament there may be times when we are not able to appreciate the richness,

the abundance, the beauty for whatever reason. In those moments, come to our hearts, comfort our spirit.

(Time of Silence)

The Spirit that thrums within each of us is blessed, beautiful, and capable of creating new and abundant life. That is your truth.

All: May it also be ours.

Lord Baden-Powell Quote:

My belief is that we were put into this world of wonders and beauty with a special ability to appreciate them, in some cases to have the fun of taking a hand in developing them, and also in being able to help other people instead of overreaching them and, through it all, to enjoy life – that is, to be happy.

Sung Response: MV 130 – Rise Up, Rise Up

Members of Mountainside United in Montreal sing Linnea Good's 2003 hymn.

MV 130 - Rise Up, Rise Up

Rise up, rise up, rise up, O my soul.
Rise up and sing this blessing to God's name.
Rise up, rise up, rise up, O my soul.
Rise up and sing this blessing to God's name.

Young at Heart Time: The Great Gray Ghost Elephant – *Scouts and Cubs*

Prayer of Illumination:

Loving God,
you speak to us in so many ways:
in the song of a bird,
in the babbling of a brook,
in the voices of our friends,
in the hug from Mom or Dad,
in the songs we sing,
and in the stories of the Bible.
Speak to us now through the reading of scripture.
Amen.

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 (ERV)

⁹ Two people are better than one. When two people work together, they get more work done.

¹⁰ If one person falls, the other person can reach out to help. But those who are alone when they fall have no one to help them.

¹¹ If two people sleep together, they will be warm. But a person sleeping alone will not be warm.

¹² An enemy might be able to defeat one person, but two people can stand back-to-back to defend each other. And three people are even stronger. They are like a rope that has three parts wrapped together—it is very hard to break.

Braided Ropes

Hymn: VU 639 – One More Step Along the World I Go

Words & Music: Sydney Carter 1971

A Camden Town-born poet, songwriter, and folk musician, Sydney Carter (1915-2004) is probably best known for his hymn "Lord of the Dance," although he also worked as a lyricist for Donald Swann's musicals and revues in the 50s and 60s. This video of "One More Step" was recorded at Albert Hall in Nottingham for the BBC program *Songs of Praise*.

One more step along the world I go

- 1 One more step along the world I go,
one more step along the world I go,
from the old things to the new,
keep me travelling along with you:
and it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with you.

- 2 Round the corner of the world I turn,
more and more about the world I learn;
all the new things that I see
you'll be looking at along with me:
and it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with you.

- 3 As I travel through the bad and good,
keep me travelling the way I should;
where I see no way to go
you'll be telling me the way, I know:
and it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with you.

- 4 Give me courage when the world is rough,
keep me loving though the world is tough,
leap and sing in all I do,
keep me travelling along with you:
and it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with you.

5 You are older than the world can be,
you are younger than the life in me,
ever old and ever new,
keep me travelling along with you:
and it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with you.

Scripture: Matthew 5:14-16

14 You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. **15** No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. **16** In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your [God] in heaven.

Reflection

Hymn: This Little Light of Mine

This new arrangement of the gospel song "This Little Light of Mine" is produced by Monica Scott and Angie Killian and performed by an energetic children's choir.

["This Little Light of Mine" | Kids Song with Actions](#)

This little light of mine
I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine
I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine
I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

Hide it under a bushel, no!
I'm gonna let it shine
Hide it under a bushel, no!
I'm gonna let it shine
Oh, hide it under a bushel, no!
I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

Don't let anything blow it out
I'm gonna let it shine
Don't let anything blow it out
I'm gonna let it shine
Don't let anything blow it out
I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

This little light of mine
I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine
I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine
I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

Lord Baden-Powell Quote:

No one can pass through life, any more than he can pass through a bit of country, without leaving tracks behind, and those tracks may often be helpful to those coming after him in finding their way.

Offering Prayer:

Music and laughter, hands and minds,
curiosity and compassion:
what an abundance of gifts we have!
All these gifts are symbolized in our offering.
May those who give and those who receive be blessed. Amen.

Offertory: VU 538 – For the Gift of Creation

Sharon-Hope United Church in Sharon, Ontario, shares their recording of Steve Garnaas-Holmes' 1991 offertory hymn.

For the Gift of Creation

For the gift of creation, the gift of your love,
and the gift of the Spirit by which we live,
we thank you and give you the fruit of our hands.
May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give.

Prayers of the People:

Sing into prayer: VU 400 – Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Musicians from United Church in University Place, Washington, perform Ken Medema's 1970 chorus.

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Lord, listen to your children praying;
Lord, send your Spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to your children praying;
send us love, send us power, send us grace!

Hymn: VU 289 – It Only Takes a Spark

Words & Music: Kurt Kaiser 1969

Kurt Kaiser (1934-2018) was an American pianist and composer of contemporary church music who was known particularly for his youth musicals. In fact, one of his best known hymns, "Pass It On," is the closer from the 1969 musical *Tell It Like It Is*, which he collaborated on to get young people involved in the church.

Pass It On (Kurt Kaiser) It only takes a spark acapella version

- 1 It only takes a spark to get a fire going,
and soon all those around can warm up in its glowing;
That's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it:
you spread God's love to everyone, you want to pass it on.
- 2 What a wondrous time is spring when all the trees are budding,
the birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming;
That's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it:
you want to sing, it's fresh like spring, you want to pass it on.
- 3 I wish for you, my friend, this happiness that I've found
on God you can depend, it matters not where you're bound;
I'll shout it from the mountain top; I want my world to know:
the Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.

Sending Forth

Benediction: Cub Closing – Cub Scout Vespers

Online Postlude: Day Is Done

I remember "Day Is Done" being sung at the end of meetings and at campfires in the Guiding movement. It originated as "Taps," a bugle call signalling lights out during the American Civil War. This a cappella arrangement by Jari Villanueva can be found on the 2011 album *Day Is Done: Music Commemorating the 150th Anniversary of Taps*.
Day is Done Vocal Arrangement of Taps