

**Carlisle/Kilbride Pastoral Charge**

**Sunday June 21, 2026**

**Father's Day**

**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**.*

**Welcome**

**Acknowledgement of the Land**

We begin this time of worship by acknowledging that we are meeting on the land 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*).

This land has been inhabited by Indigenous peoples from the beginning. We thank all the generations of Indigenous people who have taken care of this land and been its stewards for thousands of years. We give thanks for the countless ways they have assisted the settler peoples who came to inhabit the land. We also recognize the contributions Métis, Inuit, and other Indigenous peoples have made in shaping and strengthening this region, the provinces, and Canada as a whole. Meegwetch. All my relations.

**The Life and Work of the Church**  
**(Announcements & Celebrations)**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle:**

*<sup>14</sup> You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others. (Matthew 5:14-16a)*

**Centring Music:** VU 283 – God Is the One (repeat)

*Words & Music: Colin Gibson 1978*

*Pianist Robert Aszmies provides an instrumental track for New Zealand hymnist Colin Gibson's 1978 hymn, whose tune is known as GODPOINT. Gibson is a retired university English professor, lay preacher, choral director, organist, and music editor.*

[God Is the One Whom We Seek Together #283 Voices United Church of Canada Colin Gibson](#)

God is the One whom we seek together,  
God is the Life which is part of us all;  
God is the Truth and the mark of mystery,  
God is the Love and the Joy that makes us whole.

**Call to Worship:** *(Celebrate God's Presence)*

Our God, as a gentle rain soaks the earth,  
may your peace and love fall upon us,  
bringing growth and life.  
Soak into our innermost being.  
Quiet all that makes us anxious.  
Help us to linger in your presence,  
and send us out refreshed, to carry your peace to others.

**Opening Prayer:**

**Eternal God, we come to you with hungry hearts,  
waiting to be filled:  
with a sense of your presence,  
with the touch of your spirit,  
with new energy for service.  
Come to us, we pray.  
Be with us. Touch us.  
Empower us as your people,  
that we might worship you  
and act in the world for Jesus' sake. Amen.**

**Hymn:** VU 661 – Come to My Heart, Lord Jesus

*Words and Music: Joe Pinson 1979*

**St John's United in Elmvale, Ontario, provides this choral lyric video, complete with a verse in four-part harmony, a verse featuring a soloist, and a final verse with a descant.**

[Come to my Heart Lord Jesus](#)

- 1 Come to my heart, Lord Jesus;  
teach me to walk in your way.  
Come to my heart, Lord Jesus;  
come to my heart today.  
Give me the peace and joy  
that only you can bring.  
Come to my heart, Lord Jesus;  
give me a song to sing.

- 2     Fill me with love, Lord Jesus;  
teach me to walk in your way.  
Fill me with love, Lord Jesus;  
fill me with love today.  
Give me the peace and joy  
that only you can bring.  
Fill me with love, Lord Jesus;  
give me a song to sing.
- 3     Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus;  
teach me to walk in your way.  
Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus;  
answer my prayer today.  
Give me the peace and joy  
that only you can bring.  
Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus;  
give me a song to sing.

**Prayer for Grace:** *(Celebrate God's Presence)*

O God,  
where hearts are fearful and confined,  
grant freedom and daring;  
where anxiety is infectious and widening,  
grant peace and reassurance;  
where impossibilities close every door and window,  
grant imagination and resistance;  
where distrust reshapes every understanding,  
grant healing and transformation;  
where spirits are daunted and dimmed,  
grant soaring wings and strengthened dreams. Amen.

**Words of Assurance:** *(Celebrate God's Presence)*

The God who challenges us  
is also the God who encourages us.  
The God who confronts us is also the God who accepts us.  
Be assured that God is with us even now,  
accepting, guiding, and forgiving.

**Sung Response:** MV 90 – Don't Be Afraid

*Words: John L. Bell & Graham Maule 1995; Music: John L. Bell 1995*

This Eastern Mennonite School Virtual Choir project, featuring the voices of more than 100 students, parents, faculty, and alumni, recorded this message of hope and encouragement at the start of the pandemic in 2020. EMS, a K-12 private school in Harrisonburg, Virginia, was founded over a century ago with choral music in worship as one of its core values. Their Touring Choir, consisting of about 40 students in grades

11 and 12, sings 20-30 local concerts and church programs each year as well as an annual out-of-state spring tour and, every other summer, a European tour. Just this past week they returned from Germany.

Eastern Mennonite School Virtual Choir: "Don't Be Afraid"

Don't be afraid.  
My love is stronger,  
my love is stronger than your fear.  
Don't be afraid.  
My love is stronger  
and I have promised,  
promised to be always near.

**Prayer for Illumination:** *(Celebrate God's Presence, adapted)*

God, words have power:  
power to create,  
power to disturb,  
power to heal.  
Help us to hear your Word for us today. Amen.

### **Words from Our Faith Tradition**

**Gospel:** Matthew 10:24-39

*The cost of discipleship*

10:24 "A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master;

10:25 it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

10:26 "So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known.

10:27 What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops.

10:28 Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

10:29 Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father.

10:30 And even the hairs of your head are all counted.

10:31 So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

10:32 "Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven,

10:33 but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

10:34 "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword.

10:35 For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law,  
10:36 and one's foes will be members of one's own household.  
10:37 "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me,  
10:38 and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me.  
10:39 Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

One: May we hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

## **Reflection**

**Hymn:** VU 563 – Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

*Words & Music: Cesáreo Gabaráin 1979*

Pat Murphy introduces and performs this popular hymn by a Spanish Catholic priest and hymnist. Murphy joined YouTube in June of 2020 and, with the goal of providing encouragement during the pandemic, started uploading a hymn each Sunday, just him and his guitar. He continues this practice still today. (Note: music starts at 1:55.)

"LORD, YOU HAVE COME TO THE LAKESHORE" - Sunday, May 10, 2026

- 1 Jesus, you have come to the lakeshore  
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;  
you only asked me to follow humbly.  
    O Jesus, with your eyes you have searched me,  
    and while smiling, have spoken my name;  
    now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;  
    by your side I will seek other seas.
- 2 You know so well my possessions;  
my boat carries no gold and no weapons;  
you will find there my nets and labour. R
- 3 You need my hands, full of caring  
through my labours to give others rest,  
and constant love that keeps on loving. R
- 4 You, who have fished other oceans,  
ever longed for by souls who are waiting,  
my loving friend, as thus you call me. R

## **Prayers of the People:**

Sing into Prayer: VU 661 (v. 3) – Come to My Heart, Lord Jesus

[Come to my Heart Lord Jesus](#)

3 Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus;  
teach me to walk in your way.  
Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus;  
answer my prayer today.  
Give me the peace and joy  
that only you can bring.  
Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus;  
give me a song to sing.

**Lord's Prayer:** (*Matthew 6:9-13*)

<sup>9</sup> Our Father in heaven!

May your Name be kept holy.

<sup>10</sup> May your Kingdom come,  
your will be done on earth as in heaven.

<sup>11</sup> Give us the food we need today.

<sup>12</sup> Forgive us what we have done wrong,  
as we too have forgiven those who have wronged us.

<sup>13</sup> And do not lead us into hard testing,  
but keep us safe from the Evil One.

For kingship, power and glory are yours forever.

**Dedication of the Offering:**

In the name and in the spirit of Jesus,  
we bring our gifts to you, O God.

Help us to give with them  
a ready mind, a willing spirit,  
and a joyful heart. Amen.

**Offertory:** MV 191 – What Can I Do?

*Words & Music: Paul Rumbolt and Michele McCarthy; arr. Alan C. Whitmore 2005*

**Michel Gauthier performs a slower-paced jazz improvisation on Paul Rumbolt and Michele McCarthy's offertory. Gauthier is the Music Director at Mount Royal United Church in Quebec.**

["What Can I Do?" MV 191 \(Rumbolt-McCarthy\)](#)

What can I do? What can I bring?  
What can I say? What can I sing?  
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.  
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.

**Hymn:** MV 209 – Go Make a Difference

*Words & Music: Steve Angrisano and Tom Tomaszek 1997*

**This energetic and passionate performance by Steve Angrisano, one of the co-composers, is my favourite recording of this contemporary hymn! It is part of NCYC**

*Unplugged: Volume 3, featuring "the best undiscovered Catholic musicians recorded live and unplugged at the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC)" in 2011.*

Steve Angrisano - Go Make a Difference

Go make a difference. We can make a difference.

Go make a difference in the world.

Go make a difference. We can make a difference.

Go make a difference in the world.

- 1 We are the salt of the earth, called to let the people see  
the love of God for you and me.  
We are the light of the world, not to be hidden but be seen.  
Go make a difference in the world. R
- 2 We are the hands of Christ reaching out to those in need,  
the face of God for all to see.  
We are the spirit of hope; we are the voice of peace.  
Go make a difference in the world. R
- 3 So let your love shine on, let it shine for all to see.  
Go make a difference in the world.  
And the spirit of Christ will be with us as we go.  
Go make a difference in the world. R

### **Commissioning and Benediction**

**Sung Benediction:** MV 209 (refrain)

*Words & Music: Steve Angrisano and Tom Tomaszek 1997*

*This is a different recording by Steve Angrisano, which he released in 1997 as part of his album *Make a Difference*. The album consists of 16 sacred contemporary tracks.*

Go Make a Difference

Go make a difference. We can make a difference.

Go make a difference in the world.

Go make a difference. We can make a difference.

Go make a difference in the world.

**Online Postlude:** Father's Love

*In honour of Father's Day 2022, Living Water Church in Buford, Georgia, shared this music video featuring Living Water Worship Kids performing a song by Anna Chekhovskyy.*

Father's Day Song - Father's Love || Living Water Worship Kids