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Sunday, April 22, 2018
EARTH DAY

Welcome & Announcements

Acknowledgement of the Land

Call to Worship & Lighting of the Christ Candle:

ONE: Behold the kingdom of our Lord. Behold the beauty of the sky, the warmth of the earth, the wonders of creation.

ALL: God is deserving of praise and thanksgiving.

ONE: The Lord who threw stars into space and hung the cobwebs of morning with tears of light,
God alone is to be praised.

ALL: Alleluia! It is the season of new life. The earth renews itself and we are witness to the miracle!

ONE: This is the day that the Lord has made!

ALL: We will rejoice and be glad it in it!

ONE: Come! Let us worship the risen Christ!

OPENING HYMN: SONG OF THE EARTH

Tune:

VU 155

1. Hail the Earth that first appeared. Alleluia!
When a word from God was heard. Alleluia!
Let the Earth arise and be. Alleluia!
Filled with living mystery. Alleluia!

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2. Hail the rainbow flying high. Alleluia!
Spun by God across the sky. Alleluia!
Giving Earth a solemn word. Alleluia!
Never to unleash a flood. Alleluia!

3. Hail the planet blue and green. Alleluia!
Where the face of God is seen. Alleluia!
Glory filling all the Earth. Alleluia!
Celebrating every birth. Alleluia!

4. Hail our body made with clay. Alleluia!
Given breath to praise and pray. Alleluia!
Clay God honoured by God's birth. Alleluia!
As a human life on Earth. Alleluia!

5. Hail the groans of Earth in pain. Alleluia!
From the weight of human sin. Alleluia!
Longing for the Christ who died. Alleluia!
All creation to revive. Alleluia!

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Prayer of Opening and Confession for Earth Day

Assurance of God's Grace

CHORAL RESPONSE: VU 179 (refrain only – seated)

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Christ;

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to God's name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth,

Firstborn of all creation.

Alleluia ...

Time with All Ages: Earth Day ... we celebrate Creation!

Genesis 1: The Creation Story for Child-Like Hearts



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Hymn: The Whole World is in
God's Hands

THE WHOLE WORLD IS IN GOD'S HANDS

The whole world is in God's hands,
The whole wide world in loving hands
The whole world is in God's hands.
The world is in God's hands.

Elephants and fleas are in God's hands...
Elephants and fleas in loving hands.
Elephants and fleas are in God's hands
The world is in God's hands

The bees and the trees are in God's hands.
Bees and trees in loving hands.
The bees and the trees are in God's hands
The world is in God's hands.

Moms and Dads are in God's hands.
Moms and Dads in loving hands.
Moms and Dads are in God's hands.
The world is in God's hands.

You and me are in God's hands....
You and me in loving hands ...
You and me are in God's hands
The world is in God's hands..

Repeat verse 1 ...

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We Hear God's Word

Prayer for Illumination: *Patricia Boucher*

**O God, your Word is a lamp to our feet, and a light to our path.
Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love. Amen.**

Hebrew Scriptures: Job 12:7-10 - One with all creation

– *Patricia Boucher*

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 23, p.749 Refrain 1

- *Merle Milson*

GOSPEL: John 1:1-5

CONTEMPORARY WORD: Love all God's creation.. Dostoyevsk,
'The Brothers Karamazov'

ANTHEM: O God Who Shaped Creation

MESSAGE: *A Sacred Trust ...*

HYMN OF REFLECTION

THIS IS GOD'S WONDROUS WORLD

VU 296

We Respond in Love

MINUTE FOR MISSION: "Bringing Kids to Nature" – *Barbara Doucet*

OFFERTORY INVITATION:

OFFERTORY HYMN: VU 538

**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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER: (unison)

Generous God, you poured the stars into the skies and the fish into the sea. You have dusted the earth with miracles, which unfold daily before our eyes. It is our privilege to offer our own gift, and in so doing, to follow more nearly in your way. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN OF GOING FORTH:

ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL VU 291

Benediction & Commissioning:

Choral Blessing: We are One VU 402 v.4

Postlude

The bulletins have been presented in loving memory of Brian Hicks by Dave & Brenda, Charlene & Stacey.

Memorials

In loving memory of **Arnold & Patricia (Patterson) Jones**, a donation to Mission & Service Fund has been received from Helen & Ed Jones, Alison, Oliver, Elliot and Everly.

In loving memory of **Leland Blacquier**, a donation to Community Kitchen has been received from Lenard & Jean Joudry.

In loving memory of **Brian Hicks**, a donation Local Funds has been received from Dawn & Austin Jenkins.

In loving memory of **John MacDonald**, a donation to Local Funds has been received from Dave & Brenda Hicks.

In loving memory of **Marilee Carroll**, a donation to the Food Bank has been received from Buddie & Frances Blakely.

In loving memory of **Fred Harriman**, a donation to the Community Kitchen has been received from Joyce Forbes.

Tape Distribution: April 22 – John MacKnight/April 29 – Lib Hachey/May 6 – Henry & Karen Wilson

Duty Unit: April – Lesley Daigle Unit/May – Maude Jardine Unit

Greeters: April 29 – Elaine Dickson & Shirley MacDonald/May 6 – Betty & Milt MacInnis/May 13 – Jim & Faye Wilson

Sound System: April 22 – Ernie MacLean/April 29 – Margaret Moran Glidden/May 6 – Mary Reynolds

Power Point: April 22 – Mary Reynolds/April 29 – Debbie Benson/ May 6 – Margaret Moran Glidden

Offering Collections: April 22 – Mavis Williamson, Brian & Joan Savoy, Hallam Curtis/April 29 – Debbie Stymiest, Bill & Lib Hachey, Carol Johnston/May 6 – Don Bowman, Clarke Fraser, Barry & Bev Campbell

Offering Counters:

April 22 – Debbie Benson, Don Benson, Bill Hachey/April 29 – Juanita Hamilton, John MacKnight, Helen Jones/May 6 – Brian Savoy, Plen & Carol Dickson

Announcements

This Week:

Wednesday, April 14th – 1:15 p.m. – *General UCW Meeting*

Thursday, April 26th – 10:00 am. – 12noon – Cold Plate Take-Out will take place here at St. Andrew's. Meal will consist of Sliced Ham or Turkey Salad, Potato Salad, Pasta Salad, Tomato/Cucumber, Roll and dessert. If you wish to order please call Karen 773-9932 by Tuesday, April 24th. Cost is \$12.00 a person. This is one of our major fundraisers of the year so we are hoping for lots of support.

Saturday, April 28th – 8:30 a.m. – *The Men's Breakfast club will meet at the Portage Restaurant. There will a guest speaker. For those who are interested, the Men's Choir will practice afterward at the church at 10:00 a.m.*

Saturday, April 28th – 6:30 to 8:00 pm – The Pastoral Care & Outreach Team are hosting a **Games Night for all ages**. There will be a variety of card and board games. Snacks will be provided.

Upcoming:

Sunday, April 29th – *Men's Choir*

Birthday Box for WDR (April Birthdays)

Monday, April 30th – 7:00 p.m. – *Property and Financial Management Team meeting*

Thursday, May 3rd – 11:00 a.m. – *Devotions at the Miramichi Senior Citizens Home all congregation and choir members are encouraged to attend.*



St. Andrew's United

Church YARD SALE - May 5, 2018 (8:00am – 12:00noon).

Donations of furniture, household items, jewelry, linens and books

(No clothing or electronics like TV's or

computers), can be dropped off at the church after April 30th.

Need items picked up, please call the church office (773-9932).

The UCW are overseeing a bake sale (ITEMS NEEDED) and canteen.

WORKERS NEEDED: Set up tables, put out items 6-9 Thursday, May 3rd; put out and price items 9am – 9 pm Friday, May 4th (or any part thereof); work the sale 8 am -12noon, Saturday, May 5th, pack items and clean up after the sale (12-1pm). Sign-up sheet is on the back tables.

Headstones Saddles made by Brenda Hicks or Jacky LeBreton are now on sale at Newcastle Farmers Market or by calling Brenda (773-6787) or Jacky (773-8002).

Know Memorial Hymn Sing will be held on Sunday, May 6th at 7:00 p.m. at Knox United Church. Fellowship and tea to follow in the church hall following the service. Sheets for memorials are at the back of the church.

CGIT Alumni are holding their monthly gathering at the Portage Restaurant on Tuesday, April 24th at 11:30 a.m. All former CGIT members are invited to attend.

Special Olympics Spring Tea & Fashion Show will be held on Saturday, May 12th, Beaverbrook Kin Centre, 100 Newcastle Blvd. at 1:00 p.m. Clothes will be modeled by our Special Olympics and escorted by Honorable, Lisa Harris, Mayor & City Council and the Miramichi Police. Fashions presented by Giant Tiger, Eclipse and Sports Check. Tea/coffee and dessert will be served (including desserts for special diets) and there will be door prizes. Tickets are \$15.00 a person and are on sale at Brookdale Flower Shop, Kingston's Car Wash, Country Floral or at the door. For more information please call Beth Murray 773-9981.

A Lobster supper will be held at St. James & St. John United Church Center, 556 King George Hwy. on Sunday, May 13 (Mother's Day), from 2-5 PM. Take-out is available and there will be free delivery upon request by phoning the church office at 622-1598. Tickets are \$22.50, will be pre-sold only and may be purchased at the church office, Brookdale Flower Shop and Breatheasy. Tickets will be on sale until Thursday, May 10. The menu consists of lobster, potato salad, coleslaw, rolls, strawberry shortcake and tea/coffee. What a great Mother's Day gift!

Rev. Charlene is on vacation till April 23, 2018. So we welcome to our pulpit Kathryn McIntosh (retired DLM). Wendell Gregan will cover in case of pastoral emergency.