

**Welcome to Worship at Kamloops United Church
The Sixth Sunday of Easter – May 26, 2019**

Opening Music / A Beginning Bell / Time for Quiet Reflection

Words of Welcome

Centering Music with the Lighting of the Christ Candle
and Placement of the Prayer Box

Call to Worship:

Come into the presence of the One who is gracious to us, blesses us, and whose face shines upon us.

We gather at the river of the water of life.

Come into this sacred space and join your voices with peoples of all nations in praise of the One who shows us the way of peace.

We gather at the river of the water of life.

Come into the presence of the One where night is as day and fear is driven out by God's love.

We gather at the river of the water of life.

Come and listen to the Spirit's voice, calling us to live with courage and faithfulness to the vision of God's justice.

We gather at the river of the water of life, trusting the One who is our light and our hope.

Let us gather in worship.

An Opening Prayer

Holy One, even when we have felt alone, your spirit is present to us and your promise is fulfilled.

Even when we have felt like we have little to offer, your spirit shows us your abundant love within us.

Even in the midst of loud voices full of fear and hatred your spirit strongly beckons us to pursue peace, faith and love.

Help us in this time of worship to trust the voice of your Spirit that we may live as your beloved people we pray. Amen.

Singing: Voices United # 710 'Shall We Gather at the River'

A Time for Learning: 'Lydia Starts a New Church'
from 'The Family Story Bible' by Ralph Milton

More Voices # 79 'Spirit, Open My Heart'

Scripture: Paul's Letter to the Philippians 4:2-9 'Words of Encouragement'
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God.**

‘The Mystery of the Colour Purple’ an Interpretation of the Book of Acts 16:11-15

Singing: More Voices # 21 ‘Open Our Hearts’

A Reflection: ‘Listening to the Spirit’ - Rev. D. Bruce Comrie

The Folk of Note Anthem: ‘Fill-A-Me-Up’ by P. Choplin

Offering/Doxology: More Voices # 191 ‘What Can I Do?’ (x2)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Our Prayers followed by the Lord’s Prayer (*sung from Voices United # 959*)

O Creator God, in the midst of the beauty of Spring we recognize the suffering of the seas, the skies and the earth. Help us to listen to your Spirit calling us to care for your creation. Strengthen our willingness to act for the sake of our children we pray...

O Compassionate Christ, in the midst of our human arrogance and ignorance we see your wisdom and humility. Help us to face into fear with faith and hatred with love. Be with the nations of this world and especially our leaders that they might work for your justice with peace we pray...

O Sustaining Spirit, in the midst of our joys and sorrows you come to us with words of encouragement and hope. Be with us at this time, no matter what time that might be. Today, we pray for those who are ill or injured, those going through or recovering from treatments, those who are dealing with death and any form of grief and loss, and those who are on the margins and finding life hard to cope with. Be with all of us we pray....

O Holy One, we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts, those for whom we have a special concern....

We offer all our prayers in the name of Jesus the Christ, as we sing together the Lord’s Prayer.....

Singing: More Voices # 30 ‘It’s a Song of Praise to the Maker’

KUC Community Announcements

Commissioning and Benediction

Go forth from here to listen to the Spirit.

Go forth to listen with the ear of your heart
and to respond to what you are hearing.

Go in Peace and let’s go singing....

Sung Closing: More Voices # 156 ‘Dance with the Spirit’

*(Portions of today's service were adapted from 'Seasons of the Spirit' Lent/Easter 2019.
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Participating in Today's Service:

Minister: Rev. D. Bruce Comrie

Music Leadership: Rachel Casponi, Margaret Waldon and the Folk of Note

Scripture Reader: Carole Hutchings

Sound System: Ross Styles

Projection: Patric McColl

Hosts: Mona Banek, Pat Andrews, Margaret Muir

Coffee Time: Donna Geefs, Joy Voykin