

The Sambro-Jollimore Pastoral Charge

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The Life and Work of the Pastoral Charge

Birthday/Anniversary Song

Happy birthday/anniversary to you; to Jesus be true.
May God's richest blessings abide unto you!

Lighting the Christ Candle

The light of the Risen Christ shines for all to see.
May that light shine in our hearts and in our lives.

Introit (VU 396)

Jesus, stand among us
in your risen power;
let this time of worship
be a hallowed hour.

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 1)

We are like trees planted by streams of water.

We yield our fruit for our Gardener in due season.

We are like trees planted by streams of water.

Even in drought, our God keeps us from withering.

We are like trees planted by streams of water.

We worship our God together!

Gathering Prayer (in unison)

Gather us from wherever we are today, O God, and draw us near to one another and to you. Feed us, for our souls hunger. Illumine us, for we are in sore need of wisdom. Bless us, for our hearts yearn to know you in our prayer and our praising. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Hymn 477 vv. 1, 4, 5 “I Come with Joy”

1 I come with joy, a child of God,
 forgiven, loved and free,
 the life of Jesus to recall in love laid down for me,
 in love laid down for me.

2 The Spirit of the risen Christ,
 unseen, but ever near,
 is in such friendship better known, alive among us here,
 alive among us here.

3 Together met, together bound
 by all that God has done,
 we'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one,
 the love that makes us one.

Time for the Children**Hymn “We Are One in the Spirit”**

1 We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
 We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
 and we pray that all unity will one day be restored.

Chorus

**And they'll know we are Christians
 by our love, by our love,
 and they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

2 We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
 we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
 and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.

Chorus

3 We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
 we will work with each other, we will work side by side,
 and we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride.

Chorus**Scripture Reading [John 17:1, 6-23](#)****Anthem****Sermon “God's Crew”****Hymn MV 154 “Deep in Our Hearts”**

1 Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;
 deep in our hearts there is a common song;
 deep in our hearts there is a common story,
 telling Creation that we are one.

2 Deep in our hearts there is a common purpose;
 deep in our hearts there is a common goal;
 deep in our hearts there is a sacred message,
 justice and peace in harmony.

3 Deep in our hearts there is a common longing;
 deep in our hearts there is a common theme;
 deep in our hearts there is a common current,
 flowing to freedom like a stream.

4 Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;
 deep in our hearts there is a common song;
 deep in our hearts there is a common story,
 telling Creation that we are one.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer**Invitation to the Offering****Offering Hymn (MV 191)**

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.

Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

Loving God, as we dedicate this offering to your work, so we dedicate ourselves as a faith community. Keep us open to our neighbour's need. Keep us so faithful to the example of Jesus that, as we receive your blessing, we may be a blessing to others. We ask it in Jesus' name and for his sake. Amen.

Hymn 675 vv. 1, 2, 4 "Will Your Anchor Hold"

1 Will your anchor hold in the storms of life?
When the clouds unfold their wings of strife,
when the strong tides lift and the cables strain,
will your anchor drift or firm remain?

Refrain

**We have an anchor that keeps the soul
steadfast and sure while the billow roll,
fastened to the rock which cannot move,
grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love!**

2 It will surely hold in the straits of fear,
when the breakers tell that the reef is near;
though the tempest rave and the wild winds blow,
not an angry wave shall our bark o'er flow. **Refrain**

3 When our eyes behold, through the gathering night,
the city of gold, our harbour bright,
we shall anchor fast by the heavenly shore,
with the storms all past forever more. **Refrain**

Benediction**Song for the Journey (MV 214)**

May God's sheltering wings, her gathering wings protect you.
May God's nurturing arms, her cradling arms sustain you,
and hold you in her love; and hold you in her love.

The Life and Work of the Pastoral Charge

Bible Study via Zoom at 7 pm, Monday, May 17. This will be our final Zoom session.

We will celebrate Pentecost Sunday on May 23. Red, the colour of fire, is associated with Pentecost, so wear red if you can!

Rev. Helene will be attending the Annual Meeting of Region 15 from May 28-30. The meeting is virtual so Helene will be available in case there is a pastoral care emergency.

Lectionary Readings for May 16, 2021

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 Matthias is elected as an apostle.

Psalms 1 Blessed are those who delight in God's law.

1 John 5:9-13 The testimony of God is greater than human testimony.

John 17:6-19 "May my joy be made complete in them."

