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Moving in the Spirit...

A diverse, welcoming, caring,
and active faith community.

A place to learn, grow, build
a relationship with God and make a difference in the world.



Minister's Musings

This week, the Reaching Out committee reminds us of the gifts of creation, most especially the gift of water. It's water that nurtures us for the first 9 months of our existence! Most of our bodies are made of water. Our faith is born in the waters of Baptism. Water can be refreshing and life-giving, yet just a little water in the wrong place and we drown. Water can be gentle enough to soothe or powerful enough to carve mountains into river valleys. Yet we take this resource for granted, don't we? We forget how precious it is when it's so readily available.

Perhaps we would be more mindful if we lived in an area where water was not so plentiful. I remember being in Nepal for my sabbatical, and I struggled to remember NOT to drink the water. We even brushed our teeth with bottled water and were instructed NOT to open our mouths in the shower. The water would likely give us "Delhi belly", which would restrict us to close toilet proximity for a good 2 days! I followed that advice very carefully throughout the sabbatical!

This week let's be mindful of the gift of our natural resources and remember those, even here in Canada, who do not have access to basic necessities like clean water. Together, we can commit to better stewardship of the earth's resources and the gifts it gives us.

Have a great week!
Rev Rob +

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May 31st, 2026
Trinity Sunday
Reaching Out Service
11:00 am

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Worship Team: Julie Smith, Tom Cull, Denver Milner, Veronika Bauer, Diane Knoppert, EJ Lamb

Music Team: Karen; Choir; Wenzel Steinbock, organ

VU = red hymnal Voices United | MV = spiral hymnal More Voices
Music Credits: One License #A-738765 | * = stand if able

~ We Gather Together ~

Prelude: Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying - J.S. Bach Karen

Life and Work of the Church EJ

Indigenous Land Acknowledgement Veronika

Lighting of the Christ Candle Veronika

Preparing our Hearts for Worship Silent reflection

~ We Approach God ~

***Call to Worship** Julie

One: You call us here today God, as fruits of Your creation.
All: The book of Genesis says that even before You made us, the world was water.
One: Science teaches us that the oceans are the origin of all life on earth.
All: Before each of us was born we were floating in our mother’s womb.
One: In the sacrament of baptism, our spirit is cleansed with living water.
All: For everything that breathes or grows, water is a necessity of life.
One: Water is vital to our faith, our existence and is central to the mystery of creation.
All: As the Lord of Sea and Sky, we thank You for providing the waters that sustain us.

*** Hymn:** Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah VU 651

***Opening Prayer (In unison)**

Spring is a time of rainy days and swelling rivers. Here by the Great Lakes, water seems like an ever-abundant resource. A greater part of the earth is covered by

water. It’s no wonder we rarely concern ourselves with the issues of supply and conservation. Help us to remember, God, that many people endure a daily struggle to obtain the clean water they need, even here in Canada. Help us remember that rivers are constantly absorbing microplastics and industrial contaminants, that the oceans are marred by ever-expanding, floating islands of garbage and that growing blooms of algae, caused by a warming climate, are a peril to sea life. Help us remember that in arid places around the world, deserts are expanding and forests are burning, while others are experiencing extreme flooding. With all this in mind, we pray that you instill in us a respect for and a sense of responsibility to preserve the waters of the earth so that they can continue to sustain all who thirst. Amen.

***Passing the Peace** Congregation

~ We Listen for God's Word ~

Hymn: Water Flowing from the Mountains MV 87 (V. 1-2)

Children assemble at the front while the hymn is sung

Learning with Children Denver

The Lord’s Prayer (Unison) VU page 921 and pew card

Hymn: Water Flowing from the Mountains MV 87 (V.3)

Children exit for their activities while hymn is sung

Reading: Job 12:7-10 Diane
Revelation 22:1-2

Anthem: Gaelic Blessing - John Rutter Choir

As this is the last anthem for the season, the choir wishes to sing a blessing to the Wesley-Knox family.

Sermon A River Runs Through It Tom

We Respond to God

Presentations of Tithes and Offerings

For ease of giving etransfers can be made to donate@wesleyknox.com

Offertory Music: Berceuse - Louis Vierne Wenzel

***Offertory Response & Prayer (In unison):** MV 187

**We give our thanks to God
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We give our thanks to God**

***Dedication of the Gifts** Julie

Prayers of the People Julie

~ We Go Out to Serve ~

***Hymn:** All Things Bright and Beautiful VU 291

***Commissioning & Benediction** Julie

***Congregational Response:** VU 649

**Walk with me, I will walk with you
And build the land that God has planned
Where Love shines through.**

Postlude: Fanfare - Healey Willan Wenzel

~ Worship Ends - Service Begins ~

A warm welcome to all who are present today and to all watching online at this time of worship and fellowship. Your presence enriches our church family. May we all feel blessed today by the fellowship we have received.

Activity packs are available at the back of the sanctuary for folks with children please return them after worship. Thank you!

A weekly newsletter is available outside the office window. Our Ushers will happily direct you to its location. If you are a regular member or adherent, we encourage you to sign-up for newsletter by email; simply fill out a pew card for the office with your name and email address *printed clearly*, and state “add to newsletter”.

Email helps reduce paper consumption, and you will receive it in your inbox a few days prior to Sunday worship.