

Genesis Cooperative
of the United Church of Canada

*Consisting of the congregations of:
Cassburn, Kirk Hill, Trinity (Vankleek Hill)*

Sunday April 28, 2024



Fifth Sunday After Easter

Worship Leaders Today

Trinity (VKH) Service at Heritage Lodge	09:30 am	Valerie Allen
Cassburn	10:00 am	Stacia Turner
Kirk Hill	11:00 am	Valerie Allen

*“Surely God is in this place... help me notice”
(attributed to St. Lawrence)*

We Gather to Praise God

Welcome to our worship service today.

We pray you will feel God's presence as we worship together.

*You are invited to join in reading the responses and prayers, printed in **bold**.*

🎵Prelude

Greeting and Welcome

The Life and Work of the Church

Minute for Mission

The Lighting of the Christ Candle

🎵Sung Introit: “As We Gather” VU 457

*As we gather here together, as we listen to your word,
Help us know, O God your presence;
let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own.
Teach us through your holy message
how to make love's victory known.*

The Call to Worship;

Praise! Praise God for God's sanctuary. Praise God in the skies.

Praise! Praise God for God's greatness and God's mighty deeds.

Praise God with trumpet sound, with lute and harp! Praise God with tambourine and dance, with string and pipe and cymbals.

Praise! Let everything that has breath praise God!

Let's worship now!

The Opening Prayer:

God of promise, we come into this sanctuary remembering your great love for us. Remembering the messages of new life and resurrection that capture the essence of the Easter season. We are Easter people, drawn closer to you to one another after Jesus' death and resurrection. We are witnesses to your unending Easter love. May your Spirit guide us through this service and move us to share the good news of your resurrection with others. **AMEN.**

🎵 Hymn: *“Teach Me, God, to Wonder”* VU 299

The Prayer of Confession:

Spirit of the risen Christ, you know the anxiety we feel whenever we must confront the destructive forces in our world, our communities, our congregations, our families, or our own lives. It is so much easier to remain silent than to speak out, to stand up, be counted, and let love's witness do its work through us. We too often find ourselves looking the other way, pretending the wrong does not exist, or there is nothing we can do. We feel powerless and afraid of what it might mean if our voice and actions disrupt the calm of our complicity. May your Spirit fall upon us that we may discover our voice, reclaiming the power of the Christ for whom death has no hold and who gives life to all. **AMEN.**

The Words of Affirmation:

The God of resurrection is our cornerstone, the foundation of our strength and hope. We are assured that He will always be with us, watching over us, guiding us, helping us find life's right pathways and picking us up when we stumble and fall. This is the promise our Father has made to his people.

Thanks be to God! AMEN!

🎵 Hymn: *“As Comes the Breath of Spring”* VU 373

We Listen for God's Word

Scripture Lessons:

Acts 8: 26-40 Phillip and the Ethiopian official.

Psalms 22 VU 744 pt. 1 My God, why have you forsaken me?

1 John 4: 7-21 God is Love.

John 15: 1-8 Jesus the real vine.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God!

Message:

🎵 **Hymn:** *“Open My Eyes, That I May See”* VU 371

We Respond to God's Word

Offering Invitation

🎵 **Response:** *“In Gratitude & Humble Trust”* VU 544

*In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today;
To serve your cause and share your love with all along life's way.
O God, who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ, your Son,
Teach us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done*

The Prayer of Dedication:

God, we give thanks to you! Your steadfast love endures forever and ever. We dedicate these gifts to the work of sharing your love with others. Like the early followers of Jesus who were small in numbers, but who grew and grew over time, we ask that you multiply these gifts. May they be used to further your kingdom. **AMEN!**

The Prayers of the People / The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven ... (*found at VU 960*)

🎵 Hymn: *"Blessed Assurance"* VU 337

The Closing Words

🎵 Sung Blessing: *"Go Now in Peace"*

Go now in peace, never be afraid,
God will go with you each hour of everyday.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know he will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love and show you believe,
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above,
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.

🎵 Postlude

Our Worship Ends – Our Service Begins



Announcements

✠ *As church, we are called to pray for each other
and for our mission in the world* ✠

We are sad to announce the passing of Maureen (Allen) Cass, Monday April 22. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Cass and Allen families.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Genesis meeting on April 21st. We are pleased to announce that Rev. Brian Cornelius will be our Minister beginning on September 1st. Rev. Cornelius comes highly recommended with a strong background as a religious leader with over 30 years experience. He is currently the Minister at First United in Ottawa. While with us, Rev. Brian will be working 3/4 time (full-time from September to May; on leave June, July & August). We are thrilled and honoured to have the opportunity to work with Rev. Brian!

The People in Canada who rely more and more on
food banks to feed their families;
The People of Israel and Palestine;
The People of Ukraine;
The People of Sudan;
The People of Algeria.



Question of the Day:

April 27: Rideau Hill Camp Clean-up is Saturday April 27th starting at **9am** until it shines like new! Bring your rakes, gloves, pails, rags, and most of all your enthusiasm! Lots to do both inside cabins/buildings and outside in the field and bush. A job list will be posted for everyone to take on what they can manage. Coffee will be on hand and we will enjoy a light lunch once we get lots off the list! If you are a youth that is looking to have your volunteer hours taken care of, bring your form and that can be filled in! Many hands make light work!

Announcements continued...

April 28: Camp Sunday, celebrate this day by viewing a short video by following the link to Rideau Hill Camp
https://drive.google.com/file/d/15rBN7Lc5ZjaskuqG0wQpIJDnxu0mqoFM/view?usp=drive_web

May 31 (8:00 am) - June 1 (5:00 pm): The **EOORC Annual General Meeting** will be held at **Trinity United Church, 1099 Maitland Ave, Ottawa**. This is your opportunity to let our voice be heard at the regional council level. Anyone interested in attending, please let the Genesis Office know in order to register and perhaps plan a carpool.

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Announcement Deadline: Wednesday @ noon



Cast and audiences learn and share a story of cultural resilience.

Storytelling is a powerful way to preserve and share history. The theatre performance, *Bunk #7*, does just that.

Bunk #7 shares the true story of six boys rioting against the mistreatment and many forms of abuse they received at Edmonton Indian Residential School in St. Albert, Alberta, in the early 1960s. Written by the late Nisga'a MLA Larry Guno, the play is based on his own experience at the residential school and named for his bunk number.

The cast features Indigenous youth and young adults, offering a powerful way for the cast and audiences to learn and share the story of cultural resilience. In November 2021, the play premiered at Raven Theatre in British Columbia to a full audience. With overwhelming support, the performers went on a tour of northwestern BC to share the transformative journey. Performances in fall 2023 were once again met with great support.

Your gifts to Mission and Service open opportunities for storytelling to move forward in an impactful and powerful way. Thank you for your generosity.