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* Ἐν ἀρχῇ ἦν ὁ λόγος * In the beginning was the Word * Au commencement était la Parole * An toiseach bha am Focal * Al principio, c'era colui che è "la Parola" *

Epiphany

14 January 2024

**Port Wallis United Church
is an Affirming Congregation
that openly welcomes you as a child of God,
made in God's Image, and loved by God.
* indicates standing if able**

WELCOME / BIENVENUE / FAILTE / PJILA'DIK

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LAND

CALL TO WORSHIP *

Come let us give thanks to the LORD our God.

Let us ponder what God has done!

God has called us to be engaged in the world!

Let us ponder what God has done!

God has given us opportunities to be Servants of the Divine!

Let us ponder what God has done!

Come, let us worship God.

INTROIT *

Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord?

I have heard You calling in the Night!

I will go, Lord, if You lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

PRAYER OF APPROACH and THE LORD'S PRAYER *

Loving God, in a world filled with noise,

You have created a place of calm and quiet.

Settle around us now and bring us this place of stillness

that we may rest in You and be filled with your Spirit.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who taught us to pray before You saying,

Our Father..... Notre Père..... Ar n-Athair.... 주님의 기도

Onze Vader... Vater unser... Padre nuestro... Baba Yetu...

主の祈り 主禱文 اَبْنَا Isä meidän Πάτερ ἡμῶν

LEARNING TIME and PRAYER

In peace, dear God, I come to You through Jesus Christ who makes me new
And while I run or play or rest, be with those whom I love best,
Guide me in your Holy Way, as You walk with me each day, Amen.

HYMN # 131 (MV) YOU, CREATOR GOD *

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

First Testament Lesson – 1 Samuel 3: 1 – 10, 11 - 20

Responsive Psalm 139

The Choir will sing the response through first and then we will join them for the second sing through and every time thereafter.

***The LORD knows all of me,
My thoughts, my ways, my days.***

O LORD, You have searched me and know me!

You know when I sit down and when I stand up;

You discern my thoughts from afar

and know what I am pondering.

You search out the path on which I am wandering

and know where I am lying in confusion.

You are acquainted with all my ways.

***The LORD knows all of me,
My thoughts, my ways, my days.***

Even before a thought moves to my tongue,

You know what I am thinking.

You go behind to repair what I have broken.

You go before me to prepare the way.

You lay your hand upon me to steady me.

**Such love You have for me is wonderful,
it is high; I cannot earn it.**

***The LORD knows all of me,
My thoughts, my ways, my days.***

Where shall I go from your Spirit?

Or where shall I flee from your presence?

If I ascend to heaven,

You are there!

If I make my bed in the grave,

You are there!

If I take the wings of the morning
and dwell in the farthest reaches of the sea,

**even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me.**

If I were to say,

**“Let the darkness of depression cover me,
and the light around me become as night,”**

even the darkness is not dark to You;
the night becomes as bright as the day,
for darkness flees from You.

*The LORD knows all of me,
My thoughts, my ways, my days.*

You knitted me together in my mother's womb.

**I am fearfully and wonderfully made,
intricately woven together.**

Your eyes saw my unformed substance;
in your book of life began my life's story
from the day You formed for me,

*The LORD knows all of me,
My thoughts, my ways, my days.*

How precious to me is your love, O God!

How vast is the sum of the times You have loved me.

If I should attempt to count them, they are more numerous
than the sand at the seashore.

**And I am surprised once again for when I awake in death,
You are with me.**

*The LORD knows all of me,
My thoughts, my ways, my days.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end, Amen.**

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6: 12 - 20

ANTHEM

Gospel: John 1: 43 – 51 *

REFLECTION ON THE LESSONS

HYMN # 567 (VU) WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME *
Our offerings will be received as we sing this hymn

PASTORAL PRAYER

HYMN # 506 (VU) TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE *

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION *

CHORAL PARTING PRAYER (MV # 214) *

May God's sheltering wings, Her gathering wings protect you,
May God's nurturing arms, His cradling arms, sustain you,
And hold you in Their love! And hold you in God's love.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE CHURCH COMMUNITY

MUSICAL POSTLUDE

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PERSONAL STORYTELLING: Bethany United Affirming Working Group invites you to an evening of personal storytelling on Tuesday **January 16 from 7:00 - 9:00 PM** in Fellowship Hall (7171 Clinton Ave). Three guest speakers will share their experiences of the LGBTQ+ community and their faith journey. Join us as we seek to understand what it means to live more fully into God's way of welcome, love and justice for all creation. Kathy Colaiacovo will be one of the guest speakers.

Alternative Date: Due to Inclement weather – January 23rd
Contact: bethanyaffirming@gmail.com

FELLOWSHIP TIME: Please sign up to make tea and coffee for after the 10 AM Worship service and a small tray of sweets would be appreciated. The sign up sheet is at the back of the sanctuary. Thank you for considering to help with this ministry.

Information from United Churches for Dartmouth...

BOOK STUDY: Rev. Michael Mugford will be leading on "**Sermon on the Mount - A Beginners Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven**" by Amy-Jill Levine. She brings solid biblical scholarship, information that is accessible and a little bit of humour to help understand Jesus' words and call in a new way. We will meet from **2:00pm to 4:00pm** on Thursday afternoons for about **5 weeks - January 18-February 15th** at **Woodlawn United Church**. The book is available through Amazon and Indigo for about \$25.00 and a little less for a Kindle or e-book edition.



***PORT WALLIS UNITED CHURCH
SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024***