

*Thou openest thine hand,
and satisfies the desires of ev'ry living thing.*

REFLECTION

HYMN - *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* (VU 575)

MISSION MESSAGE & OFFERING

COMMUNITY PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER

MUSIC BEFORE PRAYER MV 96 (sing 2X)

*And when you call for me,
I have already answered.
And when you call for me,
I am already there.*

Words: Lynn Bauman ©2000. music: Linnea Good ©2006

HYMN -*May the God of Hope Go With Us* (VU 424)

CHOIR BENEDECTION *Grant Us O Lord*

16th Century German Melody, Arr. Frank Willgoose

POSTLUDE

Thank you to Doug McCosh, Frank Harrington, and Patricia Deibert for the special music today.

KNOX UNITED CHURCH

September 24th, 2017

4th Sunday in Creation Season

As we gather for worship today, we acknowledge that the land on which we gather is Treaty 6 territory, the ancestral land of several Indigenous nations, and part of the homeland of the Metis. We respect the sacredness of our shared home and the ground on which we walk, and we are grateful for its stewardship through the centuries.

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SINGING THE SPIRIT (MV 42, vs. 1 & 4)

Praise God For This Holy Ground

*Praise God for this holy ground,
place and people, sight and sound.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
God's goodness is eternal.*

*Praise God's Spirit who befriends,
raises, humbles, breaks and mends.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
God's goodness is eternal.*

John L. Bell, 2002

CALL TO WORSHIP & GATHERING PRAYER

*Come and praise God, whose wondrous creation
blesses and amazes us.*

Thanks be to God, for the wonders of your creation.

Come and praise God, whose creation is abundant and resilient.

Thanks be to God, for the abundance of your creation.

Come and praise God, whose creation is beyond and above our imagining.

Thanks be to God, for the surprises of your creation.

From The Gathering - Jean Leckie, Heart Lake U.C., Brampton, ON

HYMN - Oh A Song Must Rise (MV 142)

Oh a song must rise for the spirit to descend;

Oh a song must rise once again.

*Singing out God's praises and glory,
the faithful voices blend,*

Oh a song must rise for the spirit to descend.

Words and music: Paul B. Svenson, 1995; arr. Bryn Nixon, 2006

LIGHTING THE TRINITY CANDLES

GREETING GOD'S FAMILY

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY CONVERSATION

We gather together rejoicing in God's gift of life. We lift up our hands and hearts for God's breath of life though the Spirit that animates and sustains us. We praise the Spirit of God as the breath of

creation, the wind of change that blows through our lives, opening us up to new dreams and new hopes, new life in Christ Jesus. We realize and confess that at times our minds are closed as we approach life. We barricade ourselves against new ideas, preferring the past to what God wants us to do tomorrow. We close our eyes to the needs of God's world, blind to the opportunities for service and love. We close our hands and clutch our gifts and our wealth, protecting them for our own use alone.

May we call on the Spirit of new life to break down the prison walls of our self-centeredness, to open us for new avenues of service in God's world, may we always be empowered and guided by the life-giving ways of Jesus. Amen.

HYMN - God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian (VU 514)

WORDS FROM OUR SCRIPTURES

Hebrew Scriptures Exodus 16: 2-15

Israel is fed in the desert

Gospel Matthew 20:1-16

Workers in the vineyard

ANTHEM The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee

Psalm 145:15, 16 Music: Jean Berger

*The eyes of all wait upon thee;
and thou givest them their meat in due season.*