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Our Mission...

to be an accepting Christian community dedicated to living, sharing and teaching the Word of God.

We respect all aspects of people including race, ethnicity, gender expression, sexual orientation, socio-economic background, age, religion, mental wellness, and ability.

April 19th, 2026
The Third Sunday of Easter
Earth Sunday

The asterisk invites all to stand, if they are able. **Bold print indicates a congregational response.*

GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE *(Music played with permission under license #A-620529 One License)*

~Joanne Diplock

WELCOME *~Nancy Cosway*

Good Morning, my name is Nancy Cosway and I am one of the members of the Outreach Committee here at North Kildonan United Church.

Members of the Outreach committee are pleased to conduct the service this morning acknowledging Earth Day. We are: Shirley Codd, Teresa Miller, Shirley Alleyne, Dawn Ballantine-Dickson, Kelly Nord and Sheron Miller

Welcome to North Kildonan United Church. We welcome all who are worshipping for the first time or who have returned after an absence. Wherever you are in your journey, all are welcome in this place. A reminder that we do have a guest book at the back of the sanctuary for you to sign if you like.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT of the LAND

In this place we acknowledge that we love and work, play and worship on Treaty One Land, in the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe, Cree Oji-Cree and Dakota the heart of the red river Metis nation.

We are also aware that the water that brews our coffee and tea, the water we use in our kitchens and bathrooms, comes to us from Shoal Lake 40 First Nation.

We acknowledge with respect, the history, spirituality and culture of these peoples. We acknowledge their stories and their stewardship of the land and water, plants and animals through many generations.

May we live with respect on this land. And live in peace and friendship with its peoples.

LIGHTING of the CHRIST CANDLE ~lit by Kelly Lindbergh-Nord

**Today we light this Christ Candle to bring us out of the darkness
and help us see the light to take care of the earth and each other.
We are the keepers of this great creation you have given us.
Shine your light on us so we will cherish and protect all of creation.
The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has never put it out.**

LIGHTING of the PEACE CANDLE

As we light this second candle, we pray for peace:

**peace in our hearts,
peace in our homes,
peace in our world.**

As we journey with Jesus, the Prince of Peace,

O God, we pray for peace. Amen.

CALL to WORSHIP

**The world belongs to God
The earth and all its people.
How good and lovely it is
To live together in unity,
Love and faith come together.
Justice and peace join hands.
If the Lord's disciples keep silent,
these stones would shout aloud,
O Lord open our lips
and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.**

*OPENING HYMN: VU #409 – "Morning Has Broken"

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(Farjeon/Wyton)

~Joanne Diplock

- 1 Morning has broken like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!**
- 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.**
- 3 Ours is the sunlight! Ours is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!**

OPENING PRAYER

*Creating God,
You have called us to be in loving relations with all the earth,
Living with respect in creation,
Choosing love and seeking justice at all times
Instead, humankind has acted in hateful ways,
Exploiting natural resources,
Choosing power and seeking wealth in the present over future abundance.*

We need your help to fight for a better future!

Help to reawaken our love for creation,

Help to deepen our relationships and love for each other;

*Affirming the wisdom of youth, so that we are not discouraged by empty platitudes
So that we can create a sustainable and faithful response to the imminent climate crisis*

For the sake of your majestic creation, and

for the love of all our relations,

help us to fight for a better future

Amen.

CONVERSATION TIME ~Dawn Ballantine-Dickson

*HYMN: VU #226 – **"For the Beauty of the Earth"**

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(Pierpoint/Evans)

~Joanne Diplock

- 1 For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,
God of all, to you we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.**
- 2 For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light, R**
- 3 For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild, R**
- 4 For each perfect gift sublime
to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven, R**

LISTENING FOR AND REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

Solo: **"What a Wonderful World"** ~sung by Shirley Alleyne

Scripture Reading: read by Shirley Alleyne

Psalm 104: 10-24

*You make springs gush forth in the valleys;
they flow between the hills,
giving drink to every wild animal;
the wild asses quench their thirst.
By the streams^[a] the birds of the air have their habitation;
they sing among the branches.
From your lofty abode you water the mountains;
the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.
You cause the grass to grow for the cattle,
and plants for people to use,^[b]
to bring forth food from the earth,
and wine to gladden the human heart,
oil to make the face shine,
and bread to strengthen the human heart.
The trees of the LORD are watered abundantly,
the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.
In them the birds build their nests;
the stork has its home in the fir trees.
The high mountains are for the wild goats;
the rocks are a refuge for the coney.
You have made the moon to mark the seasons;
the sun knows its time for setting.
You make darkness, and it is night,
when all the animals of the forest come creeping out.
The young lions roar for their prey,
seeking their food from God.
When the sun rises, they withdraw
and lie down in their dens.
People go out to their work
and to their labour until the evening.
O LORD, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.*

Words of Response:

Let us hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM: *(Music played with permission under license #A-620529 One License)*

~Joanne Diplock

REFLECTION: "Do our Clothes Matter?"
~Nancy Cosway

VIDEO: "Earth Sunday 2026"

RESPONDING TO GOD IN PRAYER AND ACTION

*HYMN OF RESPONSE: *VU #236 – "Now Thank We All Our God"* (Rinckart/Pasquier)
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- 1 Now thank we all our God, with heart,
and hands, and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**
- 2 O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
and keep us strong in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ill in this world and the next.**
- 3 All praise and thanks to God
for all that has been given,
the Son, and Spirit blest
who dwell in highest heaven,
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.**

LIFE and WORK of the CONGREGATION

AN INVITATION to SHARE

Jesus said, follow me. It is that easy. We are called to follow. What we do with our money, our time, and our care speaks of our willingness to live as followers. So, let us follow where Christ leads. Let us share willingly and generously. Your offering will be accepted.

THE PRESENTATION of our TITHES and OFFERINGS

Offertory Music *as the offerings are collected*

~Joanne Diplock

*Offertory Hymn: #191 MV – "**What Can I Do?**" (sung 2X)
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(Rumbolt/McCarthy)
~Joanne Diplock

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.**

**Dedication of our gifts*

We give with the hope, dear God, that you would remake us in Christ's image.

Be near to us, as we draw near to you.

Let our lives praise you as surely as our gifts seek to honour you.

Take what we offer now, and use it for your glory.

Amen.

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE with THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

**For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory forever and ever.**

Amen.

SHARING the PEACE of CHRIST

As we prepare to leave this place of worship,

*let us share the peace of Christ promised through his death and resurrection
using the signs we have learned.*

SENT INTO GOD'S WORLD

**CLOSING HYMN: VU #296 – "This is God's Wondrous World"*

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(Babcock)

~Joanne Diplock

- 1 This is God's wondrous world,
and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.
This is God's wondrous world;
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,
God's hand the wonders wrought.**
- 2 This is God's wondrous world:
the birds their carols raise;
the morning light, the lily white,**

**declare their Maker's praise.
This is God's wondrous world:
God shines in all that's fair;
 in the rustling grass or mountain pass,
God's voice speaks everywhere.**

**3 This is God's wondrous world:
O let me ne'er forget
 that though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is God's wondrous world:
why should my heart be sad?
 Let voices sing, let the heavens ring:
 God reigns, let earth be glad!**

***BLESSING and SENDING FORTH**

*May the blessing of God the Creator, Jesus our redeemer and the Holy Spirit,
 our inspiration and our hope go with you now and always.
The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you
 and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.*

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

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**May the Lord go with you,
let him take your hand.
Keep His love within you,
until we meet again. Amen.**

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~Joanne Diplock*

POSTLUDE *(Music played with permission under license #A-620529 One License)*

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