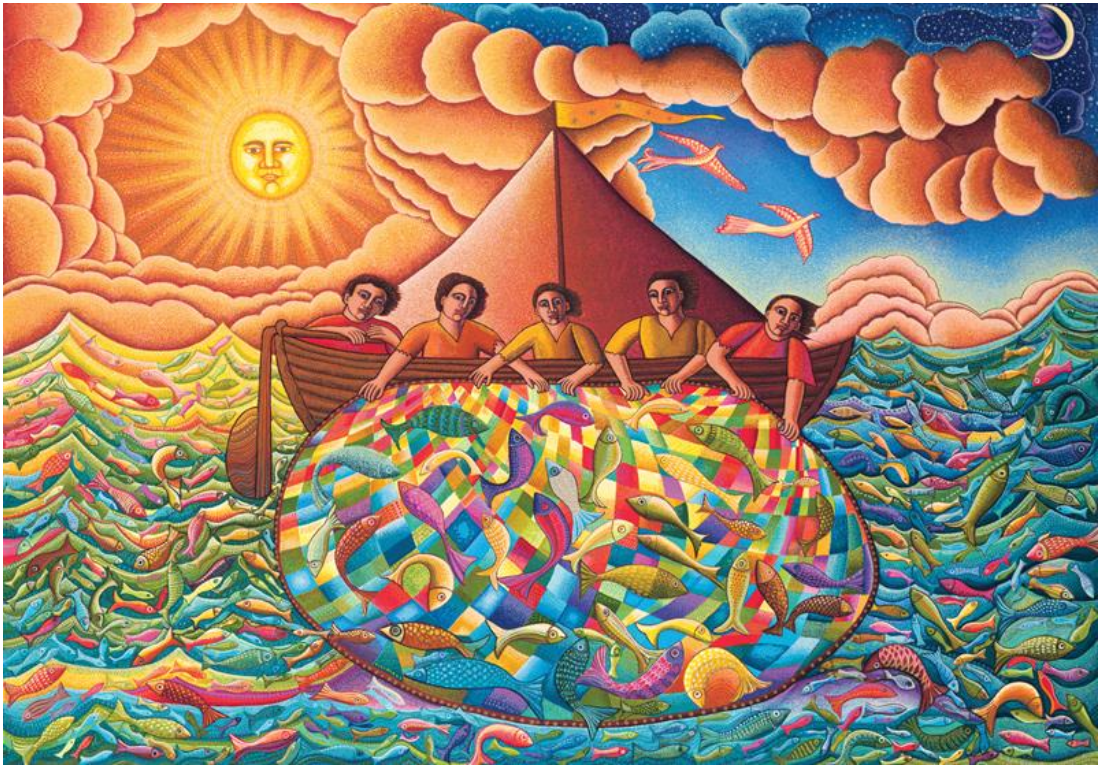
First United Church

April 14, 2024 10:30 a.m.

Third Sunday of Easter with Kindred Works



Purpose: Building Relationships,
Living God's Transforming Love.

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Bulletin Art: "Great Catch" by John August Swanson

- **Is a request to stand in body or in spirit**

Prelude KWYO - Youth Strings Conductor: Matthew Jones

Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741) / arr. Harry A. Alshin
A Little Summer Music
Jean Sibelius (1865-1957)
Andante Festivo
Carl Strommen (b.1938)
Windjammer

Listening as We Gather

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

ONE: We are bound on this land by relationships.
ALL: We are bound to God's creation and to one another.
ONE: Those relationships have benefitted this community.
ALL: Those relationships have blessed us and cost others.
ONE: We speak acknowledgement of our presence.
ALL: Our presence is at the expense of others.
ONE: We must learn to share, as God has shared with us. In this land of the Haldimand Tract, and upon the traditional territory of Chonnonton, Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee people, we are bound to Indigenous neighbours and their fate.
ALL: Where we have failed in this relationship, forgive us and give us the wisdom to repair.
ONE: May we learn to live into our commitments to Truth and Reconciliation and to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and cast a better future for all.

Tony Snow, Indigenous Minister, Chinook Winds Region, Alta.

ONE: We aspire to create a safer space for everyone. We welcome you and the gifts you bring as part of your sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, race, cultural background, or abilities.

Opportunities for Ministry and Fellowship

- **Introit** Yahweh Be Praised MV 51

- **Lighting the Christ Candle**

- **Call to Worship**

ONE: In our Easter joy,
ALL: We find a God of new starts and fresh growth.
ONE: In our Easter grace,
ALL: We find a God of renewal and transformation.
ONE: In our Easter faith,
ALL: We find a God to carry us from shadows and despair.
ONE: In our Easter peace,
ALL: We find a God to nurture us in hope and love.
ONE: In our Easter lives,
ALL: Let us glorify God's name, now and forevermore.

Gill Le Fevre, Oakville, ON

Prayer of Approach

- **Hymn** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty VU 220

Prayer of Confession

(silent prayers)

Hymn Lord, Have Mercy VU 946

Words of Assurance

Listening For God's Word

- **Hymn** Come, Children, Join to Sing (v.1 only) VU 345

The Story for the Young at Heart Suzanne Armstrong

Scripture Readings

Psalm 30 (VU 757) Rahul Solanki

John 21:1-19 Rev. Miriam Bowlby

ONE: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

Ministry of Music What Does God Demand? Scott Knarr, local composer
Gallery choir

Reflection Rev. Miriam Bowlby

- **Hymn** Jesus Calls Us VU 562

Video Message Flourishing Future Past Marg Dickson

Responding to God's Word

Time of Offering

Offertory Herr Gott, Dich Loben Alle Wir (Old 100th) G. Merkel

- **Dedication of Offering** For the Gift of Creation VU 538

- **Prayer of Dedication**

ONE: You bless our gifts, O God, and you bless us as we encounter your Word.
ALL: You bless us with enlightenment; you bless us with a will to make a difference; you bless us with a generous spirit.
ONE: As we are blessed, so we become a blessing to others within this community of faith.
ALL: As we are blessed, so we are freed to give support to those far beyond this community, in mission and in service. Amen. David Spark

Call to Prayer Where Two or Three are Gathered MV 14

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer *[New Zealand Prayer Book]*
Eternal Spirit, Earth-Maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all. Loving God, in whom is heaven. The hallowing of your name echoes through the universe! The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the earth! Your heavenly will be done by all created beings! Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and test, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.

Kindred Works Presentation Rev. Miriam Bowlby and Kris Tavella

- **Sending Hymn** Sent Out in Jesus' Name MV 212

- **Sending Forth and Benediction**

- **Benediction Response** Amen, Amen, Hallelujah, Amen VU 974

Recession of the Light and Word

Postlude LOBE DEN HERREN (Praise to the Lord, the Almighty) J. G. Walther

BIO - Rev. Miriam A. Bowlby, BA (hons), M.Div, MBA-SEE
As Director of Church Engagement at Kindred Works, Miriam Bowlby works closely with communities of faith across Canada who are looking for property-related solutions.

Based in Newfoundland and Labrador, Miriam is a church and community leader who spent the majority of her career working as a United Church minister prior to joining Kindred Works in 2022. As a member of the leadership team at Cochrane Street United Church in St. John's, Miriam played an integral role in developing and implementing a plan to convert historic church buildings into community space and 15 units of housing. She is excited to bring her passion and expertise to Kindred Works to create more homes and communities for people across Canada.

Miriam holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from St. Mary's University in Halifax and a Master of Divinity degree from Emmanuel College at the University of Toronto. In 2020, she was part of the first graduating class of Memorial University's new MBA program in social enterprise and entrepreneurship.

Outside of work, Miriam is an active community volunteer and enjoys spending time with her husband, two children, and their dog. She says that home means everything to her: "It is filled with the people who mean the most to me located in one of the most beautiful and rugged parts of Canada."

Rev. Miriam Bowlby
(she/her)
Director of Church Engagement

BIO - Kris Tavella
Through meticulous project management, Kristopher Tavella plays a crucial role in steering Kindred Works' development projects from initial acquisition through to final completion — all while ensuring each project aligns with the company's core values.

With a professional background in single family development and construction, brokerage, and valuation, as well as experience working on the United Church of Canada's national land inventory and strategy, Kristopher joined Kindred Works to lead projects that contribute to a broader vision of sustainability and design excellence.

Kristopher holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree in real estate and finance from the University of Guelph, a post-graduate certificate in real property valuation from the University of British Columbia, and a broker category designation from the Real Estate Council of Ontario.

In his limited free time, Kristopher is passionate about exploring and adventuring in Southern Ontario, which he says fuels his spirit and invigorates his soul.

To Kristopher, home is the anchor of his life: "Home is where I can unwind, be myself without any pretense, and create lasting moments with my Italian Bulldog."

Conductor's Bio:
Matthew Jones is the current artist director of Kitchener-Waterloo Chamber Orchestra, the Etobicoke Philharmonic Orchestra and conductor laureate of the Timmins Symphony Orchestra. Graduate of Wilfrid Laurier University in cello performance, Matthew's conducting studies include the Conductor's Institute at The Hartt School, University of Connecticut, and the Oregon Bach Festival under the guidance of Helmuth Rilling. Under his leadership, the Timmins Symphony Orchestra was awarded the Prestigious Betty Webster Award for its contribution to Orchestral Music in Canada. Matthew also delights in performing as a recorder soloist. He is particularly proud of his CD, Just Pipes in partnership with Organist, the late Jan Overduin. Matthew was honoured to serve as a board member for Orchestra's Canada.

KWYO would like to express our deepest gratitude and profound thanks to the First United Church of Waterloo for the extraordinary generosity in providing us with the wonderful rehearsal and concert space during the transitional season of 2023-24, following the sudden insolvency of KW Symphony. Opening the doors and hearts to us has prevented silencing of the youthful joy of making-music-together for the close to 130 music-loving students, ages 5-22 in our community! Thank you so much and God Bless YOU!"