

# COLEBROOK UNITED CHURCH

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 29, 2018

10:00 AM.

## We Gather



Welcome

We are a caring, serving community,  
faithfully journeying and trusting in the mystery that is God,  
seeking joy, peace and justice for all.

Call To Worship:

One: We have gathered to worship God.

**All: We have come seeking comfort,  
inspiration, community and insight.**

One: We have come to open ourselves  
to the movement of God's presence in our midst.

**All: We have come to offer up the seasons  
and the turnings in our lives,  
and in the life of our congregation,  
and to ask God's help and wisdom  
as we seek our way forward.**

One: Let us come and worship God.

Gathering Hymn: *God, We Praise You for the Morning* VU 415

Life and Work of the Congregation

Lighting of Christ Candle:

One: As we light the Christ candle, we boldly proclaim:

**All: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness does  
not overcome it.**

One: In the midst of hopelessness, we open ourselves to  
embrace hope;

**All: for the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness  
does not overcome it.**

One: In the face of death, we open ourselves to embrace life;

**All: for the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness  
does not overcome it.**

Centering Hymn: *Come and Find the Quiet Centre* VU 374

Acknowledgement of First Nation Territories

Prayer of Approach:

**Sculpting God, you give galaxies their form,  
shape granite mountains, and design butterfly wings.**

**Dancing God, you choreograph the paths of stars  
and the flight of snow geese.**

**Singing God, your divine song is sung by sparrows,  
mountain streams, and the rushing winds.**

**Wonderful God, we rejoice to be a part of the divine world  
which you love and sustain.**

**May we continually be open to your presence around us, in us  
and among us.**

**Amen.**

Sharing the Peace of Christ

One: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

## We Proclaim

Welcoming New Members

Learning Together:

Song: *Like a Rock*

MV 92

Scripture Reading: Exodus 3:1-12

Reflection: *We Are Standing On Holy Ground*

Anthem *Standing On Holy Ground*

(Words and Music by Judy Pearson Hafso and Marc A. Hafso)

Presenting our Gifts and Offerings:

Offertory

Our Sung Response: *Doxology*

VU 541



