

REFLECTIONS ON THE LAND AND GARDENING

SPECIAL MUSIC:

"I Feel the Spirit" – Senior Choir

REFLECTION

RESPONSE

THE OFFERING

*HYMN: "O Beautiful Gaia" (#41MV)

*OFFERTORY: "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow (VU #541)
praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN: "For Beauty of Prairies" (#303 VU tune #660)

*SENDING FORTH AND BLESSING:

"You Shall Go Out with Joy" (#884 VU)

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;
there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field
will clap, will clap their hands!

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands, *(clap, clap)*
the trees of the field will clap their hands, *(clap, clap)*
the trees of the field will clap their hands, *(clap, clap)*
while you go out with joy.

McClure United Church acknowledges as we worship here today,
we are gathered in the traditional territory of the Cree, Salteaux,
and Assiniboine First Nations and Homeland of the Metis,
in the area most recently defined as Treaty 6.

And we also acknowledge that McClure United Church,
as an Affirming Ministry of the United Church of Canada,
is one that embraces diversity and strives to include
and be a safe place for all people.

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PRELUDE

WELCOME & INVITATION

LIFE & WORK OF THE CHURCH: (*Announcements*)

LIGHTING OF PEACE CANDLE

OPENING PRAYER:

**We proclaim that it is you God
who has created and is creating.**

**And so we gather here trusting that you are active in our world
blessing the land with the promise of abundance.**

**You bring forth new life from the midst of family
and call us to name and welcome her into your church.**

**You inspire our spirits with your most Holy Spirit,
whose coming into the world we celebrate this day.**

**In all of the events of today's worship
we marvel at your creativity and give thanks. Amen.**

*** HYMN: "Come, O Holy Spirit" (#23 MV)**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**When we consider the stars and the many galaxies
we feel small and insignificant.**

**When we consider our souls and the galaxies of our inner life
we feel tall and sure of our place.**

**Keeps us looking both ways, such that we remain
filled with wonder and with solitude;
with humility and with confidence;
knowing we are but a speck of stardust
and yet, the object of your love.**

**Save us from assuming we are too important:
prevent us from discounting our worth.**

**May your Holy Spirit, the Breath of the Universe,
continue to marvel us and inspire our living. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

**As the days lengthen and the temperatures warm
and the rhythm of nature is transformed
remind us of the promises of Easter and Pentecost.**

**Let us remember that you seek to
transform us by love.**

All that is past is gone: the future is open.

Thanks be to God.

SUNG REFRAIN: "Halle, Hallelujah" (#958 VU)

THE SACRAMENT OF INFANT BAPTISM

Sophie Isla Arndt

daughter of

Christopher Daniel Arndt and Lindsey Jane Reilkoff

***HYMN: "Out of Deep Unordered Water" (#453 VU)**

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE:

1 Corinthians 15 (Selected Verses)

But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body.

Matthew 13:1-9

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ² Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶ But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ Let anyone with ears listen!"

