

Norman Kennedy Presbyterian Church

May 17, 2020

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH:

- Church services continue in this format. Some feedback from the congregation is that this method is going well. Thank you for your dedication and participation.
- If you have difficulties opening the links to musical accompaniment or special features, contact Taeyang (306-999-5113)- he will give you some guidance.
- **COMMUNION SUNDAY –on May 31st** – there will be 4 or 5 time slots for 10 people per time to come to the church for a short communion service. Details are included at the end of today’s worship – an email will also be sent out to remind you. You won’t want to miss this opportunity.
- Those who use **The Daily Bread** devotional booklet, the one for June, July & August, it is now available – come by the church to pick up your copy.
- Food Bank Bin from NKP was picked up this week. Another bin has been received and so contributions to it can be at any time.
- A **Board of Managers** meeting is called for **May 19th, 6:30 p.m.** Among the issues for the Board to discuss is some version of on-line giving. Let us know if you would use that option so we will know if and when to put a method in place.
- The **Missions Committee** will meet on **Thursday, May 21st at 1:30 p.m.** at the church. This committee is seeking an additional member or two, if interested contact Pastor Ronda.
- Please take note of this: the NKP website is up and active again. Here’s the address: www.nkpchurchregina.ca Check it and our FB page.
- Your faithful support has been greatly appreciated. Your envelopes are arriving by mail and by being dropped off either at the church or to the Bosch’s home. We will also pick up envelopes from your home, just let us know. After the Board meeting we will provide an up-to-date financial report.
- Sunday School lessons and a craft are being distributed to the mailboxes of the regular Sunday School children. Thanks to Sumi, for preparing and distributing these. We’d love to get drawings, colouring sheets and samples of the crafts back from the children so we can make a display at the church.
- Special music contributions are provided for our ‘email’ worship services. Thanks to those singing and to Sumi & Taeyang for recording these parts of our worship.
- **‘Spring Basket/ Fancy Bag Contest & Auction’ – a fundraiser event!** This is a ‘SILENT AUCTION’ event. Details are on a page at the end of today’s service. Some may prepare and submit a basket, but we also need those who will show up to submit a bid!





(this is an encouraging picture during Covid 19, coloured by Chole Oh)

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome to church at home Worship

WORDS OF GREETING:

Welcome in the name of Christ. God's grace, mercy and peace be with you
and also with you.

INTROIT & SONG OF PREPARATION: 'Holy, Holy, Holy'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AgHrNNM23p8>

Holy, holy, holy!
Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning
Our song shall rise to Thee

Holy, holy, holy!
Merciful and mighty
God in three persons
Blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy!
Though the darkness hide thee
Though the eye of sinful man
Thy glory may not see
Only Thou art holy
There is none beside Thee
Perfect in power, in love and purity

Holy, holy, holy!
Lord God Almighty
Oh thy works shall praise Thy name
In earth and sky and sea

Holy, holy, holy!
Merciful and mighty
God in three persons
Blessed Trinity
Oh God in three persons
Blessed Trinity!

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Come and hear, all you who fear God,
and we will tell what God has done for us.

God is the Sovereign of heaven and earth,
maker of this world and all within it.

God has given to all mortals life and breath and every blessing.

Bless our God, O peoples!

Let the sound of God's praise be heard.

Blessed be God!

Blessed be God!

Blessed be God!

GATHERING PRAISE SONG: ***Bless the Lord, O my Soul***

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vSxocnlaN0A>

Bless the Lord oh my soul

Oh my soul

Worship His Holy name

Sing like never before

Oh my soul

I'll worship Your Holy name

The sun comes up

It's a new day dawning

It's time to sing Your song again

Whatever may pass

And whatever lies before me

Let me be singing

When the evening comes

Bless the Lord oh my soul

Oh my soul

Worship His Holy name

Sing like never before

Oh my soul

I'll worship Your Holy name

You're rich in love

And You're slow to anger

Your name is great

And Your heart is kind

For all Your goodness

I will keep on singing

Ten thousand reasons

*For my heart to find
Bless the Lord oh my soul
Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before
Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name
Bless You Lord
And on that day
When my strength is failing
The end draws near
And my time has come
Still my soul will
Sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years
And then forevermore
Forevermore
Bless the Lord oh my soul
Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before
Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name
Bless the Lord oh my soul
Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before
Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name
Yes I'll worship Your Holy name
I'll worship Your Holy name
Sing like never before
Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name
Jesus I will worship Your Holy name
Worship Your Holy name*

OPENING PRAYER:

Source of all creation, maker of the world and everything in it,
you are never far from each one of us.
We come into your house seeking you, O giver of life and breath.
Reveal yourself to us; dwell with us; and abide in us.

We live because of you.
We hope because of you.
In the name of Jesus Christ in whom we live,
and the Spirit of Truth who abides in us, **Amen.**

A PSALM OF PRAISE Psalm 66:8-20 (New Common English Bible)

(If children who are school age readers, are worshipping with you this morning please have them participate in this reading – today read responsively if you have someone to do that with...)

⁸All you nations, bless our God! Let the sound of his praise be heard!

⁹**God preserved us among the living; he didn't let our feet slip a bit.**

¹⁰But you, God, have tested us—you've refined us like silver,

¹¹**trapped us in a net, laid burdens on our backs,**

¹² let other people run right over our heads— we've been through fire and water.
But you brought us out to freedom!

¹³**So I'll enter your house with entirely burned offerings.**

I'll keep the promises I made to you,

¹⁴ the ones my lips uttered, the ones my mouth spoke when I was in deep trouble.

¹⁵**I will offer the best burned offerings to you along with the smoke of sacrificed rams. I will offer both bulls and goats.**

¹⁶Come close and listen, all you who honor God;

I will tell you what God has done for me:

¹⁷**My mouth cried out to him with praise on my tongue.**

¹⁸If I had cherished evil in my heart, my Lord would not have listened.

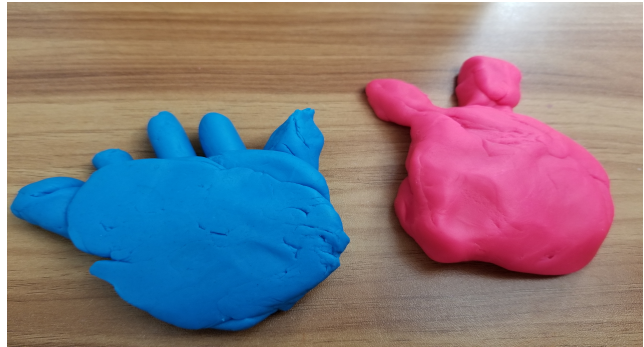
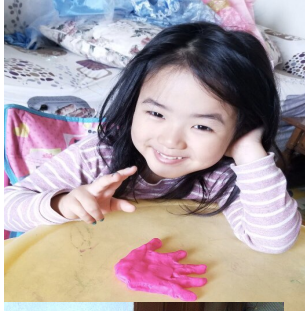
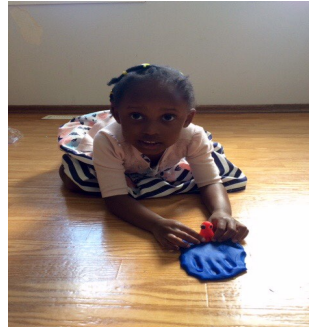
¹⁹**But God definitely listened. He heard the sound of my prayer.**

²⁰Bless God! He didn't reject my prayer;

he didn't withhold his faithful love from me.

CHILDREN'S TIME:

(pictures of 'hands' as created by the SS children in response to last Sunday's lesson)



- A BIBLE VERSE TO LEARN:
Acts 17:30b
“God commands all people everywhere to repent”

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT:



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- Last week I showed you a picture of hands and asked you to hold your Mother’s hand and thank her for the things she does for you with her hands.



I hope you did that – and I am sure if you did, it made your Mom feel very special on Mother’s Day. And also I hope you said a prayer, thanking God for your Mom!

- Today I want to use ‘hands’ as a way to teach you about our Bible verse. Can you read the Bible verse above – or have one of your parents read it aloud for you?
- The important word in that Bible verse is ‘**repent**’.
- The pictures above of hands can help us understand ‘repent’.

The first picture is of hands firmly clasped together – please put your hands together like that. Think of this picture like you and Jesus together – Jesus loves you and wants to have a close relationship with you – so the picture can be just like you and Jesus holding hands with each other. The second picture shows fists – we make a fist with our hands when we are angry or upset – and that picture is like when we do something wrong. We disobey Jesus – we do something Jesus told us not to do. So, the second picture shows us that we break away from Jesus. The third picture shows hands that are folded in prayer. When we are sorry for disobeying Jesus, we can pray and ask God to forgive us – that is what the Bible verse calls ‘repent’. We say we are sorry. The Bible verse says that everyone has to repent – because everyone disobeys Jesus sometimes. Then, the last picture shows the hands back together again. That means God forgives us and we are back to having a really close relationship with Jesus again. Pretty cool, eh? I hope you will remember what repent means by this illustration with your hands!

SOMETHING TO DO:

- A Game to Play.

This game is called ‘REPENT’. For this game you will need to remember that the word ‘repent’ also means ‘turn around’.

Your Mom or Dad will need to be the leader.

You start the game standing close to your parents – then you turn away from them and walk or run or crawl or sneak away.

Your Mom or Dad will then call out “I love you! Repent!”

When you hear those words, turn around and run as fast as you can back to the open arms of your Mom or Dad.

This game will remind you that God, your Heavenly Father calls you to repent and come home quickly to His arms where He tells you of His love and forgiveness.



CALL TO CONFESSION:

The Lord Christ Jesus gave everything that we who are poor may be made rich. In celebration and humility, we come before God to confess our sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (unison)

Maker and giver of all, forgive us when we are too preoccupied to notice your presence in our lives:

when we walk through this world and fail to see the wonder of you upholding our lives and all creation;

when we walk through our lives and fail to see you abiding with, within, and around us;

when we walk through holy moments and fail to savor your presence, instead feeling abandoned in the vast sweep of life as each day rushes at us with its demands.

Open our eyes to your presence, God of love, that we may lean on you— for you uphold all of creation in tenderness and power. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

When Jesus left the disciples, he gave us a promise:

“I will not leave you orphaned!”

For we, his disciples, live in him and he in us— the presence of God within and around all.

What a promise!

Take courage!

Take comfort!

Blessed be God!

HYMN OF FAITH: *#677 ‘My Faith Looks up to Thee’*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oGKLmThF2to>

My faith looks up to thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Saviour divine!
Now hear me while I pray,
Take all my guilt away,
O let me from this day
Be wholly thine!

May thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart,
My zeal inspire!
As thou hast died for me,
O may my love to thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be,
A living fire!

When life's dark maze I tread,
And griefs around me spread,
Be thou my guide;
Bid darkness turn to day,
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray
From thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream,
When death's cold, sullen stream
Shall o'er me roll;
Blest Saviour, then in love,
Fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above,
A ransomed soul!

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

Living God, help us so to hear your Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe; and believing, we may follow your way in all faithfulness, seeking your honour and glory in all that we do. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

(online Bible resource for various translations can be found at www.biblegateway.com)

John 14:15-21 (NRSV)

¹⁵“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them

1 Peter 3:13-22 (NRSV)

³Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an

accounting for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶ yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹ And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

SERMON: 'Harm & Hope'

Quite a long time ago, I was very happy to be in attendance at the graduation ceremony of my close friend Lois from the McMaster School of Medicine. I recall that the graduating doctors took an oath – some variation of what is popularly called the 'Hippocratic oath'. The internet tells me that there are variations from one medical school to another of that oath and the promises contained in it – but a common understanding of one part is the promise "to do no harm" (the Latin being "primum non nocere").

What exactly does that mean? Essentially it means do only what is good for another, do what is to the benefit of another, contribute to their welfare. Since we contribute this phrase to doctors, it is somewhat comforting to know that when we are under the care of a doctor, they are recommending and offering treatments, surgeries, etc. that are only for our benefit! However, if one was to be extremely literal in this 'no harm' directive and if one, like myself, bruises easily - then something as simple as a blood test often results in 'harm' – in that I can be black & blue as

result! 'No harm' must be put in a context of the potential benefits. And surely a blood test ordered by my Dr. would be to my benefit!

I am more inclined to see things as Charlie Brown does...



Harm may come even if the intention was good. We are disciples of Jesus Christ, followers of 'the Way' and as such we expect the good and blessed life – and for most of us that means no suffering, no persecution, no harm will come to us. Furthermore, we'd like to think that we are thoughtful and careful such that we would do no harm to others – either intentional or unintentional.

Peter writes to believers about '**suffering for doing what is right**' in other words experiencing something hard for the benefit of something good. The early church was greatly persecuted and Peter prepares and warns believers to be ready for personal suffering. In other words, being willing to put yourself in 'harms way' so that the Gospel would be taught, preached, expanded and authenticated. It's hard to imagine what that would look like.

We live in a country that allows for and values many rights and freedoms – including the freedom to believe in Jesus Christ, to worship and to live out that faith in our private lives. Until quite recently, many of the policies and decisions that affected public life here in Canada were also derived from Christian faith, thankfully some still are - but in an increasing secular society that is less so. However, I found it interesting that when the coronavirus made it necessary for governments to place limits on public gatherings, churches were identified to be part of that restriction.

Previously and publicly it seemed that churches were seldom noticed and/or barely ever mentioned in policies and announcements. Although our Canadian constitution does not specifically say so – there is a common belief that church and state are separate when it comes to policy and practice. But now in this Coronavirus time, churches were noticed and spoken of publicly. They were noticed for the fact that in churches people gathered, often in quite large numbers and therefore it became necessary to mention that churches could not remain open. In one of the Q & A with gov't officials I listened to this past week, I heard the comment that churches were never told to close but just to limit the number of people who could gather. At the very beginning those limits were 5, then corrected to be 10 – and then with all the stay home policies, it was correctly assumed that any non-family/household gatherings were to be suspended. In the gradual re-opening that is happening, little public attention is given to churches. We will need to observe the openings regarding spaces and numbers and probably come to our own conclusions – especially around 'no harm' as it would relate to our re-gathering.

As Peter prepares the early believers to stand up for the faith publicly, he knew full well the context of the society under Roman control. The prominent belief was that there could be no 'Lord' except Caesar. Those who believed otherwise, you taught otherwise, who lived in loyalty and in love for Jesus Christ would suffer for this belief and practice. But Peter says – “if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed.”

Good or blessing will come from the harm when you are silenced or ridiculed.

This word blessed is the same word used by Jesus in Matthew 5 where He said, “Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” The word blessed literally means “lengthened” or “enlarged”. It conveys not only the meaning of happy, but a big and full heart (an enlarged heart!). It is also a sense of being honoured by God. Those who suffer because of their righteousness, for

doing what is right, will be blessed by God. **Your heart will be full of God's honour and pleasure.**

Then Peter made an interesting statement. "Do not fear what they fear, do not be intimidated." (vs.14) Harm can be more than physical – for to those to whom Peter wrote, some were in physical danger but many were in spiritual and emotional danger. The Christian believers were out and about doing good – their faith compelled them to serve – to do as Jesus did – offering help and healing. Surely this would be accepted. But not always. Rejection of good deeds is hard to understand. Most of us have probably had this experience – our intentions and motives misunderstood. And we've been scarred. From that hurt and harm, we no longer offer, because we are afraid to offer what is most in our heart.

Have you ever noticed that people are afraid of what they don't understand? I particularly think that this is sometimes true with those who do good for others with no strings attached. We are conditioned to buy into the cynicism of society that there's no free lunch. With telemarketers and the such it is for our protection that we be cynical and cautious. But there is still good and honest in the world – and especially there must be good and honest in the church. As the children of God, we represent and carry on the true and honest and heart-changing message of Jesus to all whom we encounter.

Sadly, though, Christians have not always served with no strings attached – we have offered food only if the recipient would first listen to a sermon, we have supported a mission only if we get a tax receipt.

Peter's advice is to "always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks..."(vs.15) The answer we have to give is 'hope'. Hope is what revives and renews us in our own times of fear and worry. Hope in God.

Hope is necessary for our well-being. Hope gives significance to life choices and enables people to endure living in a fallen world where pain, suffering and injustice are the norm. When life changes because a virus has run rampant, when tribulations come like a thief in the night and rob a person of their livelihood, material possessions or physical health; the

enormity this kind of suffering can crush even the steadiest of souls! How does one survive the big changes and losses of life?

Like the Gentile believers of Peter's day and all other generations, living in a fallen world means one will inevitably experience one, several or all these tribulations. We will all experience 'harm'.

But we have hope.

In the book titled 'Man's Search for Meaning', Victor Frankl, argued that the "loss of hope and courage can have a deadly effect on man." He wrote this after his own experiences in a Nazi concentration camp. He said it this way – "when a man no longer possesses a motive for living, no future to look toward, he curls up in a corner and dies. Any attempt to restore a man's inner strength in camp," he wrote, "had first to succeed in showing him some future goal."

Hope. Hope is an inner strength. A living hope is what Peter writes about – a living hope in the Lord Jesus Christ. That's what will keep us from all ultimate harm. That's what will give us unspeakable, unfathomable joy. That's what is our present and our future.

In Isaiah 40, verse 31 we read this – *"but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."*

Some things of late, Covid 19, just being one of them, has made the Christian Gospel forced behind the closed and locked doors of the church – but - is it not time to walk, run and soar among our neighbours and communities sharing that the only hope, in all this craziness, is to trust in God?

We do no harm when we promote hope – and we promote hope because we know and love the Lord Jesus who also passed through suffering, suffering that was for our sake, into victory.

This is the heart of the Gospel. It's the Good News that there is a God who knows and loves broken, rebellious, hurt, suffering people. It's the Good News that God does not expect you and I to "get it all together" first

before we come to Him. The whole of the Easter message over the last number of weeks has been that Jesus came and stood in our place and suffered the painful death of the cross – the Eternal God suffering the weight of our infinite offenses against Him – for one singular purpose; “that he might bring us to God.”

Our hope is built on nothing less – than Jesus’ blood and righteousness.”

Thanks be to God.

Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION

INVITATION & PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS:

We are invited to give an accounting of the hope that sustains us, the love and presence of God that upholds all. Out of this sustaining hope, let us give our gifts today for those who also need this hope.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VFQ_H4c8WW0

Doxology: ***Praise God from whom all blessings flow***

Praise Him all creatures here below

Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication:

Giver of all gifts, we are grateful for your every blessing and for your presence through all of life— in our joys and fears, and in our hopes and dreads.

We pray for those who do not know the consolation of your presence in their lives, asking that you reveal yourself to them through the gifts we have given and through the lives we live.

Reveal yourself, O God, that all your children may find their true home in you. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC: ‘In Christ Alone’

Sumi Jung, Taeyang No, Parry Johnson, Jessica Kotei, Mabel Kotei, Maverick Dubois (Katie Boyce on piano)

https://youtu.be/ykWbqCAr_CM

PRAYERS of the People and the Lord’s Prayer:

Lord Jesus Christ, you call us to follow you as disciples – and to do so not just when the going is good but also when the going is rough. Help us in our living – in all that is our life – our home life, our work life, our leisure life, our relationships, our commitments to church – may we respond wholeheartedly to be your disciple without counting the cost. May we have confidence that you are and will be with us always. O Lord, fill us with joy in knowing you, loving you, serving you. Some of our living will be in times of trouble – teach us how to be people of hope – to see beyond the troubles to your purposes. May our prayers be for strength, for courage, for insight, for growth. Fill us up with hope – the hope we have because we know you and we know no ultimate harm will come upon us. We pray that we would not be anxious, but that You would give us Your peace. Let us live differently in the midst of trial so that the world might see You in us.

Lord Jesus Christ, you invite us also to proclaim your gospel of hope and salvation – to do so out of our experiences of knowing hope and knowing You. That we will recall the times of our desperate need of you to come and change us, save us, provide for us, heal us, restore us, comfort us and be for us strength and courage – and that our own experience will be testimony of Your faithful love and provision. Teach us to be faithful evangelists in word and in action. Lord Jesus Christ, you have given us every spiritual and material blessing. May we bless others – in numerous and creative ways in these days of social distancing. May we connect with those who need to hear words of support and encouragement. May we pray for all the needs of others as we know them. May we love and serve. May we be examples of kindness, friendliness, and good neighbourliness.

We pray this morning for our church family – we pray for the families of our church who are balancing home education and activities for children; we pray for the elderly and their vulnerabilities in this time of Covid; we pray for the sick and those facing surgeries, treatments and procedures that are meant for health and well-being; we pray for those without work or with less work and income; we pray for those who are getting frustrated and bored with so much of the shut-down of these last number of weeks; we pray for the work of the church – for our work and witness to be visionary and effective despite the changes we have had to endure...we pray for the meetings of this coming week – for the Board of Managers and for the Missions committee. Guide them in discussions and decisions. We pray for our Session and for our Pastor and for the oversight and wisdom they provide in these days. Heavenly Father, God of Hope – fill us with all joy and peace as we trust in You, may we overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit both now and always – for we pray in the strong name of Jesus who taught us also this 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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

THE PARTING HYMN: # 195 'Come, ye disconsolate'

(this hymn may not be familiar to some – I encourage you to listen to or sing along as the words are so meaningful – listen especially to that last line in each verse – and mediate on its message)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BhES-xpWc8w>

1. Come, ye disconsolate, where'er ye languish;
Come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel.
Here bring your wounded hearts; here tell your anguish.
Earth has no sorrow that heav'n cannot heal.

2. Joy of the desolate, Light of the straying,
Hope of the penitent, fadeless and pure!
Here speaks the Comforter, tenderly saying,
"Earth has no sorrow that heav'n cannot cure."

3. Here see the Bread of Life; see waters flowing
Forth from the throne of God, pure from above.
Come to the feast of love; come, ever knowing
Earth has no sorrow but heav'n can remove.

GOD SENDS US . . .

Wherever we are, we are in God.

Wherever we are, we are in Christ, and Christ is in us.

Wherever we are, the Spirit abides with us and in us.

We go forth in peace and hope, upheld by God in every way.

Let us go forth in faithfulness and trust.

(We have a song of mediation as we come to the close of worship; this song is provided by our members from Saskatoon – Rachel & Mabel Kotei)

'You are Love and Love Alone '

<https://youtu.be/gHAgOmMqmls>

**BENEDICTION: Now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.*

GOING OUT SONG: 'O How He loves you and me'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r89NFu8Sn1Y>

Oh, how He loves you and me,
Oh, how He loves you and me,
He gave his life, what more could He give?
Oh, how He loves you, Oh, how he loves me;
Oh, how he loves you and me.

Jesus to Calvary did go,
His love for sinners to show.
What He did there brought hope from despair.
Oh, how He loves you; Oh how he loves me;
Oh, how he loves you and me.

[scroll down for further information]



BASKET AUCTION

- Prepare a basket based on a theme and /or a hobby or a unique idea. Creative thinking...
- It can be geared to a specific age group (i.e. children's art basket) OR to a gender (i.e. women's beauty products)
- CREATIVE thinking! Unique ideas!
- Wrap it in a cellophane clear wrap (there's at least 10 clear cellophane large bags at the church so it can be wrapped here – this will prevent the products from being touched)

- **Bring it to the church prior to May 27th**
- **Give your basket a name/title (i.e. Home Spa basket; Gardening Basket, Bathtub Toys Basket, etc.)**
- **You may suggest a minimum bid. (Remember this is a fundraising event) The bid sheet will be a ‘no touch’ sheet!**
- **SILENT AUCTION DAY will be May 31st from 1:30 to 5 p.m.**
(when you come to the Church for communion, you are invited to visit the basement where the baskets will be displayed – beside each basket will be a sheet for bids. After this first day of the silent auction, the baskets with their bids will be posted on the NKP Facebook page. You will have an opportunity to check on the progression of bids and to submit further bids until June 3rd. On June 4th we will announce the winners – you can then come to the church to pay and take your basket home.)

Norman Kennedy Presbyterian Church offers a Communion Service on Sunday, May 31st.



Short Communion Services will begin at 1:30 p.m. in the Church Sanctuary and continue every half hour until 4 p.m. or 4:30 p.m. if required.

Members and adherents are invited to come to the church where you will be asked to social distant as designated within the sanctuary.

We invite 8-10 people to attend at each time slot.

The service will be approximately 20 minutes in length.

Please call Pastor Ronda at home 306-543-2212 or at the church 306-543-9080, or email her at rondankpreschuch@sasktel.net or text at 306-450-9795 to reserve a time and a spot. You may be asked to be flexible so it will be possible to accommodate all who wish to participate. The Presbyterian Church in Canada invites children to also come to the Lord's

Table – families who wish to have their children participate are encouraged to prepare their children in advance or to consult with Pastor Ronda for preparation resources.

The time slots for each service are:

1:30 p.m.; 2:00 p.m.; 2:30 p.m.; 3:00 p.m.; 3:30 p.m.; 4:00 p.m.

“We are invited to come together around this table as those who belong to the household of Christ,

Come, when you are fearful, to be made new in love.

Come, when you are doubtful, to be made strong in faith.

Come, when you are regretful, and be made whole.

Come, old and young, there is room for all.”

