



Kitchissippi UNITED CHURCH

Sunday, May 1 2022
3rd after EASTER SUNDAY

**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP at 10 AM LIVE STREAM GO TO
WWW.KITCHISSIPPIUC.COM**

HERE IS THE LINK TO VIEW THE KUC YOUTUBE CHANNEL ON SUNDAYS
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwATU1rozB1PIIaRmr2teVA>

MESSAGE FROM REV. JENNI



Good morning folks!

It's been a week, but we are at the end of it, so that's something!

To update on the family covid: both of my teens returned to school this week - Delaney on Monday and Mason on Wednesday (they both had negative RA tests). I finally tested negative yesterday - Thursday, which was day 9 for me. Thankful that it was mild, but I'm also being cautious as my energy is definitely not back up to precovid levels.

My gratitude to Ian, Nancy, Gavan and the choir who so ably led the service in my absence last Sunday! Thanks also to those who told jokes! I loved seeing the camaraderie and hearing the laughter! And those TECH TEENS!!! They are hilarious! Thank you to Luka, Bram and Mason for all of the interviews you did and the finished product! What a hoot! (For the record, Dan's piece (as he is the sound guy) was intentionally altered so that you couldn't hear most of it. My piece was intentionally cut off per my request. (Sometimes after worship (they asked me after Good Friday service) I'm not capable of stringing intelligible sentences together - and trust me, this was one of those times!)

Our theme, beginning at Easter, is Grace. From the Brussat's book, the definition of grace is: **“Accept grace and your world will be larger, deeper, richer, and fuller. Look for its intimations everywhere. Let this seed of the Giver of Life bloom in your words and deeds.”**

Grace can be an illusive concept - how do we name it? How can we train our eyes and ears and senses to perceive it? Is a butterfly floating around our garden a sign of grace? Is a delicious meal, cooked with love a sign of grace? Can a warm handshake and smile be a moment of grace? How about that driver that lets you into traffic, or another who waves when you let them in? What about the sound of a far away train? The music of cicadas in the summer, rising and falling, rising and falling? The sounds of Laila forming baby words in the sanctuary (remember that)?

Grace can be quite subjective, can't it? I've listed some of the moments of grace that I've experienced, and I'm sure you could make a list that is dissimilar from mine as well. The Brussat's write: "Grace is a gift of God. Because it comes to us at God's initiative, there are some things we can't do about grace. We can't earn it. we can't control it. We don't have to deserve it. If grace is out of your hands, so to speak, how do you

engage in the spiritual practice of grace? Accept that you are accepted. Practice receiving. Receive objects, love, help. Notice when presents and presence come to you without your effort." (page 96 of *Spiritual Rx: Prescriptions for living a meaningful life*)

I'm including an image of a tweet that is a conversation between Jesus and the disciples. Do you think Jesus would have shushed babies? Something to think about.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend!
Blessings,
Jenni



Book Study- The book *Everything Happens for a Reason (and other lies I've loved)* by Kate Bowler will not be in until next week, so our online book study will not begin until May 3rd from 1 - 3pm - all are welcome! Here is the zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89093844185> If you'd like a copy - there is still time! Email me at jleslie@kitchissippiuc.com

FAITH FORMATION

This Sunday, happy May Day!

It's halfway between the spring equinox and summer solstice, and has been celebrated by a number of cultures for centuries. It's also observed as a worker's rights day in countries around the world!

Peace cranes for Ukraine

This Sunday we will be distributing paper and instructions for making peace cranes while we pray for peace in Ukraine and around the world. We'll hear a bit more about paper cranes in Learning Time and we invite you to bring back your cranes as well as your Easter colouring mosaic piece next Sunday for Mother's Day.

UCW

UCW will meet on Wednesday, May 4 at 1:00 pm in the HALL first for refreshments and then the KUC Parlour. Julianne Labreche from Master Gardeners of Ottawa will present to us on "Biodiversity at the Crossroads: Being aware of invasive and native plants." All women of the congregation are welcome."

Please note that Our EOORC UCW web page - <https://eoorc.ca/ministries/united-church-women-2/> includes information on the upcoming EOORC UCW AGM, Leadership Day, and Summer Event. If you have not visited it lately, please take a moment to check it out.

OUTREACH

Refugee/Outreach Circle meeting - Mon. May 2 - 11:00 am - Please consider joining us as we update on current programs and plan for new activity! Zoom invite: <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/81475284495>

FOOD BANK SUNDAY- Reminder the Frist Sunday of the month is Food bank Sunday -. Please bring your produce, non-perishable items and toiletries to church in Sunday – all donations will go to support the Parkdale Food Centre.

Mother's Day plants from the Ottawa Y Service Club

We now have two weeks until Mother's Day and the final order for plants will go in on Monday, the 25th of April. If you want to make sure you get what you want, please order soon. Plants will arrive May 2nd, with pick up on the 3rd and 4th. Apparently some people did not get an order form with my last email. Here it is again along with a page of plant photos and prices.



As usual payment can be by cheque or Interac E transfer to our email at ysevice@primus.ca We also expect to sell at the Y that week for 1 or 2 days. Thanks for your continued support.
David Hall.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Broadview Reading Club - Broadview Reading Club will be taking a hiatus and the Kitchissippi Book Club is going to restart. Listen for the book we will be reading on Easter Sunday and be in touch with Rev. Jenni if you'd like a copy.

Mens Group (online) - Gentlemen of KUC and the wider community meet **Thursday mornings from 9:30am to 11:00**. Discussions are wide ranging, as we attempt to solve all the world's problems, every week. If you want to join the Men's Group discussion please contact Doug Patriquin patriquinfam@sympatico.ca or Clayton Porteous at porteousclayton@outlook.com for the Zoom link.

WIDER CHURCH



FIBRE FLING 2022 Virtual Art Show and Sale

Saturday, April 23 to Sunday, May 8, 2022 Visit us online at: www.fibre-fling.ca

FIBRE FLING 2022 showcases over 150 dazzling original works of art created by local textile and mixed media artists. These one-of-a-kind pieces are hand made using innovative approaches to traditional and contemporary techniques, such as dyeing, embroidery, beading, and felting. A portion of the show proceeds are donated to the Stephen Lewis Foundation and the Ottawa Food Bank.

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