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A worship series in Ephesians

**“Brought
to Belong”**



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RESTORE HOPE

RURAL LIFE SUNDAY



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April 29, 2018

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**please stand as you are able*

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Welcome!

We Prepare to Worship...

Reader: Psalm 65:9-13

in song "Creation Sings" video (Doerkson)

"Our God" (Tomlin)

We Prepare to Worship...in silent prayer

TO WORSHIP GOD

Call to Worship Revelation 4:11 and Psalm 65:5,8

One: O Lord, You are worthy to receive the glory and the honour and the power, for You have created all things. They were created and called into being by Your act of will.

ALL: You are the hope of everyone on earth.

We stand in awe of Your wonders.

From where the sun rises to where it sets,

You inspire shouts of joy.

Response "How Great Thou Art" v.1 and chorus (Hine)

*Prayer of Approach, Confession and The Lord's Prayer
Good News of God's Mercy and Forgiveness

*Hymn of Praise "All Creatures of our God and King"

(St. Francis of Assisi)

The Basics of our Faith *The Apostles' Creed*

GOD SPEAKS TO US

For Younger Worshippers

*Song "All Things Bright and Beautiful" (C.F Alexander)

We Prepare to Hear God's Word

Prayer in Song "Lord, Let My Heart be Good Soil"

Scripture Psalm 148 (p. 511) with refrain

Romans 8:18-25 (p. 918)

Isaiah 35:1-10 (p. 578)

Message

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

*Hymn "Creation Sings the Father's Song" (Getty)

Prayers of the People

Offering and Dedication

WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS, WE GO TO SERVE

*Hymn "Days of Elijah" (Mark)

We Continue Worship outdoors





Live!
2018

AN EXTRA PLACE AT THE TABLE

Contact House is grateful for the support received this year from our KPC family. Macaroni and spaghetti, soup, canned vegetables, shampoo, dish soap, laundry soap, hand soap and plastic bottles to divide larger quantities of soap up are all welcome items!



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WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

We're so glad you're here today! If it's your first time, or first time in a long time, or you're here all the time, know you are welcome here! You'll find more about worship on the next page – if you have any questions, please ask the person who greeted you at the door! At KPC, you are among friends...God's grace and love abide...so come as you are, and come to know something about the life and love of the Risen Lord Jesus and the presence of God's Spirit with us always and everywhere!

*It's Rural Life Sunday, and we are celebrating God as the One who not only creates but restores: restores creation, restores us, **RESTORES HOPE**...and calls us to that mission with Him. Join us for the closing part of our service outdoors (weather permitting), as we seek God's blessing on our land, seed, soil, water, produce, machinery and livestock.*



A Word About Worship...



WELCOME

You are welcome here. Really. You are among friendly people who care, who aren't perfect, but are on a journey of faith. If you are a guest, we don't expect

You to give an offering; if You wish to do so, we're grateful. Join us for refreshments downstairs after worship. We hope You are blessed by being here, and that You'll come again!



KID CONNECTION welcomes all children! Come up front for the children's time; parents welcome, too! Then join the group and head downstairs after the children's

song. Children will rejoin us for the closing song. Feel free to accompany Your child downstairs and then return for the message once they are settled. NURSERY ministry for those under school age is available downstairs as well.

Washrooms are at the back entry and in the downstairs hall; **baby change stations** are located in the back entry washroom and just off the front entryway.



We have hearing assistance devices available. Just ask a greeter or the staff at the sound booth at the back.

Please join us for refreshments and conversation following worship on the first Sunday of the month! Head downstairs after the service – You'll be welcome! Apple juice and bottled water are available on the back table by the front entry door.



Hospitality is important for everyone who comes to KPC! Be sure to welcome one another! As one wise pastor said, "On Sunday morning at church, greet Your friends and visit with the visitors!"

THIS WEEK:

Greeters: Robert & Marcia Minielly;

Marion Tilford, Sonia Stanoyevic

Children's Greeter: Janessa O'Neill

Nursery Ministry: Janessa O'Neill

NO Youth Groups this week

NEXT WEEK:

Greeters:

Children's Greeter:

Youth Group Snack:

BE A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT!



We are looking for someone to serve as a correspondent on behalf of the congregation with the Montgomery family in Uganda, missionaries we support through Mission Aviation Fellowship. As you know, the Montgomerys are from Forest, and have visited us several times.

Would you be willing to send real mail from time to time? Cards for birthdays, holidays, etc.? We will cover the cost of postage, cards etc. Please approach Pastor Chris for details.

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