

Friday, June 12th, 2020

“How Lovely is the Silence of Growing Things.”

This quote, from the great poet ‘anon’, has been a touchstone this week as I have focused on this Sunday’s worship and our celebration of creation, Creator and our PUC Contemplative Garden.

Perhaps you have been by the church and have seen our gardeners hard at work, or maybe you noticed, with days of sun, Prayer Shawl folks enjoying a ‘social distanced’ visit in the Garden, or, this week, noticed some of us outside video-tapping in preparation for this Sunday’s Worship Video.

Our Contemplative Garden is alive with goodness and God-ness. It is a sacred and safe place. So, it is that this coming Sunday, just before 10:30am, we will virtually be gathered and grounded in worship in our Garden- *more about that later*. For now, please receive the invitation to visit our Contemplative Garden- to sit, stroll, ponder, wonder and wonder.

I would also like to offer this thought: If you would like to join me in a “socially distanced” visit, let’s meet in the Garden 😊 I would enjoy the opportunity for us to be safely together in our sacred space. We can chat, enjoy a coffee or tea or cool drink, and just be together. So, if that thought appeals, please be in touch.

Our Contemplative Garden is certainly another visible reminder of our ongoing work and ministry.

So a few updates....

This week brought to an end our very successful ‘Soup Lunches for Seniors’. Once again, a thank you to all who made this outreach project possible.

Our Finance & Stewardship Committee also met this week as they attended to the applications for our 2020 Jean Dickson and Dodson Family Bursaries. Stay tuned to for more information about June 21st Worship Gathering as we celebrate and honour our high school Graduates and Bursary recipients. This, again, will be a video worship celebration and will feature many of these amazing people.

As we met as an F&S Committee, we were very much aware of the ongoing generosity that continues to sustain PUC and our ministry. Thank You. We were also aware that another month of COVID restriction has meant the cancellation of another one of our mega fun and fundraisers- OUR PUC Annual Yard Sale Extravaganza. Though the hope is to re-schedule this to the fall, this remains a very uncertain hope.

You may have already received an email which I sent out on behalf David Steele and our Finance & Stewardship Committee (*again my typo apologies-lol*). I join with David and our F&S Committee in inviting each of us to prayerfully consider the invitation to financially support our Yard Sale. Please know that your donations are gratefully received. They are a vital support to our ongoing work and ministry.

SUPER INCREDIBLE
MEGA SPECTACULAR
YARD SALE
EXTRAVAGANZA
SAT. JUNE 13
8A - 11M

WHY NOT CONSIDER MAKING A
DONATION TO PUC EQUAL TO
YOUR PAST SUPPORT OF THIS
EVENT. ALL FUNDS GO TO OUR
CONTINUING MINISTRY

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Thank you for your support
during these difficult times.

Back to this coming Sunday, June 14th !_ Our 'At Home Worship Gathering For Sunday June 14th' is available for download from our PUC website (*under the*

“Bulletins” Tab) and I will be sending it out by email to those who have asked ***(remember if you want to be added to my distribution list-be in touch)*** and printed copies are in the folder on the PUC front doors.

As I previously noted, our worship is grounded in celebration- creation, Creator and our PUC Contemplative Garden. And so, Sunday morning, through the gift of technology, we will gather in our Contemplative Garden.

Our Worship video draws upon many of the printed resources you will find in our ***‘At Home Worship Gathering’***, however with our week of taping (and all of Sandy’s editing) our video is enriched with music, images, Garden news and familiar faces.

So please join together Sunday morning a few minutes before **10:30am** on our PUC FaceBook page as we are gathered and grounded in worship through our **video worship service.** *p.s... I will also upload our worship video to YouTube and put those links on FaceBook and on our PUC website.*



**How lovely is the silence
of growing things.**

**PICTOU UNITED CHURCH
VIDEO WORSHIP GATHERING**

*CELEBRATING OUR CONTEMPLATIVE GARDEN AND
THE GIFTS OF CREATOR AND CREATION*

Join us on our FaceBook Page
10:30am
Sunday, June 14th, 2020

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available for download from our website (under the 'Bulletins' tab), with
printed copies available in the folder on our PUC doors, or
be in touch and an email copy will be sent.*

*Just because we can't be together,
doesn't mean we can't be together!*

“See You” Sunday Morning in the Garden!

Namaste-Peace.

Deep peace of the running wave to you.

Deep peace of the flowing air to you.

Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.

Deep peace of the shining stars to you.
Deep peace of the infinite peace to you.

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Many of you have already seen this invitation for Sunday afternoon, however
let me invite you to join with me as together we
**Take a Stand and Take a Knee in Solidarity and Prayer
For Racial Justice and Peace.**



2 PM, SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2020

**TAKE
A
STAND!**

WE STAND FOR
8 MINS 46 SECS.
THEN, TAKE A KNEE IN
SOLIDARITY & PRAYER FOR
RACIAL JUSTICE & PEACE.

WE WILL CREATE A
SOCIAL DISTANCED LINE
ON SIDEWALKS BETWEEN
SECOND BAPTIST
(330 WASHINGTON ST.)
& **FIRST BAPTIST**
(896 EAST RIVER RD).

REMEMBER,
THE REASON FOR
THESE TWO BAPTIST
CHURCHES HOLDS
SIGNIFICANCE IN THE
HISTORY OF RACIAL SEGREGATION