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**Our Mission Statement:**  
**To show God's love as revealed in Jesus Christ.**

Sunday, May 3, 2026 at 10:30 a.m.  
**5th Sunday of Easter**  
**Affirming Sunday**

**\*Please stand in body or in spirit.**

***Prelude***

Colours of the Wind by Alan Menken and lyrics by Stephen Schwartz  
The Rainbow Connection by Paul Williams and Kenny Ascher

***\*Greeting***

L: The Lord be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

***\*Introit:***

Come In, Come In and Sit Down

**VU# 395 v.1&4**

***\*Words of Welcome***

***Life and Work of the Church***

***Acknowledging the Territory***

***Kingsview Mission & Vision (Unison)***

**Our purpose is to show God's love as revealed in Jesus Christ.  
We will endeavour to accomplish this as we: worship, celebrate, teach  
and nurture within a caring family of faith;  
share ourselves, resources and facilities with our local community;  
work together with the global community for the well being of all  
creation.**

**We are called to be the Church on Earth where all are welcome.**

**“We are not alone. We live in God’s world.”**

**We embrace all people including but not limited to persons of any age, race, national or ethnic origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, economic circumstances, physical or mental ability, all working together in full participation in the life and work of God’s ministry.**

**We gather as an Affirming community based on inclusion and removing labels that segregate us from one another.**

**We strive to build a church based on the ideals of equality, equity and justice for all people and to put these ideals into action in the life and work of our community of faith.**

**We, like Jesus, see whole people, acknowledging that we are the sum of many parts.**

**With our voices raised in praise, we celebrate the uniqueness of each individual and the perfect harmony we make together, all to God’s glory.**

***\*Lighting of the Christ Candle***

L: We greet this new day and we affirm the dawning of hope.

**P: We welcome the light and warmth that stretches across the sky.**

L: We invite God’s love to extend through our lives

**P: and into the world around us.**

L: Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

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***\*Songs of Praise and Adoration***

***Call to Worship***

N: In worship, we celebrate the diversity of God’s love.

S: Young and old, tall and short, all cultures, skin colours and genders.

**A: Let our differences remind us of the power of God’s creative love.**

N: In our prayers, we affirm the support of God’s hopeful love.

S: In our hymns, we affirm the vitality of God’s joyful love.

**A: In our worship, we affirm the abundance of God’s forgiving love.**

N: Together, we give thanks that God loves us.

S: Together, we remember God calls us to love.

**A: Together, we proclaim that God is love.**

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***Prayer of Approach (Unison)*****God you are love...****love abounding,****love in times of transgression,****love when we lose our way,****love always,****love and love and more love.****Love is our hope.****Love is our salvation.****Love is the lantern that You have given us.****We are all uniquely awesome, just the way You made us.****Help us explore our capacity to love one another and all of your creation fiercely, kindly, gently, and fervently! What a gift that would be to You! Amen*****Hymn:*****God of the Sparrow****VU# 229 v.3&4*****A Time to Be Children******The Lord's Prayer*****VU# 921**

**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 trespasses,  
 as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
 And lead us not into temptation;  
 but deliver us from evil.  
 For thine is the kingdom,  
 the power and the glory,  
 for ever and ever. Amen.**

***Hymn:*****God of the Sparrow****VU# 229 v.5&6**

***Prayer for Illumination******Scripture:***

**Psalm 139** selected verses            God knows us  
**1 Corinthians 12** selected verses Many parts, one body

L: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**P: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

***Anthem:*** Make this Church a Welcome Place

***Message*** - Rainbow Stories

***\*Hymn:***

As a Fire Is Meant for Burning

**VU# 578**

***Invitation to the Offering***

***Solo:*** We Are a Rainbow

**Emma Laundry**

***\*Offertory Response:***

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks

**VU# 179 chorus**

***\*Prayer of Dedication******Prayers of the People***

L: We pray,

**P: Affirming God, thank you for receiving our prayer.**

***\*Closing Hymn:***

Creating God, Your Fingers Trace

**VU# 265**

***\*Commissioning and Benediction******\*Sung Response:***

I Am Walking a Path of Peace

**MV# 221**

**I am walking a path of JOY (3x)  
 Lead me home, lead me home.**

**I am walking a path of HOPE (3x)  
 Lead me home, lead me home.**

***Postlude***

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Words and music by P. Scholtes

Arr. by M. Hayes

***Worship Leaders:***

**Word:** Rev. Mary-Jane Hobden, Members of the Affirming Committee

**Music:** Andi Kelcey, Anne Lynd, Kingsview Choir & Praise Team

**Projection Booth & Live Streaming Team**

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