



**Sunday morning worship**

February 19, 2017  
Epiphany 7 (Year A)  
10:30 a.m.

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Rev. Dr. Greg Glatz, Minister

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An Affirming Congregation  
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**Welcome to Sunday worship at Knox!** *Grab a coffee and join a conversation before the service. A tone bell will sound to indicate the beginning of our service. At that time, we encourage you to gather your thoughts as we begin to worship together.*

*Sunday worship is a spiritual practice, in which we gather in community to deepen our experience of God connecting people to God, connecting people to each other, connecting people to their own selves, and connecting people to creation.*

**How to follow along.** *An asterisk indicates places in our worship where the congregation is invited to stand in body and/or spirit. **VU** stands for Voices United (the red hymnal) and **MV** stands for More Voices (the spiral-bound hymnal).*

**Today's theme.** *Are you a perfectionist? Many of us feel being perfect means getting every detail right, and even one mistake means failure. Today's Gospel lesson gives us a different approach to perfect, one that is grounded in realizing our connection to others ... including the people who aren't "perfect."*

## **PRELUDE**

February is Black History Month. Canada celebrates the profound contributions of African-Canadians and African-Americans, including the precious gift of music and song.

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS +**

### **PASSING THE PEACE\* +**

*We welcome each other in peace. A simple "peace" with a response of "peace" makes for a friendly and meaningful mutual greeting. Some people also use "peace be with you" with a response of "and also with you."*

**SINGING TOGETHER\***      Draw the Circle Wide (MV 145)

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**SPIRITUAL PRACTICE + Singing Together**

**Music:** Gloria a Dios (MV 36)

**SCRIPTURE READING** Matthew 5:38-48

Read by Larry Boychuk

**TODAY'S MESSAGE ~ A More Perfect Perfect**

Greg Glatz

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother

(Bobby Scott; Bob Russell)

Carol Johnson, soloist; with Knox Choir & EquiKnox

**CONTEMPLATION & RESPONSE ~**

*Please light a candle, make an offering, or fill out a prayer request card.*

**Music:** Kum Ba Yah/Peace Like a River, trad. spiritual (arr. Schafferman/Hoffman)

Kum Ba Yah, my Lord, Kum Ba Yah (3 times)

Oh Lord, Kum Ba Yah.

Someone's laughing, Lord, Kum Ba Yah (3 times)

Oh Lord, Kum Ba Yah.

I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,

I've got peace like a river in my soul. (2 times)

I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain,

I've got joy like a fountain in my soul. (2 times)

Someone's singing Lord, Kum Ba Yah (3 times)

Oh Lord, Kum Ba Yah.

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## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE +**

*During the prayers of the people, we remember our family, friends, our city, and people around the world. We will close our time of prayer with the Lord's Prayer as it is found in Voices United 959.*

## **SINGING TOGETHER\*** Put Your Hand in the Hand (Canadian composer, Gene MacLellan)

Put your hand in the hand of the man who stilled the waters,  
Put your hand in the hand of the man who calmed the sea.  
Take a look at yourself and you can-a look at others differently,  
By puttin' your hand in the hand of the man from-a Galilee.

## **BLESSING\* ~**

## **POSTLUDE** Put Your Hand in the Hand (reprise)

Singer/songwriter/guitarist, Gene MacLellan (1938-1995) was born in Quebec, raised in Ontario, and made his home in PEI. He often performed on the show, Don Messer's Jubilee, along with Canadian songbird, Anne Murray. In 1971, he won a Juno Award for Best Songwriter, and is best known for *Snowbird* and *Put Your Hand in the Hand*. In 1970, he said this about *Put Your Hand in the Hand*: "I have beliefs. I agree with Christ's principles, like a lot of kids today. I believe in the peace thing, loving your neighbour and everyone is a brother and sister." Gene preferred to live a simple, private life. "I used to write songs just for myself, but when they became community property, I admit I was happy." He was posthumously inducted into the Canadian Country Music Hall of Fame. His daughter, Katherine MacLellan is a well-known singer in the Canadian folk music scene today.

*Please enjoy the cookies and coffee served in Knox Hall (north side of the campus). Thanks for worshipping at Knox.*