Announcements:

We welcome all to this special service of worship this afternoon. After the service everyone is invited to a lunch that is being provided by the congregation.

Leading in the Service today are:

Rev. Robert Lyle, Moderator of the Presbytery of Cape Breton Ms. Johnena MacLellan, Clerk of Session for Lake Ainslie who is presenting the keys and leading in the Responsive Psalm Rev. Andrew MacDonald, Interim Moderator for the charge of East Lake Ainslie and Middle River, who is conducting the service Rev. Louis Ihasz, the supply minister of the East Lake Ainslie and Middle River Charge, who is reading the O.T. Lesson Rev. Dr. David Sutherland, the Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, who is reading the N.T. Lessons and preaching the sermon.

Rev. Ian C. MacMillan, a son of the congregation, who is leading in the prayer for the people.

A special word of thanks to the Gaelic Choir for their part in the service today.

The offering will be used to help with the completion of the Church "Tower" project.

East Lake Ainslie Presbyterian Church Sunday, July 21st, 2013

3:00 p.m.

Dedication of New Church Building by the Presbytery of Cape Breton





And it's from the old we travel to the new, keep us travelling along with you. BOP # 641



Order of Service

(The congregation will read or sing everything in bold. The service will proceed unannounced.)

The Moderator of the Presbytery will knock on the door three times and then say:

Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will go into them, and I will praise the Lord.

The door shall then be opened from within by the Clerk of Session, who shall deliver the keys of the church to the Moderator of Presbytery saying:

This building has been erected as a place for the people to worship God, and for the work and witness of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, in token of which I deliver to you the keys and ask you to dedicate this place to the glory of God.

The Moderator replies saying:

In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and on behalf of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, we accept these keys and shall now proceed to the service of worship for the dedication of the building.

Processional Hymn

To God be the glory

To God be the glory, great things He has done; So loved He the world that He gave us His Son, Who yielded His life an atonement for sin, And opened the life gate that all may go in.

Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice! O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son, And give Him the glory, great things He has done.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, To every believer the promise of God; The vilest offender who truly believes, That moment from Jesus a pardon receives. Refrain

Great things He has taught us, great things He has done, And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; But purer, and higher, and greater will be Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. Refrain

Call to Worship

Rev. Andrew MacDonald

Prayer

Rev. Ian MacMillan

Old Testament Lesson:1 Kings 8:22-30

Rev. Louis Ihasz

Responsive Psalm # 84

Ms. Johnena MacLellan

³ Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may have her young – a place near your altar, LORD Almighty, my King and my God.

⁴ Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you.

⁵ Blessed are those whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on pilgrimage.

⁶ As they pass through the Valley of Baka, they make it a place of springs; the autumn rains also cover it with pools.

⁷They go from strength to strength, till each appears before God in Zion.

⁸ Hear my prayer, LORD God Almighty; listen to me, God of Jacob.

Look on our shield, O God; look with favour on your anointed one.

¹ How lovely is your dwelling-place, LORD Almighty!

² My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

10 Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

"For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favour and honour; no good thing does he withhold from those whose way of life is blameless.

¹² LORD Almighty, blessed is the one who trusts in you.

Hymn

One more step along the world I go

One more step along the world I go, one more step along the world I go; from the old things to the new keep me traveling along with you:

Refrain:

And it's from the old I travel to the new; keep me traveling along with you.

Round the corner of the world I turn, more and more about the world I learn; all the new things that I see you'll be looking at along with me: Refrain

As I travel through the bad and good, keep me traveling the way I should; where I see no way to go you'll be telling me the way, I know: Refrain

Give me courage when the world is rough, keep me loving though the world is tough; leap and sing in all I do, keep me traveling along with you: Refrain

You are older than the world can be, you are younger than the life in me; ever old and ever new, keep me traveling along with you: Refrain

N. T. Gospel Lesson: Matthew 21:12-16 Rev. Dr. David Sutherland

N.T. Epistle Lesson:

1 Corinthians 3:10-17

Sermon

The Serving Place

Offering

Special Music

Gaelic Choir

Prayers of the People

Rev. Ian MacMillan

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN.

The Covenant and Dedication

Beloved in Christ, for as much as God has put it into your hearts to build this house of worship, let us nor fulfill the purpose for which we are assembled and dedicate this church to the honour and glory of God's most holy name.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

For the worship of God in prayer and praise; for the preaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ, crucified, risen and exalted; for the celebration of new life in baptism; for the gift of grace received at the Table of our Lord:

We dedicate this house.

For comfort to all who mourn; for strength to all who are tempted; for light to all who seek the way;

We dedicate this house.

For the hallowing of marriage and family life; for the teaching and guiding of the young; for the perfecting of the saints;

We dedicate this house.

And now, as a people within the household of God, in the unity of the faith; in the community of saints; in love and goodwill to all; in gratitude for the gift of this house; we dedicate ourselves to the worship of Almighty God who creates us, who redeems us, and who sustains us, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

The Declaration

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, the only cornerstone of the church and our life together, and by the authority of the Presbytery of Cape Breton, I declare this building to be dedicated to the worship of Almighty God and the service of the people who live in this community.

In the name of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, I give you these keys charging you to use this Church solely for the glory of God and the service of the people who come to this place in need. Here may pure worship be offered.

Here may the Word be proclaimed and heard.

Here may newness of life be found through baptism with water and Spirit.

Here may people be nurtured at the Table of our Lord. Here may the good ordering of the church be maintained.

In the name of Jesus Christ, the only head of the church, to whom be all honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Hymn

The church's one foundation

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord; She is His new creation by water and the Word: From heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy Bride; With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth, Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth; One holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy food, And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Thou with a scournful wonder men see her sore oppressed, By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed, Yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up "How long?" And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace for evermore;
Till, with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One, And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won: O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we, Like them, the meek and lowly, in love may dwell with Thee.

Benediction