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April 1, 2018

Easter Sunday

We Gather to Worship

*(remain seated as choir enters)*

Musical Prelude

Opening: "Looking for Jesus" – Ben Allen

\*Hymn: #155, Jesus Christ Is Risen Today, vs. 1&2

\*Call to Worship:

The tomb is empty!

**Christ is risen!**

The power of life has overcome the power of death.

**The light of love has shattered the darkness of fear.**

We come to worship the God whose resurrection power lives on in the Christ we serve.

**Hallelujah!**

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed!**

Opening Prayer:

**O God of all our days, we come this morning with eager anticipation. We seek to know you, to see you, to touch you.**

**Open our hearts, that we might experience you anew.**

**Open our lives, that we may be faithful witnesses to your resurrection.**

**May we, with shouts of joy, proclaim your steadfast, liberating love to all people, everywhere. Amen.**

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Easter Candle Lighting Liturgy: (based on Psalm 118)

– Jennifer Walker & Barbara Dunnett

One: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

**All: God's steadfast love endures forever.**

*(Candle one is lit)*

Two: Out of my distress I called on the Lord.

**All: God answered me and set me in a broad place.**

*(Candle two is lit)*

One: With the Lord on my side I do not fear. The Lord is my strength and my might.

**All: The Lord is on my side to help me. God has become my salvation.**

*(Candle three is lit)*

Two: There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous.

**All: I shall not die but I shall live.**

*(Candle four is lit)*

One: Open to me the gates of righteousness.

**All: That I may enter through them and give thanks to God.**

*(Candle five is lit)*

Two: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

**All: This is God's doing and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

*(Candle six is lit)*

One: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**All: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good. God's steadfast love endures forever.**

*(Christ Candle is lit)*

Sung Response: MV 115,

**Behold, behold, I make all things new  
beginning with you, and starting from today.**

**Behold, behold, I make all things new,  
my promise is true,  
for I am Christ the way.**

## Welcome &amp; Announcements

\*Hymn: #703, In the Bulb There Is a Flower  
Conversation with the Children

We Hear God's Word

Prayer for Illumination:

**On this day of resurrection, open our lives, our hearts, and our souls to your message. May we be humbled as we read your Holy words, today and always. Amen.**

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Gospel: Mark 16:1-8

Ministry of Music

Reflection on the Word

Profession of Faith: (from A Song of Faith)

L: But death was not the last word.

**All: God raised Jesus from death, turning sorrow into joy, despair into hope. We sing of Jesus raised from the dead. We sing hallelujah.**

L: By becoming flesh in Jesus, God makes all things new.

**In Jesus' life, teaching, and self-offering, God empowers us to live in love.**

**In Jesus' crucifixion, God bears the sin, grief, and suffering of the world.**

**In Jesus' resurrection, God overcomes death. Nothing separates us from the love of God.**

L: The risen Christ lives today,

**All: present to us and the source of our hope.**

\*Hymn: #175, This Is the Day That God Has Made

We Respond to God's Word

Offering

\*Choral Response: (#539 – tune, #459)

**God of all good, our gifts we bring to you,  
use them your holy purpose to fulfil;  
tokens of love and pledges brought anew  
that our whole life is offered to your will.**

\*Offertory Prayer:

**Easter God, to You who offers us new life, we offer ourselves in loving service. Use us as you will, and use our gifts, to bring life and love to the world. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Service of the Table

Invitation to the Table

\*Hymn: #468, Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Communion Prayer:

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God is with you!

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to our Creator.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing ... And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

You are holy, O God of Life, and holy is Jesus Christ ....

Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

**Longing to experience and share the fullness of Life that you offer, we take these gifts that you have given us, this bread and this cup, and celebrate with joy the eternal Life offered to us through Jesus Christ.**

**Accept our praise and thanksgiving, accept our lives as holy offerings to you, that in losing our life we might find true Life and proclaim the Resurrected Christ who offers life to all.**

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit ...

And we share together the proclamation of our faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Remembering Jesus, we gather all our prayers together, joining in the words he taught:

**Our Father, who art in heaven ... Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread & Blessing of the Cup

Sharing of the Bread & Cup

Prayer after Communion:

**Life-giving God, may we who share Christ's body, live his risen life; may we who drink his cup, bring new life to others; may we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, and send us forth in faith and love. Amen.**

\*Hymn: #173, Thine Is the Glory, vs. 1&2

\*Commissioning & Benediction:

L: Because the tomb is empty, our lives can be full.

**All: We will go into every place and every day as people brimming over with the love of God.**

L: Be graceful in spirit, hopeful in word, and faithful in deed.

**All: We will live for the risen Christ as the risen Christ lives in us!**

L: May the loving power of God, which raised Jesus to new life, strengthen you in hope, enrich you with his love, and fill you with joy, this day and always.

\*Choral Amen (#974 VU)

Musical Postlude

**The bulletins have been presented in loving memory of Tom Lamkey (deceased March 8, 2017) by his wife, Agnes Lamkey and Family.**

*Flowers have been placed in the sanctuary in loving memory of:*

- *Hazen & Vera Lobban by son, Donald & David and their families*
- *Doug Breau by wife, Jeanne Breau, son, Timmy and Tanya*
- *W. Blake Johnstone by his wife Albertine and Family*

### Memorials

In loving memory of **Kathleen Hawkes**, donations to Local Funds have been received from John & Margaret Glidden, Barb Doucet.

In loving memory of **Kathleen Hawkes**, donations to the Community Kitchen have been received from Bill & Donna Swezey, Helen & Ed Jones.

In loving memory of **Kathleen Hawkes**, a donation to the Food Bank has been received from Buddie & Frances Blakely.

In loving memory of **Marjorie Reinsborough**, a donation to the Community Kitchen has been received from Helen & Ed Jones.

In loving memory of **Harold Matheson**, donations to Local Funds have been received from the Princess Anne Unit, UCW, James & Betty MacDiarmid.

In loving memory of **Harold Matheson**, a donation to the Food Bank has been received from Buddie & Frances Blakely.

In loving memory of **Oliver Guyader**, a donation to the Mission & Service Fund has been received from Wanda & Dean MacDonald.

In loving memory of **Ron & Brian Morrison**, a donation to Local Funds has been received from wife and mother, Shirley Morrison, brothers, David & Kevin and their families.

In loving memory of **Paula Bosma**, a donation to the Food Bank has been received from Buddie & Frances Blakely.

In loving memory of **Paula Bosma**, a donation to the Community Kitchen has been received from Helen & Ed Jones.

In loving memory of **Bertha Comeau**, a donation to the Community Kitchen has been received from Helen & Ed Jones.

In loving memory of **George & Annie Potter, Vernon Potter and Beverley (Potter) Hudson**, a donation to Local Funds has been received from Judy Adams.

In loving memory of **Joyce Buchanan**, a donation to the Community Kitchen has been received from Ernie & Ferne MacLean.

**Tape Distribution:** April 1 – Dave & Brenda Hicks/April 8 – Helen Jones

**Duty Unit:** April – Lesley Daigle Unit/May – Maude Jardine Unit

**Greeters:** April 8 - Plen & Carol Dickson/April 15 – Colleen Dickson & Judy Sipes

**Sound System:** April 1 – Brian Savoy/April 8 – Paul Rose

**Power Point:** April 1<sup>st</sup> – Mary Reynolds/April 8 – Margaret Moran Glidden

**Offering Collections:** April 1 – Barb Doucet, Mavis Williamson, Margaret Moran Glidden, Helen Jones/April 8 – Cynthia Duplessie, Frances Blakely, Gail Arsenault, Ferne MacLean

**Offering Counters:**

April 1 – Lib Hachey, Marjorie MacPhee, Don Bowman/April 8 – Betty MacDiarmid, Marjorie Cassidy, Clarke Fraser

## Announcements

### This Week:

**Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>** – *Easter Sacrament of Communion*

**Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>** – *Office Closed*

**Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>** – *Office Closed*

### Upcoming:

**Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>** –2:30 p.m. *Devotions at Mount St. Joseph Nursing Home*

**Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>:** *Covenanting with Church Council and Transfer of Memberships* – We will recognize all new members elected to Church Council Teams and covenant with the Church Council (executive group) as they begin their 2018 term. Also, following the morning service, you are invited to bring cold pot luck (salads, cold meats, sandwiches/rolls, dips, desserts, etc.) for a **Lunch Reception to Welcome Newcomers** to our congregation.

**Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>** – 6:30 to 8:00 pm – The Pastoral Care & Outreach Team are hosting a **Games Night for all ages**. There will be a variety of card and board games. Snacks will be provided.

**CGIT former members/leaders** are meeting for lunch on Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:30 at Pizza Pro in Douglstown.

**Miramichi Valley High Drama Club presents “Dinner At Eight”** April 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. At the MVHS Theatre, Admission is \$10 a person and can be purchased at the door or by calling 627-4083.

**Hospice Miramichi is holding a Grief Support Group** on Wednesdays from April 4<sup>th</sup> till May 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at the Hospice Building, 14 Howard Street. For more information or to register please call 773-7607.

<b>Financial picture till end of February 2018</b>	
Income:	\$24,775.55
Expenses:	\$38,451.99
Deficit:	(\$13,696.44)