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April 8, 2018

2nd Sunday of Easter

We Gather to Worship

Musical Prelude

(stand as able when choir enters)

*Introit: Hymn # 396, Jesus, Stand Among Us (vs.1&3)

**Jesus, stand among us in your risen power;
let this time of worship be a hallowed hour.**

**Lead our hearts to wisdom till our doubting cease, and to
all assembled speak your word of peace.**

*Call to Worship & Lighting of the Christ Candle:

- Lauryn & Mitchell Swaine

One: This is the day that the Lord has made;

All: We will rejoice and be glad in it!

One: Jesus Christ is risen!

All: And we have been given new life.

One: We gather in the light of Christ,

All: as we worship Jesus, our risen Lord.

(Christ candle is lit)

*Sing: #179 (*refrain only - seated*)

Hallelujah, hallelujah.

Give thanks to the risen Christ;

Hallelujah, hallelujah!

Give praise to God's name.

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Opening Prayer: (*seated*)

Easter God, you have risen among us: Open our eyes and our hearts; dispel our doubts, enrich our faith, empower our hope. As we celebrate the good news of resurrection, give us joy and courage to testify to the life that is revealed in Christ; the One in whom we find forgiveness and peace and in whose name we pray: Our Father, who art in heaven ... Amen.

Hymn: #158, Christ Is Alive (vs. 1,2,4,5 – congregation seated)
Welcome & Announcements

*Hymn: #412, This Is the Day (vs. 1,2,3)

Conversation with the Children

Hymn: #412, vs. 4, seated (*as children leave for Sunday School*)

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

L: When we need proof of you in the world,

ALL: you offer your breath.

L: When we hold too tight to the past,

ALL: you offer your grace.

L: When we cling to old hurts,

ALL: you offer your love.

L: When we use our words and actions to wound others,

ALL: you offer your healing.

L: When we fail to forgive those who hold our past against us,

ALL: you offer your hope.

L: When we hurt others, with or without intention,

ALL: you offer your peace.

L: When we separate ourselves from you,

ALL: you offer your forgiveness, redeeming Christ, you bring us back to you. You open closed hearts and heal injured souls. It is through your love and forgiveness that we find healing and freedom. Amen.

Words of Affirmation:

L: It is through the risen Christ that we are given redemption. It is through the risen Christ that we are made whole. It is through the risen Christ that we are forgiven. As the people of God, live healed and live forgiven! Amen.

We Hear God's Word

Prayer for Illumination: *led by Jayme Campbell*

As we read your Holy Scripture, loving God, may our hearts and voices be filled with joy, knowing that the Lord has risen, giving us new hope as he makes all things new. Amen.

Epistle: Acts 4:32-35

Responsive Reading: Psalm 133

L: How wonderful it is, how pleasant, for God's people to live together in harmony!

All: It is like the precious anointing oil running down from Aaron's head and beard, down to the collar of his robes.

L: It is like the dew on Mont Hermon, falling on the hills of Zion.

All: That is where the Lord has promised his blessing – life that never ends.

Gospel: John 20:19-31 (*reading with 3 voices – Jayme Campbell, Rev. Charlene, Anthony McLean*)

Ministry of Music

Reflection on the Word

*Hymn: #168, The Risen Christ (*tune: #436*)

We Respond to God's Word

Recognition of Transfers of Membership

We Welcome Deborah Kearney & Susan Knutson as members
Covenanting with Church Council Executive Members and
recognition of new Team Members

Offering

*Choral Response: #543, vs.1

**We give thee but thine own,
what e'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O God, from thee.**

*Offertory Prayer:

We thank you, God, for the gifts we return to you. You asked us to give what we have for the good of all, and our offering is but one way we do that. Guide our work, that it will help to bring your work, your peace, and your presence to the world. We dedicate the offerings of our lives to the work of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Prayers of the People

*Hymn: #164, The Day of Resurrection

*Commissioning & Benediction:

L: We have prayed, we have sung. We have spoken, we have listened.

All: We have wrestled with doubts and received Christ's peace and forgiveness.

L: Go out this day, carrying Christ's peace and forgiveness with you. Offer them to all you encounter who are in need of them.

All: We go forth, continuing to celebrate the resurrection of the living, risen Christ!

L: May the grace of Christ attend you, the love of God surround you, the Holy Spirit keep you, this day and always.

*Choral Amen (#974 VU)

Musical Postlude

**The bulletins have been presented in loving memory of
Russell Fraser (deceased April 10, 2004) by his wife,
Grace and Family.**

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Ida Currie and family on the death of Ida's son-in-law Collie MacCullam.

Memorials

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

In loving memory of **Phyllis Jordan**, a donation to Local Funds has been received from Bessie & Paul Sweezey.

In loving memory of **Collie MacCullam**, donations to Community Kitchen have been received from Joyce Forbes, Marjorie MacPhee.

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In loving memory of **John MacDonald**, a donation to Mission & Service Fund has been received from Milt & Betty MacInnis.

In loving memory of **Kay Whitty**, a donation to Mission & Service Fund has been received from Milt & Betty MacInnis.

In loving memory of **Paula Bosma**, a donation to the Community Kitchen has been received from Margie Sticklen.

Honorarium

In honour of **Helen Jones** for all her hard work and dedication with the Canadian Cancer Society a donation has been received from an anonymous donor.

Tape Distribution: April 8 – Helen Jones/April 15 – Marjorie MacPhee

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

Greeters: April 15 – Colleen Dickson & Judy Sipes/April 22 – Brenda & Dave Hicks/April 29 – Elaine Dickson & Shirley MacDonald

Sound System: April 8 – Paul Rose/April 15 – Brian Savoy/April 22 – Ernie MacLean/April 29 – Margaret Moran Glidden

Power Point: April 8 – Margaret Moran Glidden/April 15 – Juanita Hamilton/April 22 – Karen Rose/April 29 – Debbie Benson

Offering Collections: April 8 – Cynthia Duplessie, Frances Blakely, Gail Arsenault, Ferne MacLean/April 15 – Debbie Stymiest, Sam Shirley, Merle Milson & Pat Boucher/April 22 – Mavis Williamson, Brian & Joan Savoy, Hallam Curtis/April 29 – Debbie Stymiest, Bill & Lib Hachey, Carol Johnston

Offering Counters:

April 8 – Betty MacDiarmid, Marjorie Cassidy, Clarke Fraser/April 15 – Karen Rose, Hallam Curtis, Brian Adams/April 22 – Debbie Benson, Don Benson, Bill Hachey/April 29 – Juanita Hamilton, John MacKnight, Helen Jones

Announcements

This Week:

Sunday, April 8th - *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. Following the service everyone is invited to gather for a Lunch Reception to Welcome Newcomers to our congregation.

Monday, April 9th – 12 noon – Princess Street Unit meeting with a brown bag lunch

Tuesday, April 10th – 10:00 a.m. – Ministry and Personnel Team meeting

- 12 noon – Worship & Faith Development Team meeting with a brown bag lunch

Wednesday, April 11th – 11:30 a.m. – *Rae Walls & Rainbow Unit meeting with a brown bag lunch*

–2:30 p.m. *Devotions at Mount St. Joseph Nursing Home*

Upcoming:

Monday, April 16th – 12 noon – *Maude Jardine Unit meeting with a brown bag lunch*

Saturday, April 28th – 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.

Reminder: A Suggestion Box has been placed on the back table near Rev. Charlene's office. We invite suggestions of hymns to sing, possible musical guests, fundraising ideas, Bible Study topics, other activities, etc.

Citrus Anyone? California Navel Oranges & Florida Grapefruit will be available on Thursday, April 26th from 3:30 pm – 8:00 pm at Dr. Losier Middle School (Gym Entrance). Quantities available are as follows: 5lbs. \$8.00; 10lbs. \$15.00; 20lbs. \$ 30.00; 40lbs. \$55.00 (to be paid on pick-up). **To order phone by Thursday, April 12th**
Diane Buggie 773-9152, Charlotte Casey 622-2650, Helen Jones 773-5715, Bernie Keating 773-6529, Debbie Leach 773-7204, Wayne Mullin 778-8292.