



The United Church of Canada
L'Église Unie du Canada
St. Andrew's United Church



April 7, 2024.

2nd Sunday of Easter

Our Mission Statement

**"St. Andrew's United Church is a Christian Community of Faith
that shares Christ's love through
Worship, Fellowship, Spiritual Growth, and Outreach."**



Rejoice in the day!

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Sunday Worship Service

(April 7, 2024. 2nd Sunday of Easter, 11:00 a.m.)

Worship Leader: Daniel Szemok
Organist & Choir Director: Lois McKinnon
Greeters: Denis Desaulniers & Stan Ellis

We Gather To Worship

Music Prelude: *Organist*

Introit: VU #376, "Spirit of the Living God" vs. 1

Christ Candle Lighting: Linda Laviolette

Jesus came to share the good news of God. He came to share in our joy and sorrows so that we may know God more fully.

We light this candle for the good news He shared, the good news in hearts, and the good news that wherever you go, God is with us.

Welcome:

***Call to Worship:**

L: There was once a Jewish carpenter, he lived long ago and he died a horrible death. Why after two millennia we still talk about him?

All: Because he is the first person who died but did not stay dead.

L: There were many at that time, who suffered and died. Who is he that he is still worth talking about?

All: He was not simply a man but also God in human form. He was not simply a carpenter but our final king sent by God as our redeemer!

L: What did he do that made him our redeemer, that we now call him our saviour?

All: Unlike us, he was without sin, he was truly perfect, but he chose to suffer for our sins. He chose to die instead of us, so we may have life eternal. Thanks be to Christ!

***Opening Hymn:** VU # 187, "The Spring Has Come"

***Opening Prayer:** (to be read in unison)

Loving God, our patient Father; we turn to you with cluttered minds and busy lives, asking you to empty us. Empty our hearts of the things of this world so we would be open and ready, to be filled up with your word. Help us not to rush through the seasons of remembering. Teach us to stop, year after year and day by day, to marvel at the greatest gift given to mankind. You came down and became one of us, so we could rise up and spend eternity with you. In Jesus name amen.

The Word of God Proclaimed

Ministry of Music: “Joy Comes With the Dawn”

Sermon: “*Easter Invitation*”

Pastoral Prayer:

We Respond to God’s Word

Hymn: VU #179, “Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks” (chorus, verses and chorus)

Announcements: Merle Milson

Prayer Book: Merle Milson

Invitation to the Offering: VU #549, “For All Your Goodness, God’

***Offering Hymn:**

***Offering Prayer:** (*Together*)

Abundant Father, we thank you for who you are and we praise you for the things you do. For you are generous beyond words and kind beyond compare. It is amazing to enjoy all the things you blessed us with. But you called us to do more than to simply receive. You also called us to give. Help us to be abundant in giving, especially to those in need, so we may be known as your children. We seek to be your followers not simply by words but by our actions as well. In Jesus name amen.

WE GO OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

(Let us present ourselves to God, either standing up or sitting down)

***Blessing Hymn:** VU # 173, "Thine Is the Glory"

***Commissioning and Benediction:**

***Choral Closing:** VU #958, "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"

Musical Postlude

Announcements

Flowers have been placed in loving memory of Doug Breau (June 12, 1946 to April 8th, 1998) by Jeanne & Tim Breau.

■ Memorials:

- In loving memory **Paul Sweezey**, a donation to the Community Kitchen has been received from David & Becky Sweezey.

■ Worship:

1. Welcome everyone who worships with us today.

- If you would like to become a new member, please leave a '**Welcome card**' on the offering plate.
- Leave your offering on the plate at the entrance before the service.
If you miss it, please bring it to the office after service.

2. Bulletin Cover Photos

If you have any photos you would like to send in for Bulletin Covers, for Sunday worship services please send them to:

chathamstauc@nb.aibn.com

3. Worship Volunteers:

- **Greeters: April 14** – Mary Reynolds & Helen Jones/**April 21** – Bill Donald & Clarke Fraser
- **Sound System: April 7-** Paul Rose/**April 14** – Brian Savoy/**April 21** – Barry Campbell

▪ **PowerPoint:** April 7 – Barry Campbell/April 14 – Jennifer Walker/April 21 – Nathan Robichaud

▪ **Offering Counters:** April 7 – Brian Savoy, Barry Campbell/April 14 – Brian Savoy, Brian Adams/April 21 – Karen Rose, Marjorie Cassidy

4. At any time, you may contact the church office for offering envelopes or to sign up for Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR).

PAR is an amount of your choice taken on the 20th of the month from your back account. The only thing you will need if you choose this is a void cheque when you go into the office.

You can also e-transfer your remittance at any time to standrewswellingtonstreet@gmail.com.

■ **Regional & General Council News:**

1. **Youth Forum:** Y@R is a place of community and a place of faith where United Church youth, between grade 6 and 12, meet from across New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Gaspé, Quebec.

It takes place during the Annual Meeting of Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council (FSLDW), May 31-June 2, 2024. Registration is open now if anyone is interested get in touch with Wayne Mullin or Karen at the church office.

■ **This Week:**

1. **Church Office hours:**

Monday office closed; Tuesday 9-4; Wednesday 9-4; Thursday 9-4 and Friday 9-4

2. **Weekly Collection;**

Collection on Sunday, March 31 st	\$ 2,550.00
Weekly Par Collection	<u>\$ 1,286.77</u>
Total for Week of March 31st	\$ 3,836.77

3. **Church Council** will meet following the morning worship service.

4. **Cards for all occasions for sale** at the back of the sanctuary by the minister's study 3/\$1.00. You will find: Thinking of You, Get Well, Birthday, Friendship, Special Occasion and Blank to write your own message.

■ Community Events:

- 1. St Mary's Church is pleased to host Vienna- based pianist** John Dupuis in concert at St. Mary's Church, Wednesday, April 10 at 7pm. Advance tickets are \$30.00 adults, door \$35.00, students \$20.00, at door \$25.00. Tickets on sale at Brookdale Flower Shop, on line at eventbrite.ca or Susan at 506-622-1780. Reception to follow.
- 2. Annual Tartan Day Dinner/Concert, Sunday, April 14th,** Kin Centre. Tickets are \$40.00 each, by reservation only, call Susan 506-622-1780. Sponsored by the 67th Miramichi Folksong Festival and Highland Society of NB at Miramichi.
- 3. Headstones Saddles made by Brenda Hicks or Jacky LeBreton** are now on sale by calling Brenda (773-6787) or Jacky (773-8002). They will also have them for sale each week at the Farmer's Market being held at the Curling Club.

■ Upcoming:

- 1. The Faith & Spiritual Development Team** meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 9th at 1:30 p.m.

■ Minister's Office:

1. Pastoral Care and Pastoral Visit

Rev. Ji is now on vacation until his end date of April 21st.
Rev Alice Szemok will cover for any pastoral care during this time.
If you need pastoral care, please contact the church office at 506-773-9932, and Karen will arrange it or on her cell at 506-626-4162.

We gratefully acknowledge the dedication of the bulletin in loving memory of Russell Fraser (deceased April 2004) by his wife, Grace Fraser.



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