



United Church of Canada
L'Église Unie du Canada

St. Andrew's United Church



March 24, 2024.

Palm Sunday

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."



Love on the Cross.

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Sunday Worship Service

(March 24, 2024, 6th Sunday in Lent)

Worship Leader: Rev. Eunkyui Ji

Organist & Choir Director: Lois McKinnon

Greeters: Bill & Evelyn Row

* *In highlighted parts, let us present ourselves to God by standing or sitting freely according to each one's physical condition. **If there is no highlight, remain seated.***

We Gather To Worship

Music Prelude: *Organist*

Introit: *Choir – VU # 122, “All Glory, Laud and Honour” (vs. 2 & chorus)*

Lighting the Christ Candle: *Gail Arsenault*

(Before worship: Light one purple candle and the Christ candle.)

Today, we blow out the last purple candle in the Lenten Season. We imagine the crowds shouting Hosanna as Jesus entered Jerusalem. However, the crowd's voices changed too easily from cheers to condemnation: “Crucify him.” In the angry and fiery crowd, who could stand up and still shout “Hosanna” with the same faith?

At this time, we repent for our devotion that is too easily broken and changed. Our devotion is too easily interrupted by fatigue or boredom or by trials or challenges. However, Jesus walked the path of the cross until the end. Our Saviour overcame death and rose again, for me and for all of us.

(Extinguish the 5th purple candle.)

Let us pray together:

God, we confess that we have put our hope in many things – our families, our jobs, our friends, and our possessions. Help us to refocus and put our trust in you. Give us strength to live up to the promises we have made as your covenant people. May your constant love be with us as we put our hope in you. Amen.

Lenten Tenebrae Litany, The Whole People of God

Welcome:

***Call to Worship:**

We welcome everyone to worship.

**Whether we are troubled, sad, or worried,
whether we are celebrating, excited, or happy,
God welcomes us in this place of worship.**

Everyone coming to worship today,
the peace of God will guard our hearts and minds.

**We are gathered here to sing and pray to God.
We will know that the Spirit of God is with us here.**

Mary Anderson, Gathering L/E 2024

***Opening Hymn:** VU # 123, “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

***Opening Prayer:** *(together)*

**Jesus, you have walked this road with us many times.
Guide our steps and keep us close.
Inspire our worship with your loving presence
and work in our lives,
that your Spirit may flow through our lives
as we seek to help others
walk the journey with you. Amen.**

Mary J. Scifres, The Abingdon Worship Annual 2024

Prayer of Confession:

(Now, we are invited to reflect on ourselves before God. As the presider leads the prayer, join with your hearts in silence.)

Holy One, help us be humble as we come to you in prayer

Like a racehorse with blinders, we have a narrow vision
that prevents us from facing our true selves.

Lord, take away all the masks in us that hide the truth.

Have mercy on our weaknesses, and help us find the faith
to trust in your grace and rest in your forgiveness.

Bless us to be merciful, humble,
and loving to everyone we meet, even to ourselves.

Now, we confess our weakness in silence.

May we be renewed and filled with a new heart
so that we can resemble Christ day by day.

(a time of silent prayer)

Words of Assurance:

God’s face of love shines upon us. Christ’s eyes of forgiveness gaze upon our souls with mercy and compassion. The delicate care of the Holy Spirit gives us grace and hope so that we can stand again and walk in joy.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Sharing Time:

Hymn: VU # 124, “He Came Riding on a Donkey”

(Children leave for Sunday school after hymn)

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer of Illumination: Merle Milson

Our Saviour Jesus is God's fulfillment and joy for all creation. We are created in Christ to do every good work with Jesus. When we hear "Good News," the Word binds us to God, redeems us, restores us, and makes us whole. God's goodness and love will be our way of life. Amen.

Ephesians 2

Scripture Readings:

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (VU p. 837 Parts One, Three, and Four)

Mark 11:1-11

Ministry of Music: "Hosanna"

Message:

We Respond to God's Word

Announcements: Wayne Mullin

Invitation to the Offering:

Today, we are invited to welcome Jesus. Some will make their voices heard, some will offer their belongings, and some will offer to make themselves available to God's will. These are all important and precious faith and devotion. Thank you for what you offer.

2024 Offering Invitations and Prayers, the UCC

***Offering Hymn:** MV #191, "What Can I Do"

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

**We thank you, Christ Jesus,
for your steadfast faithfulness
and your humble leadership in our world.
Bless the gifts we return to you now,
that they may guide others to follow you
and walk humbly in your ways.
Amen.**

Mary J. Scifres, The Abingdon Worship Annual 2024

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer:

- Sharing thanks or concerns
- People on Prayer Book – Wayne Mullin
- Peace for countries in wars
- Ecumenical Prayer Cycle (24 - 30 March 2024):
Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia.

WE GO OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

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

***Blessing Hymn:** VU #127, "Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!"

***Commissioning and Benediction:**

If Jesus were to come here today,
people from all over the world would come and shout:

**Blessed is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord! (*wave palms*)**

In the midst of turmoil and fear, they would come and shout:

**Blessed is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord! (*wave palms*)**

With excitement and worry, courage and fear,

We, too, will come and shout out like people in the scripture today:

**Blessed is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord! (*wave palms*)**

With Jesus riding on a little donkey,

Now, we will go out into the world and raise our voices:

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Jesus is the way and the truth and the life, indeed!
(*wave palms*)**

The grace of Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all, now and forever.

Amen.

***Choral Closing:** (Choir) "Hosanna"

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Bible Readings for this week (Year B):

**Isaiah 50:4–9a / Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29 / Philippians 2:5–11 /
Mark 11:1–11**

- **Isaiah 50:4–9a:** How do you reflect the servant in this reading?
- **Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29:** How are you rejoicing in this day that the Lord has made? How are you blessing "the one who comes in the name of the Lord"?
- **Philippians 2:5–11:** How does this hymn of the early Christian community speak to you as you prepare for Holy Week?
- **Mark 11:1–11:** Spend some time imagining the scene of Jesus entering Jerusalem. Where are you in the scene? What do you see? What do you hear around you? What do you feel as you watch this event?

The Upper Room, Disciplines 2024, www.upperroom.org/disciplines

Announcements

■ Memorials:

- In loving memory of **Marilyn Hanna**, a donation to the Food Bank have been received from Buddie & Frances Blakely.
- In loving memory of **Jennifer Devereau**, a donation to Local Funds have been received from Robert & Margaret Tozer.

■ 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. We need **“Bulletin Cover Photos”** for each Sunday

Please submit photos for the Sunday bulletins to the church email.

3. Worship Volunteers:

- **Greeters: March 29 (GF)** – Ferne MacLean & Liz Mullin/**March 31** – Bev Campbell & Shirley MacDonald
- **Sound System: March 24** – Barry Campbell/**March 29 (GF)** – Paul Rose/**March 31** – Barry Campbell
- **PowerPoint: March 24**–Jennifer Walker/**March 29 (GF)** – Karen Rose/**March 31** – Mary Reynolds
- **Offering Counters: March 24** – Dennis & Judy Morrison/**March 29 (GF)** – Karen Rose & Helen Jones/**March 31** – Betty MacDiarmid & Karen Rose

5. The Church Directories are in and can be picked up from the

church office. Anyone who had their picture taken will be receiving a free directory. If you did not have your picture taken but wish to purchase a directory, you may do so from the church office for \$20.00.

■ Regional & General Council News:

1. Upcoming Stewardship Events

- **Getting Started in Stewardship:** The place to begin! Communities of faith that start here have better success on their stewardship journey. The 90-minute session and 3 follow-up assignments get you ready to proceed to other stewardship programs. **April 10, 2024**
- **Bequests and Estate Giving Spring 2024:** Join Jess Smith (United Church Foundation) and I for a two-session webinar on how your community of faith can set up your Planned Legacy Program and inspire and invite planned gifts. **April 24 and May 8, 2024**

2. Youth @ Region 2024

Calling all Youth, between grades 6-12! United Church youth from across New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and the Gaspé will meet

during the Annual Meeting of Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council (FSLDW) while sharing in music, worship and fun in a spirit-filled community. Registration is now open at the Region Website. (<https://ucceast.ca/>) If you have any questions, please email cstuart@united-church.ca

■ This Week:

1. Church Office hours:

Monday – 9-4; Tuesday 9-4; Wednesday 9-4; Thursday 9-4; Friday - Closed

2. Church Council Meeting: Monday, March 25th, at 10:30 a.m.

3. Holy Week Services:

▪ Maundy Thursday Service: Thursday, March 28th at 7:00 a.m.

This will be a joint service with the Loggieville-Black River Pastoral Charge at F.P. Loggie Memorial Hall.

▪ Good Friday Service: Friday, March 29th at 11:00 a.m. here at St. Andrew's United Church.

▪ Easter Communion Service: Sunday, March 31st at 11:00 a.m.

4. All congregants are invited to join the St. Andrew's United

Breakfast Group at the Portage on Saturday, March 30th at 10:00 a.m.

5. Weekly Collection;

Collection on Sunday, March 17th \$ 1,202.00

Weekly Par Collection \$ 1,286.77

Total for the Week of March 17th \$ 2,488.77

▶ Amount needed weekly to meet Budget **\$3,962.00**

6. The fish supper raised a total of \$1,242.00.

Thank you to everyone who helped out.

■ Upcoming:

1. **Yard and Bake Sale** will be happening on Saturday, May 4th from 8:00 a.m. till 12 noon. Items can be brought in anytime and placed (neatly) in the Christian Education Room. We ask that you only bring in clean and working items.

No clothing for this sale, also no cassette tapes or VHS tapes.

2. **Good Used Clothing Sale** will be held in late August, and people are asked to save their items for this sale. You will be able to bring them into the church following the Yard Sale.

■ Community Events:

1. **Monday, March 25th** – CGIT Alumni will be meeting at Mikes Bar & Grill at 11:00 a.m. All former CGIT members are invited to attend.

2. **The Living Stations 2024 will be held at St. Michael's** "Walk with Jesus through his death and resurrection" on March 22nd.

Music starts at 6:30 p.m. and the stations will be held at 7:30 p.m. There will be a good will offering at the door.

- 3. The St. J&J Drama Troupe** is ready to hit the stage once again. Join us April 5, 6 & 7th, for *"Heaven's to Mergatroid"*, a Dessert Theatre, at the United Church Centre, 556 King George Hwy.
Tickets are \$20 each and available at the United Church Office, Dickinson's Pharmasave, and Brookdale Flower Shop. For reservations, please phone 506-622-1598.
- 4. 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 are on sale at Brookdale Flower Shop, online at eventbrite.ca or Susan at 506-622-1780. Reception to follow.
- 5. 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.
- 6. 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.

■ **Minister's Office:**

1. Pastoral Care and Pastoral Visit

When you need pastoral care, contact Rev. JI or the church office.
Visits to the minister's office are welcome anytime.

E-mail: rev.ekji@gmail.com

We gratefully acknowledge the dedication of the bulletins in loving memory of Hallam Curtis by his wife, Donna Curtis and daughter, Coralie Curtis.



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