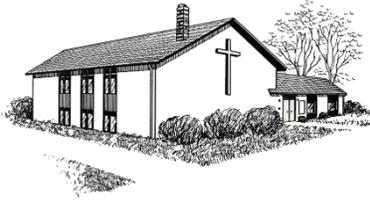


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Our Mission...

to be an accepting Christian community dedicated to living, sharing and teaching the Word of God.

We respect all aspects of people including race, ethnicity, gender expression, sexual orientation, socio-economic background, age, religion, mental wellness, and ability.

Third Sunday of Easter
April 18th, 2021
Earth Sunday

Bold print indicates a congregational response.

WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY

WELCOME and ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

We acknowledge that we meet and work in Treaty 1 land, the traditional lands of the Anishinaabe, Cree and Dakota peoples, and the homeland of the Metis nation. We are thankful for these first inhabitants and we commit to working together towards justice, truth and reconciliation.

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

*The light of Christ rises in glory,
overcoming the darkness of sin and death.*

PRELUDE: #175 VU **"This Is the Day That God Has Made"** ~ words by Natalie Sleeth
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Refrain:

This is the day that God has made!
Rejoice! Rejoice, and be exceeding glad!
This is the day that God has made!
Rejoice! Rejoice! Hallelujah!

2 Jesus lives who once was dead,
lives forever, as he said!
Risen now our Saviour, King;
songs of gladness let us sing! R

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

Praise the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(Book of Common Order, Church of Scotland)

**Almighty God,
through the rising of your Son from the grave,
you broke the power of death
and condemned death itself to die.
As we celebrate this great triumph
may we also make it the model for our living.
Help us to identify in our lives
all that should rightly die-
redundant relationships, tired habits, fruitless longings.
Resurrect in our lives faith, hope, and love,
as surely as you raised Jesus Christ from the grave. Amen.**

VIDEO FOR EARTH DAY

CHILDREN'S TIME

(Sunday in-person service only)

THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Ron Fortier (Thursday & on-line); Dorothy Franklin (Sunday)

First Lesson

Acts 3: 12-19

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

Epistle

1 John 3: 1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him

sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

RESPONSE: *This is the word of God.*

Thanks be to God

INTERLUDE: #364 VU – **"Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"** ~words by Rosamond E Herklots
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- 3 In blazing light your cross reveals
the truth we dimly knew:
what trivial debts are owed to us,
how great our debt to you!
- 4 O cleanse the depths within our souls
and bid resentment cease;
then, bound to all in bonds of love,
our lives will spread your peace.

The Gospel

Luke 24: 36b-48

~Rev. Don Johnson

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

RESPONSE: *The Gospel of Christ.*

Thanks be to God.

SERMON: **"Peace be with You"**

~Rev. Don Johnson (see the attached sermon)

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A New Creed

**We are not alone; we live in God's world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,**

**who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,**

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

**For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

A FINAL PRAYER

You have given yourself to us, Lord.

Now we give ourselves for others.

You have raised us with Christ and made us a new people.

As people of the resurrection, we will serve you with joy.

Your glory has filled our hearts.

Help us to glorify you in all things. Amen

THE BLESSING

May the power of the cross,

the joy of the resurrection,

and the presence of our risen Lord be with you, now and always. Amen.

POSTLUDE: #151 VU – “Lift High the Cross”

~words by George William Kitchin

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~Michael McKay

As we leave today, having encountered the risen Christ—like Thomas, let us “go out in hope of resurrection... of all the world united within the vision of new life in Christ.” Let us resolve to be like the early church we heard about today, giving testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with our transformed lives, making sure there is not a needy person among us.

4 Saviour, once lifted on the glorious tree,
your death has brought us life eternally. R

Refrain:

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.