

St. John's United Church
April 18th, 2021
3rd of Easter
Rev. Stephen Sparks

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HYMN SING

**GREETINGS, WELCOMING NEWCOMERS,
ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAYER CONCERNS AND
CELEBRATIONS**

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Now I know, my brothers and sisters, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing, but this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that this Christ would suffer.

Many: Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.

PRAYER OF APPROACH

Ever-present God, we desire your transformative spirit among us. Yet, we confess that many times we only stare, mouths gaping and knees trembling, at the sight of your miraculous presence. Forgive us for when we stand in disbelief. Fill us with Christ's peace, Peter's conviction, and the healed one's joy so we may be your witnesses.

Amen

Thank you for your generosity.

If you would like to continue with your weekly offerings, they can be mailed in, send an E-Transfer (please include envelope number) or if you would like to sign up for PAR please call Stacy Mericer 780-826-2859

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This Week: April 18th, 2021

Greeter: Jeanette Poulin & Marjorie Mathews

Scripture: Pat Perry

Fellowship: Bev Cameron & Helene Severyn

Next Week: April 25th, 2021

Greeter: Jake & Tammy White

Scripture: Kathy Cobler

Fellowship: Michelle Green & Gerri Abraham

SERMON**SPECIAL PRESENTATION****BENEDICTION**

One: Holy and eternal God, out of the storms of the world we came into this quiet place to worship you our abiding Refuge.

Many: Thanks be unto you for silence which unfolds strength and for tranquility leading us to things deep and true.

One: Meet with us here in the inner place of our spirits and refresh us with your living presence.

All: In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

RECESSIONAL #164 vs 3

Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth its song begin, the round world keep high triumph, and all that is therein; let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend, for Christ indeed is risen, our Joy that has no end.

HYMN # 345 Come, Children, Join to Sing (vs. 1-3)**THE PASSING OF PEACE**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us greet one another in the love of God.

CHILDREN'S STORY**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: God, we are often busy. We busy ourselves with quick responses and neat appearance. We get caught in the flow of hectic pace and too quickly give up opportunities to be still and know you. God, forgive us when we become so busy we forget to pray. Forgive us when we are so enthralled by devices and gadgets that we forget to look up and take notice.

Many: We fail to notice our neighbours. We fail to notice the needs of others. Forgive us when we are so saturated by the news that we shut down completely, we forget that we are called to be your servants, your witnesses here and now. Wake us up to the work of love at hand.

One: Forgive us when we choose apathy over attention, or when becoming hyper-vigilant in getting what we want that we forget to attend with care to those we meet and greet throughout our days. We neglect to see the humanity in our fellow companions. Forgive us when we falter. Amen

(Please stand)

All: Almighty God, do not remain silent. Do not be unmoved or unresponsive to our needs: hear our prayer and answer it.

One: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

PRAYER RESPONSE # 949

Grant to us, O God, a heart renewed; speak to us afresh your forgiving word.

PARDON AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Creator and Saviour God: Giver and Renewer of Life:

We give You thanks for Your grace and mercy by which the burden of sin and guilt has been lifted from us.

Blessed are you, God, most Holy, now and forever. Amen

CHORAL RESPONSE # 180

Christ is risen, yes, indeed! Hallelujah!

“Seek him not among the dead. Sing a song of joy instead.

Christ is risen, yes, indeed! Hallelujah!

HYMN # 307 Touch the Earth Lightly (vs. 1, 2, 4)

RESPONSIVE READING Ps. # 4 Pg. 727

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen

HYMN # 186 Now the Green Blade Rises (vs. 1- 4)

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER # 959

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN # 248 vs. 6 Dedication

To you, God the Singer, our voices we raise, to you, Song Incarnate, we give all our praise, to you, Holy Spirit, our life and our breath, be glory for ever, through life and through death.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 3:12-19 Pg. 151

1 John 3:1-7 Pg. 304

Luke 24:36b-48 Pg. 114, 115

