

***A Warm Welcome to All Who Gather for Worship***

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*Easter is not a time for groping through dusty, musty tomes or tombs to disprove spontaneous generation or even to prove life eternal. It is a day to fan the ashes of dead hope, a day to banish doubts and seek the slopes where the sun is rising, to revel in the faith which transports us out of ourselves and the dead past into the vast and inviting unknown.*

~Author unknown, as quoted in the Lewiston Tribune



**April 4, 2010**  
***Easter Sunday***

**(Congregational responses are in bold type.)**

**\*Please stand as you are able)**

*Plants adorning the sanctuary this morning are placed in memory of "Departed Members" by the Agnes Allingham UCW, and in memory of Donald Cass by Elsie Cass.*

Prelude: *Victory* (Freudenburg)

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Memorial Candles and the Peace Candle

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***An Easter Prayer***

***O God of Easter,  
God of resurrection power,  
Bring heavenly life to our  
earthbound souls;***

***Thou, who did'st call Lazarus forth  
from his tomb,  
Call us forth from dead works,  
and let our hearts be aglow  
with immortal glory and power.***

***Call us out of the tomb of hollow profession,  
Of cold creeds, and wordy ritual,***

***And let thy life abundant permeate and  
saturate our stagnant souls,***

***Bringing joy where there is heaviness of heart.  
Bring peace where there is confusion;  
Bring love where there is bitterness;  
And may we be henceforth live in  
the glorious glow The Life  
which that first Easter poured  
forth upon a world of darkness.***

***And may we always be mindful of the  
source of this life-giving power,  
And come to Thee regularly to be refilled.***

***In the Saviour's name. Amen.***

Author Unknown

**WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

Call to Worship

\*Hymn: #157VU *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

Prayer of Approach

**Our eyes are barely open,  
the sky has hardly brightened,  
the morning has just begun,  
and we see you have already done a new thing.  
Praise be to you, O God.  
Your ways are beyond our understanding,  
your mystery is too vast for words,  
yet on this day we dare to believe  
that you are making us into new creations.  
Alleluia!**

Hymn: #345VU *Come, Children, Join to Sing*

Theme Conversation and the Prayer of Jesus

Children's Anthem: *Singing Hallelujah* (Linnea Good)

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon:

“Look,” says God,  
“I am making a new heaven and a new earth.”  
**Christ is risen.  
Christ is risen indeed.**

“The events of the past will be completely forgotten,  
they will never come to mind.”

**Christ is risen.  
Christ is risen indeed.**

“Wolves and lambs will eat together,  
there will be no harm or evil on my holy mountain.”

**Christ is risen.  
Christ is risen indeed.**

This is the same God who raised up Jesus Christ  
and whose spirit is making all things new.

**Christ is risen.  
Christ is risen indeed.**

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

First Testament Reading: Isaiah 65:17-25

*(A new heaven and a new earth; the wolf and the lamb together.)*

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (VU p.837, parts 1, 2, 3)

*(God is my strength and my song.)*

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

*(We die in Adam and are made alive in Christ.)*

Anthem: *Run, Mary, Run* (Valerie MacKenzie)

Gospel Reading: John 20:1-18

*(Mary the Magdalene and Simon Peter find the empty tomb.)*

Message: *Alleluia, Christ Is Risen*

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

Minute for Mission

Offering Our Gifts to God

Dedication:

***Your work, O God, needs many hands to help you everywhere,  
and some there are who cannot serve unless our gifts we share.***

***Because we love you and your work, our offering now we make;  
be pleased to use it as your own, we ask for Jesus' sake.***

Words: Calvin Weiss Laufer 1927, alt. Music: Neil Dougall ca. 1831\*\*

Offertory Prayer:

**Accept these gifts we offer, O God. May they help to proclaim your Easter message to all people, a message of peace and hope, a message of unconditional love for all people, a message of forgiveness and new life. Amen.**

Passing the Peace of Christ



Invitation to the Table

Communion Hymn: #389VU *God Is Here*

The Great Thanksgiving

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed!**

Lift up your hearts.

**Here they are, risen One.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Hear the good news! ...

Christ is risen and so we sing:

**Holy, holy, holy God,**

**Power of life and love!**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory!**

**Hosanna through the ages!**

**Blest is the One who come to bring your justice to earth!**

And so we remember that on the night before he died, ...

Alleluia we sing... and so we remember and so we believe:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Distribution of the Elements

The Prayer after Communion

**WE ARE SENT FORTH**

Hymn: #173VU *Thine Is the Glory* (Judas Maccabaeus – Guilmant)

\*Commissioning and Benediction

*The Hallelujah Chorus* (from Messiah – Handel)

Postlude: *Thine Is the Glory*  
(tune Judas Maccabaeus, arr. Guilmant)

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**Stewards responsible for checking the church:**

**this week:** April 4 John Hill

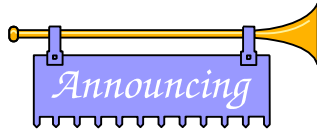
**next week:** April 11 – Harry Dunfield

**Scriptures for March 28:** Acts 5:15-27; Psalm 150; Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31.



*Today we welcome both adults and children to sing and a special welcome to Ross Mouland who accompanies the hymns. Thank you to all taking part in music presentation this morning.*

You may want to circle April 25 on your calendar. Our Adult Choir will present *Come Touch the Robe* by Pepper Choplin. We will re-visit events in Christ's life and how clothes (robes) played a significant role. Look for more info later.



**LIFE of the CONGREGATION and the COMMUNITY**

**APRIL 4 – APRIL 10, 2010**

**Today 11:15am** Children's Choir practice

**Tuesday, April, 6 10:30am** Tuesday Study Group  
**7:30pm** Worship Committee

**Thursday, April 8, 7:00pm** Adult Choir Practice

**Saturday, April 10, 4-6pm** Spring Turkey Supper and Bake Table (important details below)



**Spring Turkey Supper:** adults \$10, seniors \$9, children under 12 \$4 each; please call Don Robertson at 832-2840 to order tickets. Please see the side hall sign up sheets for food donations and volunteer help requirements – **2 more turkey cooks, and a few more food donations and helpers are badly needed!**



The Agnes Allingham UCW requests donations of **sweets, pickles, jams**, etc. for the **Bake Table** at the Turkey Supper. All donations are welcome and can be dropped off at the church on Friday evening.

**LOOKING AHEAD**



**HELP WANTED** 

**Community Chaplaincy** – Monday, April 12, 7pm; volunteers needed to make turkey vegetable soup; **still needed** a few more volunteers to supply sweets to take in with the soup. Please contact Karen Young at 848-1018 before Easter if you can help out.

Sunday, April 25 – **an Easter Cantata – *The Robe*** – presented by the Choir.

Friday, April 30, 11am – Ken Val UC Suites, Inc. **Ribbon Cutting and Open House**; reception in MacDonald Hall. Tours of the seniors and disabled housing project will be available. Thank you for your contributions and past patronage to make this non-profit endeavour successful.\*

Friday, April 30, 7pm – **Gospel Concert** with Jane Reinhart and friends; an evening of worship to celebrate mothers; freewill

offering to celebrate “Relay for Life”; Jane’s debut CD – *Mama’s Song* also available.



Friday/Saturday, May 14-15 – **Mulch Sale Fund Raiser**

**\* MORE DETAILS OF THESE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON THE BULLETIN BOARDS\***

\***The Clothes Closet at Coverdale Centre for Women**, 148 Waterloo St.; open 9am-4pm, Monday and Friday; provides free clothing to women without resources.\*

\*Check out the announcements and other information from **Maritime Conference**, currently updated regularly.\*

\*Town of Quispamsis 2010 **Summer Student Employment Opportunities**; application deadline April 9.\*

\***Christian and Inspirational Music with Tracy Friars and Steve Ball**; Sunday, April 11, 2:30pm at the Imperial Theatre.\*

\***Ham, Beans and Scallop Dinner**; Saturday, April 17, 5:30pm at Silver Falls UC.\*

\*Saint Andrew’s Kirk UCW **Spring Luncheon**; Saturday, April 24, 11:30am-1pm at the Nauwigewauk Hall.\*

\***L’Arche 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fundraising Dinner**; Saturday, April 24, at Kings Valley Wesleyan Church; tickets \$75 available at 672-6504 or 847-1580.\*

\*St. Paul’s Art Club 10<sup>th</sup> Annual **Art Show and Sale**; Saturday, April 24, 10am-3pm at St. Paul’s Church Hall, Rothesay Common; admission: donation to KV Food Bank.\*

\**For Such a Time as This: United Church Men’s Rally*; Saturday, May 1, 10am-4:30pm at Trinity St. Stephen’s UC, Amherst, NS.\*

\***Wendy Nielson and Peter Tiefenbach in concert**; Sunday, May 9, 7:30pm at Trinity Church; tickets \$15 advance available from choir members or at 693-8558; \$20 at the door.\*

\***Hope and Healing: Coping with the Suicide of a Loved One** – 8 week education and support group; May 11-June 29, 6:30-8:30pm at the Open Door Club; enrolment limited to 15 people. Pre-register at 633-1705 or at [cmha@nb.aibn.com](mailto:cmha@nb.aibn.com).\*

\***Portland UC Annual Men’s Banquet**; Wednesday, May 12, 6:30pm; cost \$12; reserve at 645-7235 by Friday, May 7.\*

\***Risking Our Faith** – Youth retreat for all denominations; May 14-16 at Camp Wegesegum; grades 9-12; questions – [victoriacham@gmail.com](mailto:victoriacham@gmail.com); registration – [www.risktakingfaith.webs.com](http://www.risktakingfaith.webs.com).\*

\*Weekend Spring Retreat; June 18-20 at Villa Madonna; register at 849-5125 or [villamadonna@nb.aibn.com](mailto:villamadonna@nb.aibn.com).\*

\*Call for **2012 Bulletin Photos** for bulletin covers.\*

\***The Go Project 2010** – a Youth Mission Program for youth grade 9 to age 19 and their leaders – July 4-15 in Halifax.\*

\*The **Canadian Red Cross Senior Services** recruiting volunteers and clients for their **Friendly Visiting, Telephone Reassurance and Transportation programs**; info? – call Katie at 674-6188.\*