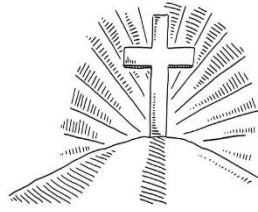




Salisbury United Church
April 14, 2024
Welcome to Worship!



Welcome & Announcements

Treaty Six Acknowledgement:

Hymn Medley:

Sing Praise to God; #221VU, v. 1 & 4

Sing praise to God, who has shaped
and sustains all creation!

Sing praise, my soul, in profound and complete adoration!
Gladsome rejoice-organ and trumpet and voice-
joining God's great congregation.

Sing praise, my soul, the great name of
your high God commending.
All that have life and breath join you,
their notes sweetly blending.
God is your light! Soul, ever keep this in sight:
amen, amen never ending.



This Is the Day that God Has Made; #175VU, chorus only

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!

Dance With the Spirit; #156MV, (walk, pray, sing, move)

Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin',
walk with the Spirit throughout the long day.
Work and hope for the new life a bornin',
listen to the Spirit to show you the way.

Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin',
pray with the Spirit throughout the long day.
Work and hope for the new life a bornin',
listen to the Spirit to show you the way.

Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin',
sing with the Spirit throughout the long day.
Work and hope for the new life a bornin',
listen to the Spirit to show you the way.

Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin',
move with the Spirit throughout the long day.
Work and hope for the new life a bornin',
listen to the Spirit to show you the way.

Call to Prayer: *(remain standing)*

Come and respond to the Good News!

Christ is risen!

Jesus lives again!

God is among us now.

The risen Christ shines throughout all creation,
and moves in our hearts by the power of the Spirit.

Come let us honour this glorious gift we have been given.
Let us worship God.



Welcoming Each Other In:

(We greet each other with open hands of hospitality before sitting down)

Welcoming the Light of Christ:

Let us proclaim the presence of the light of Christ together:

(The Christ Candle is lit)



The light of Christ is with us, between us and all around us.
Thanks be to God.

Resting in the Peace of Christ:

May the peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.



Hymn: Come and Fill Our Hearts; #16MV

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace, alleluia!

Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer: Easter Prayer; #188VU

God of grace and glory,
by the death and resurrection of your Beloved Child
your reign of wholeness has been unleashed
within our bent and broken world.
Open us to your empowering grace
that we may be bearers of your world-redeeming love;
through the resurrected Christ,
our dignity, our power, and our peace,

This we pray as we say...

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallow-ed 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, and the power,
and the glory, for ever and ever.
Amen.**




Hymn: Halle, Halle, Halle; #958VU

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!


Discovery Time:

Hymn: I Know Your Word; #108MV

I know your Word, your Word is a lamp to my feet, O God.
I know your Word, your Word is a lamp to my feet, O God.
I know your word is a lamp, O God, to light my path forever.
I know your word is a lamp, O God, to light my path forever.

Scripture Reading: Luke 24:36b-48 (NIV) 

Salisbury Singers: When Morning Gilds the Skies; #339VU

Scripture Reading: 1 John 3:1-7 (NIV) 

Sermon: "You are witnesses of these things"

Hymn: God of the Sparrow; #229VU, v. 1, 2, 3 & 6

God of the sparrow, God of the whale,
God of the swirling stars
How does the creature say Awe
How does the creature say Praise

God of the earthquake, God of the storm,
God of the trumpet blast
How does the creature cry Woe
How does the creature cry Save

God of the rainbow, God of the cross,
God of the empty grave
How does the creature say Grace
How does the creature say Thanks

God of the ages, God near at hand,
God of the loving heart
How do your children say Joy
How do your children say Home

Acknowledgement of Offering:

Gracious and generous God, we offer gifts to you
in thanksgiving. Bless them and surprise us by all
your Spirit can accomplish with them. Bless our
lives, too, so that our choices will always honour
you for Christ's sake. Amen.



Prayers for the Journey:

In the name of the Risen Christ,
Hear our prayer.

God our Maker,
Source of Easter power and hope,
You have walked with your faithful people through many generations,
people facing challenge and uncertainty,
people seeking your purpose and promise.
We still face challenges and uncertainty,
even with Easter in our hearts.
Walk with us and with those for whom we pray for this day,
so that your resurrecting power may lead us in lives of faithfulness.

In the name of the Risen Christ,
Hear our prayer.

We pray for children and young people
who must think about the future in uncertain times,
facing threats old and new.
Give them hope rooted in the knowledge that their lives matter to you.
Show them how to make a difference in the world,
whatever threats they face as they grow.

In the name of the Risen Christ,
Hear our prayer.

We pray for people for whom age or experience, illness or disability
create barriers to full participation in your world.
Surround each one in pain or despair with your comfort
and renew in each one a sense of dignity and purpose.
Show them how much they matter to you and to us.

(prayers in silence)

In the name of the Risen Christ,
Hear our prayer.

We pray for all those facing grief and any kind of loss.
Give them strength and comfort.
We pray for communities challenged by forces beyond their control:
natural disaster and environmental threats,
conflict and violence,
economic hardship.
Give courage to those facing these challenges,
and wisdom to those who lead,
so that wellbeing may be restored
and hope for the future prevail.

In the name of the Risen Christ,
Hear our prayer.

As signs of spring emerge, we pray for your creation,
for creatures losing habitat and unique species at risk,
for oceans clogged with plastic,
and the earth aching for moisture as the climate warms.
Jesus, you are the firstborn of all creation;
Help us to honour you by caring for the earth and its fragile balances
in the ways we live and the priorities we set.

In the name of the Risen Christ,
Hear our prayer.

Help us in all our ways to be your disciples,
learning from you how to walk well in this world,
shunning every kind of violence and
trusting in your mercy and grace to bring
about a new creation in us, in our community of faith,
and in the world.

We pray in Jesus' loving name,
Amen.

(Source: Presbyterian Church in Canada, 3rd Sunday in Easter, presbyterian.ca)



Saying Goodbye to the Light of Christ:

The Christ light can never really be put out.
**Even when we blow it out,
it simply changes form,
and becomes like smoke,
drifting toward all the four directions of the world.**



(The light is extinguished.)

The smoke rises like a blessing, meant to sustain us until we meet again.

Hymn: We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection; #586VU

We shall go out with hope of resurrection;
we shall go out, from strength to strength go on;
we shall go out and tell our stories boldly;
tales of a love that will not let us go.
We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted;
we'll dream our dream of hurts that can be healed;
we'll weave a cloth of all the world united
within the vision of new life in Christ.

We'll give a voice to those who have not spoken;
we'll find the words for those whose lips are sealed;
we'll make the tunes for those who sing no longer,
expressive love alive in every heart.
We'll share our joy with those who still are weeping,
raise hymns of strength for hearts that break in grief,
we'll leap and dance the resurrection story,
including all in circles of our love.

Blessing:

May God's love be an eternal beam within the heart of you. May the glory of the Risen Christ rise up to shine out the eyes of you into the world. May the gleaming mystery of the Holy Spirit guide you along pathways of grace, and may there be peace for you, from the One who is and was and ever shall be.
Amen.



Sung Blessing: May the Love of the Lord; #218MV

*May the love of our God, rest upon your soul,
May God's love dwell in you throughout every day.*

*Amen, Amen, Amen Amen, Amen, Amen.
Amen, Amen, Amen Amen, Amen, Amen.*

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LOOKING FOR HELP SUNDAY MORNINGS

If you're able to help Sundays at 10:00am, to set up a few tables & chairs in the auditorium, it would be greatly appreciated.

STRATHCONA COUNTY FOOD BANK DONATIONS



Please continue to bring non-perishable items for the Strathcona Food Bank. There is a yellow bin in the Narthex for donations along with a list of most-needed items. **This week, we donated 28.5 pounds of non-perishable items to the Food Bank – THANK YOU!**



Finance Corner

Update for February 2024

	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Income:	\$35,479.79	\$31,849.41
Expense:	\$35,782.18	\$52,086.82
	(\$302.39)	(\$20,237.41)

Financial results for the first two months of 2024 are quite encouraging. Here are the year-to-date highlights compared to budget as of February 29th:

Net Income (total income less total expenses)

We essentially broke even versus a budgeted loss of \$20,200

Income (revenue)

\$3300 more than budgeted with Local Envelopes +\$2900 and Rentals +\$1300.

Expenses

\$16,300 less than budgeted with Repairs & Maintenance -\$1600, UCC Assessment -\$9500 (due to amortizing over 12 months versus entire amount budgeted in Feb).

Thanks for helping our new year get off to a solid start!

If you need any help with giving envelopes – new supply, pick-up, etc. – or other giving options (monthly giving through PAR, e-transfer or donating online through Canada Helps on the Salisbury Website), please contact: Brittany at the Church Office.

Phone: 780-467-7310



Our fundraiser will **earn 25% on every sale** made through our Tru Earth Fundraising link.

TRUEARTH SALE & PROMOTION - YOU SAVE 30% & WE EARN 25%!

From April 12th to 22nd, save 30% off your order with the **promo code: STRIP**, and our fundraiser will earn 25% from every sale made through our unique fundraising link: <http://tru-earth.siv.io/SalisburyUnitedChurch>.

If you have any questions or need assistance with ordering, be sure to reach out to the Church Office.

Thank you for your support!