



**Salisbury United Church**  
**April 27, 2025**  
**Welcome to Worship!**



In loving partnership, O God,  
 help us your future to proclaim.  
 Justice and peace be our desire,  
 we humbly pray in Jesus' name.

**Welcome, Announcements & Intro**

**Land Acknowledgement**

**Hymn Medley:**

In the Garden; #23SOTG, vv. 1 & 2

I come to the garden alone,  
 while the dew is still on the roses;  
 and the voice I hear, falling on my ear;  
 the Son of God discloses.

*And He walks with me, and He talks with me,  
 and He tells me I am His own,  
 and the joy we share as we tarry there,  
 none other has ever known.*

He speaks, and the sound of His voice  
 is so sweet the birds hush their singing,  
 and the melody that he gave to me,  
 within my heart is rising. (R)



Walk with Me; #649VU, (chorus only)

*Walk with me, I will walk with you  
 and build the land that God has planned  
 where love shines through.*

In Loving Partnership We Come; #603VU, vv. 1, 3 & 4

In loving partnership we come,  
 seeking, O God, your will to do.  
 Our prayers and actions now receive;  
 we freely offer them to you.

Loving community we seek;  
 your hope and strength within us move.  
 The poor and rich, the strong and weak  
 are brought together in your love.

*(continued...)*

**Call to Prayer:** *(all remain standing)*

How can we keep from singing?  
**The tomb is empty!**  
 The gravestones are rolled away.  
**The risen Christ is seen and heard!**  
 God has become our song and inspiration.  
**We sing Alleluia!**  
 Alleluia and Amen!

**Welcoming Each Other:**

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

**Hymn:** Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary; #18MV

Lord prepare me, to be a sanctuary,  
 pure and holy, tried and true;  
 With thanksgiving I'll be a living  
 sanctuary for you.

**Welcoming the Light of Christ:**

Let us proclaim the welcoming presence of the light of Christ together:  
**The light of Christ is with us, between us and all around us.**  
**Thanks be to God.**



*(The Christ candle is lit)*

**A Time to Rest in Peace:** *(a time to sit quietly & be open to the peace we all desire for ourselves and the world)*

May the peace of Christ be with you all!  
**And also with you!**

**Hymn Medley:**

When Pain of the World; #598VU, vv. 1 & 4

When pain of the world surrounds us with darkness and despair,  
 when searching just confounds us with false hopes everywhere,  
 when lives are starved for meaning and destiny is bare,  
 we are called to follow Jesus and let God's healing flow through us.

*(continued...)*



We praise you for our journey and your abundant grace,  
your saving word that guided a struggling human race.  
O God, with all creation, your future we embrace.  
We are called to follow Jesus and let God's changes flow through us.

Jesus Loves Me; #365VU, vv. 1 & 2

Jesus loves me, this I know,  
for the Bible tells me so;  
little ones to him belong;  
in his love we shall be strong.

*Yes, Jesus loves me!*  
*Yes, Jesus loves me!*  
*Yes, Jesus loves me!*  
*The Bible tells me so.*

Jesus loves me this I know,  
as he loved so long ago,  
taking children on his knee,  
saying, "Let them come to me." (R)

Let There Be Peace on Earth; #128SGOP

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me;  
let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.  
With God our creator, children all are we;  
let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now,  
with every step I take let this be my solemn vow:  
to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.  
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

**Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer:**

Outside of this moment, Holy God, the world keeps on turning.  
Easter has come and gone. A few bits of chocolate might linger.  
Everything else keeps spiraling, and we have already started to turn  
our eyes away from the empty tomb. Here, in this space, however,  
we have time - time to linger and tune our hearts to the rhythms of  
your resurrection grace. Help us to savour this moment as we pray  
together, saying:

**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.  
Lead us not into temptation but  
deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power  
and the glory,  
for ever and ever, Amen.**



*(Source: Gathering 2019, pg. 43, adapted B. Aerhart)*

**Hymn:** How Great Thou Art; #238VU, vv. 1 & 2

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the works thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
thy power throughout the universe displayed.

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
How great thou art! How great thou art! (2x)*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; (R)

**Scripture Reading:** Psalm 118, vv. 8-14, 21-24, 28

*(Ancient Songs Sung Anew) (read responsively)*

It is good as human beings to find safe refuge through our trust in  
God.

**It is better than to trust in kings, or powers and rulers of any  
kind.**

With mighty nations surrounding me, like bees or thorns,  
God's name encloses them instead,  
and blazing like a fire consumes their fiercesome threats,  
their barbs and briars.

**In my despair I was falling fast,  
but as helping friend God came at last.  
God was my strength and secret song. ...**

I am so grateful for God's answer to my call,  
who is for me the strong deliverer,  
**Whose way, rejected by all humankind,**

**becomes the foundation,  
the cornerstone of God's graciousness,  
astounding to the human eye.**

For on this very day our God shall act,  
let us rejoice with shouts of joy.

**We offer up these words of praise, you are our God alone,  
and from a living heart we sing:**

We thank you God for everything, you, the endless source of good,  
whose infinite mercy lasts forever.

All: Acclamation

This is the Word of God.

**Herein lies wisdom. Thanks be to God!**

**Salisbury Singers:** This Is the Day that God Has Made; #175VU

*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!*



**Reflection:** "The Song God is Giving Us to Sing"

**Hymn Medley:**

Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore; #563VU, vv. 1-2

Jesus, you have come to the lakeshore  
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;  
you only asked me to follow humbly.

*O Jesus, with your eyes you have searched me,  
and while smiling, have spoken my name;  
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;  
by your side I will seek other seas.*

You know so well my possessions;  
my boat carries no gold and no weapons;  
you will find there my nets and labour. (R)

Amazing Grace; #266VU, vv. 1 & 3

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch; like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;  
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (Here I Am, Lord); #509VU, vv. 1 & 3

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.

I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?*

*I have heard you calling in the night.*

*I will go, Lord, if you lead me.*

*I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,

I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? (R)

**Acknowledgement of Offering:**

We remember that, in love,  
the one eternal God seeks relationship.

**God tends the universe,  
mending the broken and  
reconciling the estranged.**

God tends us, too.

**We are all connected.**

God draws us to God's heart, and to one  
another,  
that we might give and receive in love.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**



*(Source: Written by Cindy Randall, adapted. Gathering,  
Lent/Easter 2018, page 33. Used with permission.)*

**Prayers for the Journey & Sung Lord's Prayer:**

Amid the laughter and celebration of this day, it's good that we pause  
and remember that many carry burdens that need not be carried alone.

*(Receive prayer requests)*

God of grace, God of love and laughter, we thank you that we are so  
wondrously created and that we are made for relationship with you and  
with one another.

**We thank you for laughter with friends and loved ones, and the  
song it creates in our hearts.**

By your great, unending love, you inspire in us a spirit of imagination and  
creativity.

**Help us to use that spirit to sing more, to laugh more, and to create beauty in every way possible.**

Remind us to laugh out loud, for doing so will heal some of the wounds within us. Not all, but some.

God, we pray for those among us and in this world who cannot sing or find laughter today, for those who are grieving or suffering illness of body, mind, or spirit;

**for those who are lonely and in need of someone to share their time and friendship;**

for those who have not yet moved into the season and spirit of Easter and find themselves still in the gloom and pain of Good Friday...

*(The prayer requests received may be offered at this point)*

May these and the troubles of all your people be soothed, blessed, and comforted by your holy presence.

**May we each find the song within us that sets our spirits and our world free, and in that freedom, may we take your love into every part of our lives.**

These and all the prayers of our hearts we offer now in the name of Jesus, as we sing his prayer together:

♪ **The Lord's Prayer, "The Prayer of Jesus"**

by Hans Van Nie "Yours the Commonwealth of Love", vv. 1 & 2

God, Creator, God in heav'n; holy is your name.  
May your Commonwealth of Love come for us to claim.  
May your will be done on earth as it is above.  
Give us now our daily bread; feed us God of Love.



God, forgive the wrong we do; help us to forgive.  
Save us from the evil one; show us how to live.  
God of glory, God of pow'r, yours the Reign of Love.  
Amen, amen, evermore, yours the Reign of Love.

*(Source: Written by Susan Ivany; Gathering, Lent/Easter 2019, page 50. Used with permission.)*

**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 as a blessing toward all  
the four directions of the world.**



*(The light is extinguished)*

**Hymn:** We Shall Overcome; #512W&R, 1, 3, 4 & 6

We shall overcome, we shall overcome,  
we shall overcome some day!  
Oh, deep in my heart,  
I do believe we shall overcome some day!

We'll walk hand in hand, we'll walk hand in hand,  
we'll walk hand in hand some day!  
Oh, deep in my heart,  
I do believe we shall overcome some day!

We are not afraid, we are not afraid,  
we are not afraid today.  
Oh, deep in my heart,  
I do believe we shall overcome some day!

We shall live in peace, we shall live in peace,  
we shall live in peace some day!  
Oh, deep in my heart,  
I do believe we shall overcome some day!

**Blessing:**

We know the tomb is empty;  
**Christ is risen!**  
We believe the friends of Jesus will be strong;  
**Christ is risen!**  
We rejoice in the new faith community;  
**Christ is risen!**  
In hope, we will work for peace and justice;  
**Christ is risen!**  
Jesus the Christ is risen indeed!  
**Thanks be to God!**



*(Source: Written by David Sparks; Gathering, Lent/Easter 2019, page 48. Used with permission.)*

**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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## MEDITATION CIRCLE - WEDNESDAYS @ 10am

Please join us in-person each Wednesday at 10am in the Church's Meditation Room.



## ROAST BEEF SUPPER - TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Tickets for the Roast Beef Supper, to be held on May 10th at 6pm in the lower hall, are on sale until **NEXT Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**. Don't miss out! **For tickets, please contact Dave Banick at (780) 464-2903.**



## 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.

## SAVE THE DATE! MODERATOR'S FLOURISHING WORKSHOP - Saturday, May 3rd

The members of the Collaborative Committee, invite you on behalf of Salisbury United to join with representatives of Sherwood Park United to spend the day with The Right Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne, Moderator of the UCC, on Saturday, May 3, 2025.



We hope to have several folks from each congregation register and engage together in reflection about what it means to be individual flourishing United churches in Sherwood Park and how we might bring collaborative solutions to the challenges facing our community and the world. **If interested in attending on behalf of Salisbury, please contact the Church office, Lucille Birkett or Corrine Cheng.**



## Finance Corner

Update for March 2025

	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Income:	\$64,432.36	\$62,970.99
Expense:	\$60,848.52	\$68,724.26
	\$3,583.84	(\$5,753.27)

Financial results for the first few months of 2025 are looking good. Here are the year-to-date highlights compared to budget as of March 31st:

### Net Income (total income less total expenses)

We have a positive net income, compared to a budgeted deficit. The difference between our actual net income vs. budgeted net income is nearly \$9,337.

### Income (revenue)

\$1,461 higher income than budgeted, with Local Envelopes +\$618 and Rentals +\$2,528.

### Expenses

\$7,875 less than budgeted with Property expenses making up a majority of that by coming in -\$6,987.

**Thanks for helping our new year get off to a positive 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**