



**Salisbury United Church**  
**April 28, 2024**  
**Welcome to Worship!**



**Welcome & Announcements**

**Treaty Six Acknowledgement:**

**Hymn Medley:**

The Glory of Our King; #162VU

The glory of our King was seen when he came riding by,  
 and all the children waved and sang, "Hosanna, King most high!"

The glory of our King was seen when, with his arms stretched wide  
 to show his love to everyone, Jesus was crucified.

The glory of our King was seen on the first Easter day,  
 when Christ rose up, set free from death, to love, to guide, to stay.

Joy Comes with the Dawn; #166VU, chorus only

*Joy comes with the dawn; joy comes with the morning sun;  
 joy springs from the tomb and scatters the night with her song,  
 joy comes with the dawn.*

This Is the Day; #412VU

This is the day, this is the day  
 that our God has made, that our God has made;  
 we will rejoice, we will rejoice,  
 and be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
 This is the day that our God has made,  
 we will rejoice and be glad in it.  
 This is the day, this is the day  
 that our God has made.

Open to us, open to us  
 your gates, O God, your gates, O God;  
 we will go in, we will go in,  
 to your holy place, to your holy place.  
 Open to us your gates, O God,  
 we will go in to your holy place.  
 Open to us, open to us  
 your gates, O God.

You are our God, you are our God,  
 we will praise your name, we will praise your name;  
 we will give thanks, we will give thanks,  
 for your faithfulness, for your faithfulness.  
 You are our God, we will praise your name,  
 we will give thanks for your faithfulness.  
 You are our God, you are our God,  
 we will praise your name.

**Call to Prayer:**

In Easter joy, we find a God of new  
 beginnings and fresh growth.  
**In our Easter grace, we find a God of  
 renewal and transformation.**  
 In our Easter faith, we find a God to carry us  
 out from shadows and despair.  
**In our Easter peace, we find a God with  
 whom to abide in hope and love.**  
 In our Easter living, we find God's glory  
 summoning us to worship and to song.  
**Let us worship God.**



*(Source: Gathering Lent/Easter 2024, pg. 42, adapted)*

**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 Peace:**

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

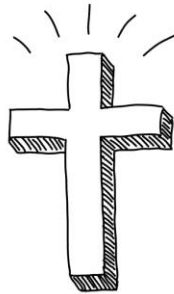


## Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer:

All that we experience in this life-giving season awakens our frozen hearts, O God. With hearts so warmed, we are strengthened to sing praises and celebrate life. With songs of thankfulness and prayers of longing, we meet here together in the Risen Christ. Let our joyful, heart-filled expressions be heard on earth as in heaven.

And so we pray together, ...

**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: Never Ending Joy; #40MV

*Never ending joy, never ending joy, never ending joy,  
Never ending joy, never ending joy, never ending joy!*

God of every tribe, every language, God of every river and sea,  
God of every mountain and island, you bring joy to me. (R)

God of every hill, every valley, God of every leaf, every tree,  
God of every cloud, every raindrop, you bring joy to me. (R)

God of every song, every story, God of every captive set free,  
God of every dance, every footstep, you bring joy to me. (R)

## Discovery Time:

### Hymn: Halle, Halle, Halle; #958VU

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

### Scripture Reading: John 15:5-8 (NIV)



## Salisbury Singers: Jesus The Christ Said; #73SOGP

### Scripture Reading: 1 John 4:16b-21 (NIV)



### Sermon:

### Hymn: Who Is My Mother; #178MV

Who is my mother, who is my brother?  
All those who gather round Jesus Christ:  
Spirit blown people born from the Gospel  
sit at the table, round Jesus Christ.

Differently abled, differently labelled,  
widen the circle round Jesus Christ:  
crutches and stigmas, culture's enigmas,  
all come together round Jesus Christ.

Love will relate us colour or status  
can't segregate us round Jesus Christ:  
family failings, human derailings  
all are accepted round Jesus Christ.

Bound by one vision, met for one mission  
we claim each other, round Jesus Christ:  
here is my mother, here is my brother,  
kindred in Spirit, through Jesus Christ.

### Acknowledgement of Offering:

Gracious and generous God, we bring our gifts to you  
in thanksgiving. Bless them and surprise us by all the  
Holy 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:

God hear our prayer.  
**May your love abide.**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
we draw near to you in prayer this day,  
trusting that your love changes lives  
and your resurrection brings hope into the world God loves.



You walk with us through every challenging time,  
and we give you thanks for every sign of hope  
in a world that is often on edge and the future seems uncertain.

*(hold silence)*

God hear our prayer.  
**May your love abide.**

We ask you to bless the ministries and compassionate service  
undertaken through staff and funding  
provided by The Mission and Service Fund of  
The United Church of Canada.

Thank you for each faithful person serving in these challenging days,  
whether in Canada or in international ministries.  
Bless them with good health and courageous commitment,  
and equip them well to reach out in love and respect.

*(hold silence)*

God hear our prayer.  
**May your love abide.**

Loving and Listening God, we bring you now our prayers for others,  
friends and enemies, neighbours and strangers alike.  
We pray for people who are struggling with illness, loneliness, grief or  
sadness:

*(hold silence)*

God hear our prayer.  
**May your love abide.**

We pray for people in countries and communities  
where it is not safe to live out their faith or express their views openly.

*(hold silence)*

God hear our prayer.  
**May your love abide.**

We pray for victims of discrimination and acts of hatred,  
and those who fear violence day by day.

*(hold silence)*

God hear our prayer.  
**May your love abide.**

We pray for journalists and advocates for justice  
who live under threat for telling the truth.

*(hold silence)*

God hear our prayer.  
**May your love abide.**

We pray for churches,  
local organizations and businesses  
struggling under the pressure of economic  
challenges.

*(hold silence)*

God hear our prayer.  
**May your love abide.**

We pray for our families, friends and for ourselves,  
as well as those in the news whose situations tug at our hearts.

*(hold silence)*

God hear our prayer.  
**May your love abide.**  
O Christ,  
Your grace surrounds all people.  
Your love benefits everyone.  
Your mercy is infinite.  
Your compassion is uncompromising.

Help us to reflect this understanding  
in our living as in our prayers.

In your holy name we pray, Amen.  
**Amen.**



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

When morning gilds the skies,  
my heart awakening cries:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!  
When evening shadows fall,  
this rings my curfew call:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!

To God, the Word on high,  
the hosts of angels cry:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!  
Let mortals, too, upraise  
their voice in hymns of praise:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!



Let all of humankind  
in this their concord find:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!  
Let all the earth around  
ring joyous with the sound:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, while life is mine,  
my canticle divine:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!  
Be this th'eternal song,  
through all the ages long:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!

## Blessing:

May you go into this new week inspired by the Love and teaching of Jesus the Christ. May you notice what the Spirit is saying in your life. May you approach each day open to God's possibilities. And may grace attend you, and peace, 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.



**Finance Corner**

Update for February 2024

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

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)  
\$3,300 more than budgeted with Local Envelopes +\$2,900 and Rentals +\$1,300.

**Expenses**  
\$16,300 less than budgeted with Repairs & Maintenance -\$1,600, UCC Assessment -\$9,500 (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.

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