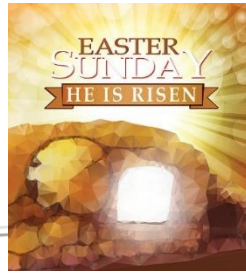




Salisbury United Church
March 31, 2024
Easter Sunday
Welcome to Worship!



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.

Welcome & Announcements

Easter Greeting: *(All Stand, Singers move to the front from pews)*

Hallelujah!
 Christ is Risen!
Hallelujah!
Christ is Risen Indeed!

Salisbury Singers:

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today; #155VU, v. 1, 2 & 4

Jesus Christ is risen today, hallelujah!
 our triumphant holy day, hallelujah!
 who did once, upon the cross, hallelujah!
 suffer to redeem our loss. Hallelujah!

Hymns of praise then let us sing hallelujah!
 unto Christ, our heavenly King, hallelujah!
 who endured the cross and grave, hallelujah!
 sinners to redeem and save. Hallelujah!

Sing we to our God above, hallelujah!
 praise eternal as God's love; hallelujah!
 praise our God, ye heavenly host, hallelujah!
 praise the Son and Holy Ghost. Hallelujah!

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks; #179VU, chorus only

*Hallelujah, hallelujah. Give thanks to the risen Christ;
 hallelujah, hallelujah! Give praise to God's name.*

The Day of Resurrection; #164VU, v. 1 & 3

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,
 the passover of gladness, the passover of God!
 From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,
 our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.

Call to Prayer: *(Remain Standing)*

Morning has broken
 and this is the day
 that the Lord has made.
Life begins again!
 The stone is rolled away
 and everywhere a new creation
 has begun!
**We lift up our hearts as we gather
 for Easter praise and prayer.**



Welcoming Each Other:

(We greet each other with open hands of hospitality)

Lighting the New Christ Candle:

May the light of Christ, rising in glory,
banish all shadows from our hearts and minds

(The Christ Candle is lit.)



The light of Christ.
Thanks be to God.



Opening Prayer:

Holy God, Maker and Keeper of Creation,
Life of all Life and Strength of all Strength,

We sing praise! We sing joy!

Open us now to the resurrection
life you are creating for us.

**Forgive us when we choose empty ways instead
of ways that lead to our own transformation.**

As your Spirit moves among us,
let our entombed lives burst forth
past all expectation,
so that with Christ
we break the bonds of death
and experience the dawn of
a new creation.

Amen

Amen & Amen

Hymn: Halle, Halle, Halle; #958VU

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

Discovery Time: Where Is Caterpillar?

Salisbury Singers: Hush! Hush!; #167MV

Hush, hush, somebody's calling my name (3x)
Oh My Lord, Oh My Lord, what can I do?

Scripture Reading: Mark 16:1-8 (NIV)



Salisbury Singers: Resucito

Resucito! Alleluia!

Reflection: Signs of Resurrection



Hymn: Hey Now! Singing Hallelujah; #121MV

*Hey now! Singing hallelujah! Hey now! The morning has come!
Hey now! Singing hallelujah! The tomb was empty at the rising sun.*

Jesus loved people and he made them friends.
Hey now, the tomb was empty.
He called all the children and the women and men.
Hey now, the tomb was empty. (R)

Jesus healed people and he helped them be well.
Hey now, the tomb was empty.
He taught about God in the stories he'd tell.
Hey now, the tomb was empty. (R)

Jesus loved people and they said he was a king.
Hey now, the tomb was empty.
He turned all the tables on everything.
Hey now, the tomb was empty. (R)

Jesus had power and they took him away.
Hey now, the tomb was empty.
They nailed him to a cross and they killed him one day.
Hey now, the tomb was empty. (R)

Jesus loves people and he lives again!
Hey now, the tomb was empty.
Calls us disciples and he calls us his friends.
Hey now, the tomb was empty. (R)

Acknowledgement of Offering:

Alleluia is not just a word, it is a way of living...

How many ways can we share 'alleluia!'?

When the bread is divided, alleluia

When the table is set, alleluia

When the hungry are fed, alleluia

When peace is celebrated, alleluia

When communities are brought together, alleluia

When neighbours love each other, alleluia

(prayers offered in silence for those we are thinking about)



May our giving and receiving be an active statement of our conviction that love is stronger than fear, that life is more enduring than death, and that Christ is the alleluia presence on which we all rely.
Amen.

(Source: excerpted from an Easter Statement of Faith written by Roddy Hamilton, and posted on Listening to the Stones. <http://newkilpatrickblog.typepad.com/nk-blogging/mucky-paws/>)

Treaty Six Acknowledgement:

The Sacrament of Communion

The Invitation:

Here at this table, all belong.

Here at this table, we remember love overcomes.

Here at this table, all wanderers are welcome.

So come here today,

anguished and hoping,

doubting and daring,

skeptical and believing.

Come for the table is set and you are invited to the feast.

Hymn: Eat This Bread; #466VU

Eat this bread, drink this cup;

come to me and never be hungry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup;

trust in me and you will not thirst.

Prayer Before Sharing & The Lord's Prayer:

Holy God, we praise you.

**Let the heavens be joyful,
and the earth be glad.**

We bless you for creating the whole world,
for your ancient promises to your people,
and for the life we know in Jesus Christ your son.

Born of Mary, he shares our life.

Eating with sinners, he welcomes us.

Leading his followers, he guides us.

Dying on the cross, he loves us.

Risen from the dead, he gives new life.

On the night before Jesus died,

he had supper with his friends.

He took bread, gave thanks,

broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, saying:

“Take. Eat. Remember.”

After supper he took the cup,

filled it with wine,

gave thanks,

and passed it to his friends, saying:

“Take. Drink. Remember.”

And so whenever we gather like this,

to break the bread and share the cup

we do remember.

We remember his one life lived and

given for sake of many,

along with his ever-living

way of love for the world.

We pray, O God of love, that you will

now send your Holy Spirit upon us and what we do here:

that we and these earthly things, touched by your Spirit,

may be signs of life and love to each other

and to all the world.

And so we pray together saying...

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.



(Source: <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/search/label/Lords%20Supper%2Fcommunion?updatedmax=2016-03-17T14:30:00-05:00&max-results=20&start=15&by-date=false>)

Sharing of Communion:

The gifts of God, for the people of God.



Prayer After Sharing:

Christ's food in our souls,
Our food shared like his.

Christ's life in our hands,
Our lives shaped by his.

Christ's love in our hearts,
Our love warmed through his.

Christ's peace on our path.
Our path following his.

Amen.

(source: Present On Earth, Wild Goose Worship Group, pg 173)



Blessing:

May the blessing of God who created us in love,
who transforms us in Jesus,
and who sustains us by the power of the Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you
now and forevermore.



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.

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Extinguishing the Christ Candle:

The Christ light can never be put out.

**Even when we blow it out, it simply changes form,
and drifts like smoke into all the four directions of the world.**

(The light is extinguished)

The smoke rises like a blessing, until we meet again.



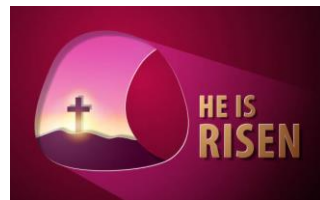
Hymn: Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ; #468VU

Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

*Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound! (2X)*

Christ is able to make us one,
at the table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express. (R)

Jesus Calls us in, sends us out,
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell bread to share:
God (Im-man-u-el) everywhere! (R)



REV. BRITT AWAY - APRIL 3rd

Rev. Britt will be taking some time after Easter to visit family in Winnipeg. Starting April 3rd, she will not be in the office. The service during her time away will be led by various lay leaders from the congregation.



BOTTLE DRIVE - APRIL 5th & 6th

It's time to save your bottles once again! Our next bottle drive will be Friday, April 5th and Saturday, April 6th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Half of proceeds will be donated to the Saffron Centre. Saffron Centre is located in Sherwood Park and offers counselling to those who have been impacted by Sexual Assault, Sexual Abuse and Sexual Violence.



LOOKING FOR HELP WITH SET-UP 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. Additional volunteer positions are also needed each Sunday. Please find the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

ONGOING 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

	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