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April 14th, 2024 11 am

EASTER 3

Welcome and thank you for joining in our worship this sacred morning! We hope you feel at home in our midst. Let us pause to remember that in this region we live and work and worship on lands that are, by law, the unceded territories of the Wabanaki peoples—predominantly the lands of the Mi'kmaq, Wolastoqiyik and Passamaquoddy. May we live with respect on this land, and live in friendship with its people. Grace and Alleluia to you all!

Thought for Meditation:

The road that brought you to this place, / no matter that it sometimes had to take your promise from you, / no matter that it always had to break your heart along the way: to have risked yourself / for something that seemed to stand both inside you / and far beyond you, that called you back / in the end to the only road you could follow, walking / as you did, in your rags of love.

David Whyte, “Santiago”

THE GATHERING

***WELCOME & LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

***INTROIT #396 VU Jesus stand Among US**

Jesus, stand among us in your risen power;

Let this time of worship be a hallowed hour.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed!

Leader: Let us worship together!

***HYMN #173 VU Thine Is The Glory**

OPENING PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

[Today's version is from Zimbabwe]

Leader: O God, with the mystery of the Resurrection, with new life stirring within us, we gather as your Easter people,

People: **And we are joyful to be here.**

Leader: We bring our Alleluias on this day we call yours, this day we call holy.

People: **Breathe your Holy Spirit upon us, and upon all that we do.**

Leader: This we pray in the name of Jesus, the Risen One, saying:

Gracious Spirit,

Who loves us like a mother,

Whose realm is blooming among us now, and within.

We pray that our compassion guide us in every action.

Give us what we need for each day,

And help us to be satisfied with the miracle of that alone.

Forgiver, whose embrace brings us to wholeness without asking,

May we reconcile ourselves to one another in humility.

And may we cancel the crushing debts that imprison our neighbours,

So that communities of joy and health may flourish.

May we neither profit from nor ignore evil,

But ever work to thwart it with non-violence,

As we co-create the realm of peace in this world,

Now and each day.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S HYMN #121 MV Hey Now! Singing Hallelujah! R/v.1/R

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

CHILDREN'S HYMN #121 MV Hey Now! Singing Hallelujah! R/v.5/R

T H E W O R D O F G O D

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 24: 36-43

ANTHEM: Deep In Our Hearts J.Oldham/R.Klusmeier

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SERMON: *When Jesus Comes Back With All Those Wounds....*

HYMN #185 VU You Tell Me That The Lord Is Risen

T H E R E S P O N S E

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING & OFFERTORY: (#179 VU, chorus/v.2/ chorus)

Hallelujah, hallelujah, give thanks to the Risen Christ,

Hallelujah, hallelujah, give praise to God's name.

Spread the good news o'er all the earth, Jesus has died and is risen!

Hallelujah, hallelujah, give thanks to the Risen Christ,

Hallelujah, hallelujah, give praise to God's name.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A PRAYER LITANY FOR EASTERTIDE:

Leader: When it was evening on that day,

People: **The first day of the week,**

Leader: And the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked with fear,

People: **You came and stood among us,**

Leader: Wounds and all,

People: **Wounded world worn on your very shoulders.**

Leader: And you gave 'broken but whole' new meaning.

People: **When it was evening on that day,**

Leader: And all the locks were chained across our hearts,

People: **You came, and stood, and broke all the doors down,**

Leader: Rising from fear to hope, reminding us all,

People: **That Love's the Gospel that still guides us.**

Leader: And the Spirit of God fills our breath.

People: **And the Spirit of God stands with us now.**

Leader: And the Spirit of God is our song.

People: **So sing on, Holy One, sing on.**

Leader: Fill us with justice and mercy, grace and compassion,

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People: **And the yearning for your new day that dawns even now!**

Leader: And let all the people say:

ALL: AMEN!

HYMN #706 VU Give Thanks For Life

THE BENEDICTION

CHORAL BLESSING: Amen (#974 VU)

A-men! A-men! Hallelujah! Amen!

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A-men! A-men! Hallelujah! Amen!

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If you know of someone in hospital please notify the Church. Please forward items of prayer and celebration to the Minister. For emergencies, you may call Rev. Dr. Kelly Burke at 470-9634.

Greeter This Week: Linda Watson

Teller This Week: Dorothy Webster and Myrna Belyea-Tracy

Trustee on Duty (Apr): Jim Merrill

The bulletin today is dedicated in loving memory of David Cook (1940-2014) by wife Sandra and family.

LOOKING AHEAD:

Tue., Apr. 16th - 7:00 pm - Official Board Meeting

NMUC LIBRARY – Just a reminder that we have plenty of interesting books in our church library for anyone to borrow. There have been a couple of requests for “**large print**” novels for our library. If you have any at home or know someone who would like to donate some, we’d love to have them.

JIGSAW PUZZLE LIBRARY – Just a reminder that we have a lovely selection of jigsaw puzzles in the mini kitchen (off the sanctuary). They are available to anyone who would like to borrow them. A great way to pass the time. Donations of puzzles are greatly appreciated.

GREENER VILLAGE COMMUNITY FOOD CENTRE: For the month of **April**, we will focus on **canned diced tomatoes**. However, as always, everything is deeply appreciated.

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

NASHWAAKSIS UNITED CHURCH (46 Main St.) will be hosting a “**Ham Takeout**” on Friday, April 19 from 4:00 – 5:30 pm. The menu includes delicious ham, potato and macaroni salads, roll and lemon tart for dessert. The cost is \$15. Cut off for reservations is Tuesday, April 16th at 2 pm. Please call the church office at 506-458-9452 or email admin@nashwaaksisunited.ca

WILMOT UNITED CHURCH – Guaranteed Livable Income - A Conversation about Guaranteed Livable Income sponsored by Wilmot Outreach Committee in partnership with Basic Income Atlantic.

When? Friday, May 3, 2024 from 1 pm – 3 pm

Where? Wilmot sanctuary. Refreshments and further discussion following the presentation.

Who? Wil Robertson and Dr. Herb Emery with discussion moderator Randy Hatfield.

How Much? No charge