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April 1st, 2018 11 am
EASTER SUNDAY: Celebrating the Resurrection of Our Lord!

Welcome and thank you for joining in our worship this holy morning! We hope you feel at home in our midst. Grace and peace to you all!

Thought for Meditation:

Clergy & church volunteers, here's our yearly reminder: Jesus will rise from the dead even if you forgot to print out the right hymns, even if the spring flowers arrive already wilted, even if the whole choir gets laryngitis. Nothing will keep the stone from rolling away. You are loved.

Nadia Bolz-Weber

THE GATHERING

*Please rise in body or in spirit for sections marked with an asterisk.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (spoken from the back of the church)

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed!

Leader: Alleluia!

People: Alleluia and Amen!!

*HYMN #155 VU Jesus Christ is Risen Today

*ENTRANCE OF THE CHRIST LIGHT & THE EASTER CROSS

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

On this day of joy, O God, on this day of Resurrection and new life, we gather as your Easter people. Fill us with your Spirit, with your

life, with your hope, and with your love. This we pray in the name
of the Risen Christ 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.
And 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.

CHILDREN'S HYMN #958 VU Halle, Halle, Halle
TIME WITH THE CHILDREN
CHILDREN'S HYMN #958 VU Halle, Halle, Halle

T H E R E S P O N S E

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING & OFFERTORY (#179 VU)

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.

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

***THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 20:1-18**

SERMON: *Gardeners and Other Grand Surprises – An Easter April Fool!*

ANTHEM: *Crown Him Lord This Easter Day!* D. Besig/N. Price

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (sung responses 203-205 MV)

THE INVITATION

***HYMN #467 VU One Bread, One Body**

*** A NEW CREED**

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.**

We believe in God:

**who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

**to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

**The Lord be with you!
And also with you!**

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Gracious God, we raise voices hoarse from shouting alleluias.

We sing praises for the wonder of an empty tomb,
for the gift of life that breaks the bonds of death.

We give thanks for the wonder of the earth, for days and nights rippled
with beauty. All of this was from you, Holy One, gifts for us, who are
created in your image.

**When you saw that we had lost our way, you sent us prophets and
teachers, to remind us of your love. And finally you sent us your
holy self, in the person of Jesus, to lead us from death to the very
celebration of life!**

And so, with the beloved and the betrayer, with the saints and the
sinners, the just and the unjust, with the faithful and the forgiven of all
time and place, we sing:

Oh, holy, holy, holy God, O God of time and space.

All earth and sea and sky above bear witness to your grace.

Hosanna in the highest heaven, creation sings your praise,

And blessed is the One who comes and bears your name always!

Holy are you, O God, and blessed is Jesus Christ, the One on whom our
hearts rely. Calling us in from our labours, he offers us the meal of new
life. At this table he shares the gifts of forgiveness and grace. And so
with gratitude and awe we sing:

Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen,

Christ will come again!

Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen,

Christ will come again

~~~~~The Institution narrative ~~~~~

God of Life, send your Spirit upon us as we gather to share this meal; infuse this bread and this cup with the Spirit's joy. May alleluias fill our souls: for Christ who died is now alive! And so our hearts sing:

*Amen, amen, O Holy One! Hosanna and Amen!*

*Amen, amen, O Holy One! Hosanna and Amen!*

~~~~~*We Share the Feast*~~~~~

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison):

We give thanks that bread broken brings wholeness; that wine poured out replenishes; that time spent with the Risen Christ and one another is both gift and grace. Alleluia and Amen!

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

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BLESSING: Amen (#974 VU)**

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. Kelly Burke at 470-9634.

Greeters This Week: Janet Merrill

Trustees On Duty (Apr): Doug Price and Lloyd Penney

Today's bulletin is dedicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of Fred Brett, a former organist and choir director at NMUC, by Verna and family.

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun., Apr. 8th - 11:00 am - Worship Service

Mon., Apr. 9th - 7:00 pm - Men's Club Meeting

Wed., Apr. 11th - 7:00 pm - U.C.W. Meeting

Jigsaw Puzzle Lending Library

We have had such success with our book library, members of our church decided it would be fun to have a jigsaw puzzle lending library as well. Looking for donations of adult jigsaw puzzles (all pieces still there, please) and the rules will be the same as with our book library...take what interests you, keep as long as you need to complete it, and bring it back when you are done! Donations can be left on the bench in the upper foyer of the church and a permanent area for this library will be organized in the weeks ahead. **Contact Dorothy at 457-9795 for more details.**

If anyone who would like church envelopes, please contact Lloyd Penney at 447-0784 or e-mail lloydpenney12@gmail.com

If you haven't picked yours up already, copies of the latest edition of "The Beacon" are available in the main foyer.

GREENER VILLAGE COMMUNITY FOOD CENTRE - For the month of April, we will focus on **school snacks: puddings, fruit cups, granola bars or juice boxes.** However, as always, everything is deeply appreciated. We are always looking for plastic grocery bags as well as we use them for packing our food hampers.

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

UCW Bridge Luncheon will be held on **Thursday, May 3rd**, at **12 noon** at **Nashwaaksis United Church**, 46 Main Street. Please contact Connie – 472-4744 to reserve your table at a cost of \$40. Hope to see you all there!

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to everyone who supported our Easter Plant project.**

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