



Salisbury United Church
May 12, 2024
Welcome to Worship!



Welcome & Announcements

Treaty Six Acknowledgement:

Hymn Medley:

The Church Is Wherever God's People; #579VU

The church is wherever God's people are praising,
 singing God's goodness for joy on this day.
 The church is wherever disciples of Jesus
 remember his story and walk in his way.



The church is wherever God's people are helping,
 caring for neighbours in sickness and need.
 The church is wherever God's people are sharing
 the words of the Bible in gift and in deed.

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.

As Comes the Breath of Spring; #373VU, v. 1, 3 & 4

As comes the breath of spring with light and mirth and song,
 so does your Spirit bring new days brave, free, and strong.
 You come with thrill of life to chase hence winter's breath,
 to hush to peace the strife of sin that ends in death.

You come like songs at morn that fill the earth with joy,
 till we, in Christ newborn, new strength in praise employ.
 You come to rouse the heart from drifting to despair,
 through high hopes to impart life with an ampler air.

You breathe and there is health; you move and there is power;
 you whisper, there is wealth of love, your richest dower.
 Your presence is to us like summer in the soul;
 your joy shines forth and then life blossoms to its goal.

Call to Prayer: *(remain standing)*

Children of the Creator –
gathered in this place!
 Followers of Jesus –
from all around the world!
 People of the Spirit –
 living Christ's call:
in prayer,
in action,
in love.
 Now?
Always!
 Christ is risen!
Christ is risen, indeed!
 Alleluia!
Alleluia! Amen!



(Source: Richard Bott, Gathering Lent/Easter 2024, p. 43. Used with permission)

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 light of Christ is with us,
between us and all around us.
Thanks be to God.



(The Christ Candle is lit)

Resting in Peace: *(A time to sit quietly and invite peace in)*

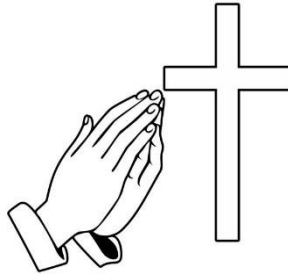
May the peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.



Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer:

God of Grace and Glory, we are ready for your good news. Let it abide deep within our souls. As we come in worship, may we receive the scripture and reflections with an openness of spirit, a keenness of mind, and a willingness to engage with your timeless story. We ask this in the name of the Liberating Christ, who taught us to pray 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: Laura Turnbull, Gathering Lent/Easter 2024, p. 47. Used with permission)

Hymn: I Can Feel You Near Me God; #48MV

*And I'll jump for joy I'm singing Alleluia Jump for joy for you
I will jump for joy I'm singing Alleluia Jump for joy for you.*

I can feel you near me God I can feel you near
Yes I know you're with me God I feel you here
I can feel you near me God I can feel you near
Yes I know you're with me God Heaven is here. (R)

I can feel you loving me yes I know you care
God I know you're loving me always everywhere
I can feel you loving me yes I know you care
God I know you're loving me I know you're there. (R)

Discovery Time:


Hymn: I Know Your Word; #108MV

I know your Word, your Word is a lamp to my feet, O God.
I know your Word, your Word is a lamp to my feet, O God.
I know your word is a lamp, O God, to light my path forever.
I know your word is a lamp, O God, to light my path forever.

Scripture Reading: John 17:1-12 (The Message) 

Salisbury Singers: Alleluia! Love Is Alive

The Son has arisen for all.
Your people sing alleluia!

Scripture Reading: 1 John 1:1-5 (The Message) 

Sermon:

Hymn: I Have Called You by Your Name; #161MV

I have called you by your name, you are mine;
I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.
I will not abandon you; all my promises are true.
You are gifted, called, and chosen; you are mine.

I will help you learn my name as you go;
read it written in my people, help them grow.
Pour the water in my name, speak the word your soul can claim,
offer Jesus' body given long ago.

I know you will need my touch as you go;
feel it pulsing in creation's ebb and flow.
Like the woman reaching out, choosing faith in spite of doubt,
hold the hem of Jesus' robe, then let it go.

I have given you a name, it is mine;
I have given you my Spirit as a sign.
With my wonder in your soul, make my wounded children whole;
go and tell my precious people they are mine.

Acknowledgement of Offering:

Lord God, we ask you to receive these gifts of our
hearts and of our hands. Please use them in the name
of Jesus, our risen Christ. Amen.



(Source: Kate Gregory, Gathering Lent/Easter 2024, p. 48. Used with permission)

Prayers for the Journey:

O God,
Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer of all life,
You have begun the work of creating a new world,
a world where justice is known,
where freedom and healing are available to all people.
We are grateful for the seeds you have sown.
We pray for the places in the world that are caught up in violence,
where people are held captive or struggle under oppressive powers,
and where sickness prevails and medical resources are scarce.

(Silence)

Grant each one courage and perseverance through your Spirit.
May people everywhere find the fullness of life you intend for us all.

God of human connections,
You have begun the work of creating a new community,
one where love is shared and all find a sense of belonging.
We are grateful that we belong to you.
We pray for groups who are made to feel like they don't belong,
for families caught up in tension or strife,
and for those who feel that no one seems to care.

(Silence)

Grant each one courage and comfort through your Spirit.

God of caring and compassion,
you have begun the work of transforming relationships.
We pray for parents, grandparents and great-parents,
all the mothers around the world.
Give mothers hope for their children,
and peace in the world to raise their children safely.
Comfort and support each member of our families,
and guide each child and young person into the future.

(Silence)

May people everywhere find the fullness of life you intend for us all.

God of the earth and its wonders,
You have begun the work of making a new creation,
a creation where all that has been broken is being restored,
where all that has been distorted is made right,
and what has been damaged is renewed.
We are grateful for your power of renewal.
We pray for the earth,
the places where its natural balances are threatened
and species put at risk by human exploitation.



(Silence)

May creatures everywhere know the fullness of life you intend for us all.

God of this life and new life,
As you work towards making all things new,
we pray for transformation of purpose in our churches and ministries,
for leaders tired out by their responsibilities,
and for church members who aren't sure how to make a contribution.

(Silence)

Send your energizing Spirit to gather the church
in ways both familiar and new.
May your servants in every church know the fullness of life
you intend for us all and be empowered to bear witness
to Jesus in refreshing ways,
in his holy name we pray, 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: All the Way My Saviour Leads Me; #635VU

All the way my Saviour leads me; what have I to ask beside?
Can I doubt his tender mercy who through life has been my guide?
Heavenly peace, divinest comfort, here by faith in him to dwell,
for I know, what-e'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well.

All the way my Saviour leads me, cheers each winding path I tread,
gives me grace for every trial, feeds me with the living bread.
Though my weary steps may falter, and my soul a-thirst may be,
gushing from the rock before me, lo, a spring of joy I see!

All the way my Saviour leads me; O the fullness of his love!
Perfect rest to me is promised in my Father's house above.
When my spirit, clothed, immortal, wings its flight to realms of day,
this my song through endless ages, 'Jesus led me all the way!'

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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MOTHER'S DAY - Sunday, May 12th

This Sunday, May 12th is Mother's Day! And the Hospitality & Fellowship Committee has something special planned after worship on Mother's Day...strawberry shortcake and coffee during fellowship in the lower hall. *Please join us!*

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - Sunday, May 26th



Our annual congregational meeting is soon upon us. On Sunday, May 26th, we will be hosting our Annual Congregational Renewal Meeting after worship service. Between worship and the meeting, Hospitality & Fellowship will serve coffee and celebration cake to commemorate 60 years that the church has been on the land it sits upon now. Details on the Annual Report coming soon...

BROADVIEW SUBSCRIPTION RENEWALS - Due June 5th



It's that time of year again...time to renew your subscription to *Broadview Magazine*. More information will be available in the coming weeks, but if you would like to renew your subscription or begin a subscription, please contact the church office. This year, annual subscriptions are \$30 each. **Deadline for renewal & new subscriptions is Wednesday, June 5th.**

SHERWOOD PARK UNITED CHURCH -

Looking for Bell Ringers for September

United Harmony, the handbell choir from Sherwood Park United Church will be looking for a few new ringers to join the choir in September. Practices are every Tuesday from 7-9pm and they play in church 4-5 times per year. The ability to read music would be an asset. Ringing technique tutorials will be available. "We are blessed to have a great director, and we have a lot of fun as we learn."

If you are interested in joining, please contact Susan Galloway at: (780) 719-6177 or by email at sgallowa@shaw.ca (intentionally no "y" in her email).



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

	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)

\$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.

Phone: 780-467-7310