

May 11th, 2025 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Thought to ponder: *"Joy is prayer; joy is strength; joy is love; joy is a net of love by which you can catch souls."*— Mother Teresa

Welcome

Announcements, Life & Work of the Church

Prelude:

Passing the Peace:

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you

Acknowledgement of the Territories:

Lighting of the Christ Candle:

Call to Worship:

One: Together with all those in heaven and on earth, we say:

All: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!

One: Let our hearts be joyful as we praise:

All: We come before the throne of God to worship day and night.

One: Called together by the Holy Spirit, let us rejoice and sing:

All: We will hunger and thirst no more; For Christ brings us eternal life.

Hymn: VU #187 The Spring Has Come

**The spring has come,
let all the church be part of it!
The world has changed,
and God is at the heart of it!
New light, new day,
new colour after winter grey.
New light, new day,
the spring has come,
let all the church be part of it!**

**The sun is warm,
let all God's children play in it!
The world expands,
let's spread the Gospel way in it!
New leaf, new thrust,
new greening for the love of Christ.
New leaf, new thrust,
the sun is warm,
Let all God's children play in it!**

**The spring has come,
new people are the flowers of it.
Through wind and rain,
new life is in the showers of it.
New bud, new shoot,
new hope will bear the Spirit's fruit.
New bud, new shoot,
the spring has come,
New people are the flowers of it!**

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Gathering Prayer:

**God of the ages, God of today, you are
 compassion; for our cup overflows.
 You are hope; for you lead us into
 green pastures. You are truth; for you
 lead us beside quiet streams.
 You are life; for you restore our souls.
 Morning, noon and night, O God, you
 are the source of our joy. We gather to
 worship you as one family of your
 people, honoring you as our Creator,
 trusting you as our Saviour,
 celebrating you as the Spirit who gives
 us life. Amen.**

Time for all Ages: my favourite game...

God style!!!

Hymn: VU #280 Mother and God x2

**Mother and God, to you we sing:
 Wide is your womb,
 warm is your wing.
 In you we live, move and are fed
 Sweet, flowing milk,
 Life giving bread.
 Mother and God, to you we bring
 All broken hearts, all broken wings.**

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Prayer of Illumination:

Scripture:**Psalm 23** God is my shepherd**Revelation 7:9-17** The Saints will never hunger or thirst**John 10:22-30** My sheep listen to my voice**Ministry of Music: The River is Here****Reflection: God is searching****Hymn: MV #126 Are You a Shepherd?**

Are you a shepherd,
 good shepherd who leads us
 Safely through danger,
 while calming our fears?

Are you a father who
 Shelters and feeds us,
 Shares in our laughter
 and wipes away tears?

**Yes, you are shepherd,
 parent and teacher,
 But you are greater
 than all that we know.**

**Holy and living,
 loving and giving,
 God, you are with us
 wherever we go.**

Are you a mother,
 good mother who bears us,
 Comforts, protects us
 and helps us to rest?

Are you a teacher
 who daily prepares us,
 Challenging students
 to offer their best?

Refrain

Great, gentle shepherd,
 forever beside us,
 Lead all your children
 in paths that are right.
 Great, loving parent,
 wise teacher, you guide us.
 We want to love you
 and bring you delight.

Refrain

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Prayers of the People

One: Lord, in your mercy,
All: Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

**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, and the
 power, and the glory, for ever and
 ever. Amen.**

Invitation to Generosity:

Prayer of Dedication:

Generous God, thank you for all we have received from you in Christ and in creation; your generosity to us overflows. Bless the gifts we bring and use them and us in the service of your reign of justice and peace, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Guide. Amen.

Hymn: VU #556***Would You Bless Our Homes and Families***

**Would you bless
our homes and families,
Source of life who calls us here;
In our world of stress and tension
Teach us love that conquers fear.
Help us learn to love each other
With a love that constant stays;
Teach us when we face our troubles,
Love's expressed in many ways.**

**When our way is undemanding,
Let us use the time that's ours
To delight in simple pleasures,
Sharing joys in gentle hours.
When our way is anxious walking
And a heavy path we plod,
Teach us trust in one another
And in you, our gracious God.**

**From the homes
 in which we're nurtured,
 With the love that shapes us there,
 Teach us, God, to claim as family
 Every one whose life we share.
 And through all that life may offer,
 May we in your love remain;
 May the love we share in families
 Be alive to praise your name.**

**Let us reach beyond the boundaries
 Of our daily thought and care
 Till the family you have chosen
 Spills its love out everywhere.
 Help us learn to love each other
 With a love that constant stays;
 Teach us when we face our troubles
 Love's expressed in many ways.**

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Benediction:

Sung Benediction: Giver of New Life

**O Giver of new life,
 In Jesus Christ you came.
 To bring us peace and joy,
 We praise your holy name.
 Hallelujah, Praise God Hallelujah.
 Hallelujah, Praise God Hallelujah.
 Hallelujah, Praise God Hallelujah.
 Hallelujah, Praise God Hallelujah.**

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Announcements

May 11th, 2025 Fourth Sunday of Easter.

Reader for this week: Daniel

Reader for next week: Eunice

Greeter this week: Gordon and Karen

Greeter next week: Frank and Audrey

Tellers this week: Al and

Tellers next week: Susan and Lori

A/V this week: Lisa

A/V next week: Al

Sunday

9:30 Coffee Time via Zoom

10:00 Sunday Service

Coffee and conversation after the service

Wednesday

6:00 Choir Rehearsal

Next Sunday 9:30 Coffee Time via Zoom
 10:00 Sunday Service in sanctuary
 via Facebook and Zoom

Do you have a hand? Trace it out on coloured paper and put your name and a couple of tidbits about you inside the hand and return it to the office or drop it off when coming in to Sunday service. Paper is available at the church if you need some.

The Plant sale will be coming soon. Start preparing your perennials for dividing and potting then bring them to us the last week of May for the plant sale on May 31st.

Women of the bible Do you have a favourite woman of the Bible? Write her name on the white board. This summer we will be talking about the incredible women of the bible.

Grad Sunday June 15. Please let us know if you have a family member graduating from high school, college or university. Let Lisa know or sign the sheet in the Narthex.

Good News and Caring Corner: If you have some good news you want shared with the congregation, let us know and we'll pass it on. If there is someone you think should have a card from the caring corner for whatever reason, please see the attendant in the corner, or call the office.

Offering Envelopes are available at the office or on the table in the entryway. If you are using them

for the first time, be sure to have your name and address on the first one so we can get you your tax receipt at the end of the year.

Grocery Cards: It's an easy fundraiser as we all buy groceries so why not do it via grocery cards as it results in income for the church. We will be available (as we are able) before and after church for you to purchase cards. As well, cards are available for purchase in the office during regular business hours.

Contact information: Please keep your contact information and addresses updated so we can get information out to you. An inaccurate address may lead to delays for tax receipts. Thanks.

A reminder that you may be on our video presentation as we are broadcasting our services on Facebook.

Join in or listen to any of the Zoom calls via Internet using the link:
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[pwd=7lAYtPHcGTE](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/179750852?pwd=7lAYtPHcGTE)

If you know of anyone needing help, please contact the office or Rev. Jenn Brown