

## OUTREACH

**If you can help deliver food on Tuesday mornings**, please join the Outreach team at 9:00 a.m. to get organized and assemble the food. This is a new initiative and we could use a few more bodies. Friends, neighbours, and family members are always welcome.

**If you can help with food deliveries on Saturday mornings** at 10:00 a.m., please let Kevin Graham know.

**If you can help with food deliveries on Thursday afternoons**, please let Frank Kronister or Paul McVety know. We get organized at 11:00 a.m.

**We need MEAT/food donations, monetary donations, reusable shopping bags, and drivers!** We will take any of the above. The best time to donate is Thursdays 11-2, or on Sunday mornings.

**Please pause** donations of egg cartons, elastic bands and refillable bottles for the time being.

**A reminder to please arrive at church “scent free”.**

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Song Leader

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\*indicates those who are able to please stand

### WE GATHER TOGETHER

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: This is the good news which we proclaim to you.

**P: Jesus Christ is raised from the dead!**

L: Walk in the light of his love.

**P: Live in the light of his teachings and healing mercies.**

L: Come, let us worship the One who overcame death.

**P: Let us celebrate the triumph of our Lord.**

CHORAL INTROIT

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**What does the Lord require of you?**

**What does the Lord require of you?**

**Justice, Kindness, walk humbly with your God.**

**To seek justice, and love kindness,  
and walk humbly with your God.**

\*PRAYER OF APPROACH

**Lord Jesus Christ, on the second Sunday of Easter the light of your love shines on! Your light has come into the world and neither darkness, nor evil, nor even death itself, could overcome it.**

**And we (like Mary, like the disciples, like “doubting” Thomas) who have been there with you through Holy Week and the first Easter morning have been made witnesses to the resurrection story:**

**wondering,**

**bewildered,**

**hoping,**

**rejoicing,**

**and sometimes doubting.**

**It is not always easy to believe with our minds and trust with our hearts. Open our minds and hearts to receive you, Lord: your resurrection glory and your light everlasting. May this time of worship, reflection and celebration be a worthy response to your love and your sacrifice for us. For it is in your name that we pray. Amen.**

\*HYMN *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* 220

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We admit we are hesitant to walk to Jerusalem and beyond with You, God of Glory. In a world where we worry about tomorrow before enjoying today, we race by Your moments of silence and of learning. In that flood of worries, which can overwhelm us, we may miss that assurance that You have not cut us off from Your grace. In the deserts of our desires, we may ignore that feast of hope, of joy, of life You offer to us. Forgive us and have mercy on us, Gentle Guardian of our souls. In humility, may we offer our lives to others. In love, may we share your grace with everyone we meet. In hope, may we wait for You all our days, as you come to us in the life and joy of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER ASSURANCE

ANTHEM *Dance with the Spirit* by Jim Strathdee

#### WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE Acts 5:17-32

PSALM 150 874

\*HYMN *Thine Is the Glory* 173a

SCRIPTURE John 20:19-31

MESSAGE

#### WE RESPOND IN LOVE

\*HYMN *Fairest Lord Jesus* 341

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

\*DOXOLOGY 384(HFG)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

#### PRAYER OF DEDICATION PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

\*HYMN *Rejoice, the Lord Is King* 213

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION  
CHORAL BLESSING *Go Now In Peace*  
POSTLUDE

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*Happy Birthday* to **Laura Ann Martin**, who celebrates this Wednesday, **Al Graham**, who celebrates on Thursday, and **Joanne Scholten**, who celebrates this Saturday ☺

**Bible Study** – Every Tuesday, 2 p.m., Reverend Richard and Marcia Parker's residence.

**Men's Breakfast** – The men meet for breakfast every third Saturday of each month. Their next gathering is scheduled for Saturday, May 17 at 10 a.m., **and the women are invited.**

**The church office will be closed** May 28 – 30 and Reverend Richard will be leading worship on May 25, as Darlene will be on holidays.

If you are interested in joining the **Prayer Shawl Committee**, please speak with Marilyn Walsh/Beryl Pearce.

**We greatly appreciate helping bodies on Sunday mornings to:**

Operate the chairlift.

Occasionally help set up coffee at 9:15 a.m.

Help shovel the sidewalk before church on wintery mornings.

Occasionally help with the sound and camera equipment.

If you have **social media skills** and would like to share them to promote our church, we'd love to have your talents. Instagram, TikTok, X, Meta? Maybe you can share our activities for us!

A sign-up sheet has been posted in the kitchen for those who wish to **volunteer to bring in treats for Sunday morning coffee time** following worship.