

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. **At the end of each month we will celebrate any birthdays/special occasions with cake.**

Our Outreach Program is need of:

Elastic bands to wrap around egg cartons etc.

HELP on Saturday mornings! Are there people out there that could help do food deliveries on Saturdays at 10 a.m.? Friends and neighbours are welcome to help as well.

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.

We are running low on **refillable bottles** (plastic or glass) that could be used for dividing up large containers of dish soap, cleaners, oils, etc.

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

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April 13, 2025

Palm Sunday

The Reverend Richard Parker

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Lay Worship Leader

Music Facilitator

Song Leader

*indicates those who are able to please stand

WE GATHER TOGETHER

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The story of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem tells us that after His celebrated arrival He went into the Temple and looked around at everything. As we gather here for worship today may it be with a sense that Jesus has walked in too, and is looking around. May our eyes be open to see Him, may our hearts be ready to be seen by Him, may our worship be worthy of His presence, and may we be transformed so that we see the world through His eyes.

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

It is relatively easy for us to roster someone to go and gather palm leaves to spread in the church today. And we can easily find music and a few good words to help us to remember and re-enact Palm Sunday. But what if YOU arrived inviting us to really lay down something important to us to acknowledge Your arrival? What if we knew the imminence of the danger that accompanies You, or sensed that the authorities were watching us as we worship? How then, Jesus, would we meet You today? And what would we spread before You? And how would we regard humility from the One we

hope will save the world? Palm Sunday, Jesus, help us to see how and where You enter our world today, and what You ask us to lay at your feet, and how we may welcome You in. Amen.

*HYMN *All Glory, Laud and Honour* 122

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ever constant Love, mixing love and hope together, You pave the way to the kingdom, but we prefer to stub our toes on the potholed roads of temptation. You would touch the cup of grace to our parched lips, but we seem to hunger for the ashy taste of bitterness. You beg us to learn the songs of salvation, but we hum along with the chorus death plays in the background of our lives. Have mercy upon us, God of Holiness. As You come to us, You bring healing for our brokenness, peace for our troubled lives, hope for our doubting minds. May we empty ourselves of everything which keeps us from following You, so we may receive these gifts, and more, from Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER ASSURANCE

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

THE PASSION NARRATIVE Luke 23:1-12
Jesus Handed Over to Pontius Pilate
Jesus Faces Herod

PSALM 31 Parts 2 & 3 758

THE PASSION NARRATIVE Luke 23:13-25
Taking the Place of Barabbas

ANTHEM

THE PASSION NARRATIVE Luke 23:26-34
The King on a Cross

*HYMN *Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!* 127

THE PASSION NARRATIVE Luke 23:35-49
Jesus Dies on the Cross

L: This is the Gospel of our Crucified Redeemer.

P: **Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

HYMN (*please remain seated*) *Were You There* 144
MESSAGE

WE RESPOND IN LOVE

*HYMN *He's Still the King of Kings* 242(HFG)

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

*HYMN *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* 123

BLESSING OF THE PALMS, COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

L: God be with you.

P: **And also with you.**

L: Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

P: **It is right to give you our thanks and praise.**

L: It is right to praise You, almighty God, for the way of love by which You have redeemed us through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Saviour. The Hebrews acclaimed Jesus the Messiah and King with palm branches in their hands, crying 'Hosanna in the highest'. May we also, carrying these palm crosses, go forth to meet Christ and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life in glory with You and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

L: Let us go forth in the peace of Christ.

P: **In the name of Christ.**

L: And May God's grace go ahead of you, trail behind you, and encircle you each and every moment, that with every move you make you would know with absolute assurance that God's steadfast love will never leave you alone. Amen.

CHORAL BLESSING *Go Now In Peace*

POSTLUDE

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 this Saturday, April 19 at 8:30 a.m. All men are welcome!

Council Meeting – Wednesday, April 23 at 2:30 p.m., in the sanctuary.