



Sunday, April 25, 2021



Easter Sunday was April 4 and we celebrated the Risen Christ! The Season of Easter continues and lasts until May 23 which is Pentecost Sunday 16. The cross remains in the sanctuary with the white cloth on it until then. Easter is the most important and oldest festival of the Christian Church, celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Hallelujah Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

ORDER OF SERVICE

GATHERING: My shepherd will supply my need
(Tune - Resignation) arr. Dale Wood

HYMN: **VU635** All the way savior leads vs. 1 & 2

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
Anne Grewar Chair of the Church Council

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF LAND (Written by Rita Swan)

CANDLELIGHTING

HYMN: **VU635** All the way savior leads vs. 2 & 3

OPENING PRAYER
O God, our loving Shepherd, we come at your invitation to walk with you today.
We are grateful. We seek places of peace and rest from the stresses of our lives.
The Shepherd will lead us to places where our souls will be refreshed, and restored.
We come, sometimes fearful of the hostilities of the world.
In the midst of all the turmoil, the Shepherd will provide for your needs abundantly.
As we walk with our loving shepherd today, we open our hearts and minds to receive the Lord's holy words that will surely heal, restore and challenge us to the service of the Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME "Turn around Sheba" by Mel-gray Jean L. Goggins

ANTHEM: The Lord is my shepherd - Text - Psalm 23; Music - John Rutter; Kim Pelletier - oboe

SCRIPTURE READING: John 10:11-18 read by Diane Wreford
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN: **VU748** God is my shepherd vs. 1 & 2

SERMON: Rita Swan

HYMN: **VU748** God is my shepherd vs. 4 & 5

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER pg. 914/916:
God knows us and God loves us; Response: **VU749** Refrain 2

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: **VU218** We praise you, O God vs. 1
We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator; in grateful devotion our tribute we bring. We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you; we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.

BLESSING (Written by Rita Swan)



OUR LAND - We remember, as we celebrate God's presence in Worship that St. Andrew's River Heights United Church gathers in Treaty 1 land, the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe, Cree, Oji-Cree, and Dakota peoples and in the heart of the Metis Nation. As Treaty people, we seek to live with respect on this land, and live in peace and friendship with all our relations.

**BENEDICTION (MV212 Sent out in Jesus' name)
 Sent out in Jesus' name, our hands are ready now
 to make the world the place in which the kingdom comes.
 The angels cannot change a world of hurt and pain
 into a world of love, of justice and of peace.
 The task is our to do, to set it really free.
 O, help us to obey, and carry out your will**

POSTLUDE: Voluntary in G major *Opus 7 #9 John Stanley*
Announcements

A special thank you to our quartet of singers today: Judy Oatway, Diane Wreford, Nolan Kehler, Paul Forget. Thank you Diane for reading the scripture, thank you to Anne Grewar for the update and thank you to Kim Pelletier for sharing her oboe talent with us.

Each week we will mention people from our congregation who are in care facilities. Remember them in your prayers. This week we will remember those in:

Tuxedo Villa-Ed Lozowy Carolyn, Joe Graham and Lu Rutldge

If you or anyone you know has a special birthday, anniversary or celebration coming up let us know so that we can announce it.

Rita Swan is enrolled in the Licensed Lay Worship Leader program of the United Church of Canada and we as a faith community support her in this. As part of this class, she must preach twice in the church that supports her. Rita will be preaching on Sunday, April 25 for our online church service. Offer Rita your prayers, support and encouragement as she continues this journey of living out her calling.

One of the pre-requisites was to have a group of 5 lay people from the congregation who would be willing to provide feedback on any of their worship leadership opportunities. Those who have been chosen are: Fred Cross, Iris McKay, Vinnie Ashton, Bill Muir, Kay & Gord Shawcross. Another prerequisite is to have the opportunity to participate and lead in various worship experiences which she is doing today.

April 26th to May 2nd Rev. Karen Lumley will be on Study Leave calling the congregation to check in.

Rev. Joshua Ward from St. Matthew's Maryland Community Ministry will be our guest preacher that day. Josh is no stranger to us at St. Andrew's having grown up in the church and as a youth he traveled to Guatemala on two of the Mission Experiences. Josh went to the Centre for Christian Studies to train to become a Diaconal Minister, was commissioned in the United Church of Canada and is the Minister at St. Matthew's Maryland Community Ministry-1JustCity. We welcome Josh to our service today.

Scripture Readings for next week:

Acts 8: 26-40
 Psalm 22: 25-31
 1John 4:7-21
 John 15:1-8

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Our heartfelt thanks go out to everyone who helped with today's service—we couldn't have pulled it off without you!

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