

**April 7, 2024**

**Second Sunday After Easter**

Congregational responses are in bold.

(\* ) Indicates Standing.

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**We Come Together**

**Prelude...** (*this is an opportunity for us to appreciate the gift of music and prepare our hearts for worship*)

**Introit** "Joy Comes with the Dawn"

**VU#166**

**Welcome/Land Acknowledgement**

**Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

**Opening Prayer:** (*unison*)

**You come among us in surprising ways, O God, feeding us with joy and salvation. Come among us this morning we ask, to feed our minds with wonder, to feast our eyes with renewed sight, to free our hands for your embrace, to fire our hearts with renewal, and to free our tongues with praise as we worship you this day. In our Saviour's name we pray...Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** "Morning Has Broken"

**VU#409**

**Personal Prayer:** "Come and Fill Our Hearts" x2

**MV#16**

**(Concluding with The Lord's Prayer)**

**Children's Learning Time**

**Children's Prayer**

**We Listen to the Word**

**Prayer for Understanding:**

**Reader: Sandra**

**Scripture Lesson:**

**Gospel: 1 John 1:1-7**

**John 20:19-31**

**Response:**

**One:** This is the living Word of God,

**All:** **Light for our way, hope for our hearts.**

**Sermon** "The Hiding Place"

**Anthem** "Awake! Arise! Go Forth!"

# Pastoral Prayer

\*Hymn: "Hallelujah, Hallelujah Give Thanks"

VU#179

## We Respond to the Word

### Invitation to the Offering

\*Sung Dedication:

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

VU#541

Offertory Prayer: *(unison)*

**Our gifts are promises to you, Living God, a promise of faithfulness to the resurrected Christ, a promise to support our faith community, a promise to help the ones who are powerless. In the power of your Holy Spirit, may these gifts spread your love. Amen.**

\*Hymn: "Come To My Heart, Lord Jesus"

VU#661

\*Blessing

\*Extinguishing the Christ Candle

\*Choral Benediction "Blessing"

### Postlude

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### This Week's Volunteers

**Ushers: Apr 7** Sandra & Gil **Apr 14** Kim & Kevin

**Apr 21** Eleanor & Ensor

**Screens: Apr 7** Kevin **Apr 14** Erik **Apr 21** Tracy

### Calendar: April 8<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>

<b>Monday</b>	9:30am	<b>Tai Chi</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>
	7:00pm	<b>Worship Meeting</b>	<b>Boardroom</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00am	<b>Craft Club</b>	<b>Kitchen</b>
	11:30am	<b>UCW Meeting</b>	<b>Boardroom</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:30am	<b>Tai Chi</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>
	7:00pm	<b>Choir</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>
<b>Friday</b>	afternoon	<b>Tai Chi</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
	5:30pm	<b>Indoor Yard Sale</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00am	<b>Indoor Yard Sale</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>
	12:00pm	<b>Church Decluttering</b>	<b>All rooms</b>

## **Announcements:**

**Mount Royal Indoor Yard Sale** Apr 12 (5:30pm – 8pm) & Apr 13 (8am – 11am.) Donations will be gladly received Apr 8-11<sup>th</sup> (9am – 2pm)

**Church Decluttering:** Anyone is invited to assist following the indoor yard sale on Sat at 12pm. If you belong to a group that uses the church space; please organise items that you would like to get rid of ASAP.

**Parking reminder:** please park either in our parking lot or on the church side (south side) of Bessborough. There is NO PARKING permitted on the north side of Bessborough.

**UCW Meeting Notice:** Our next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am in the boardroom.

**Lunch with Friends:** Our next lunch will be April 18<sup>th</sup> at noon. Please sign up at the back of the sanctuary or by calling the office by April 15<sup>th</sup> at noon.

**March 19<sup>th</sup> Church Council Highlights:** **MAIL:** Thank-you note received from Ensemble. **COLLABORATIVE MINISTRY:** Meetings being held with representatives of United Churches in Greater Moncton. Purpose is to encourage greater communication among our various congregations and work together when possible. **FINANCIAL:** local offerings down \$700 compared to last year. Year-to-date revenue is down \$4,600, half of which relates to \$2,400 in energy grants. Increased rentals made up for the decrease in givings. Operating expenses are down \$500. Wages are up \$2,000 and fuel costs are down \$1,350. The loss to date is \$17,024 vs \$12,942 last year. Approved transfer of \$7,000 from Manse Fund. Projected year end deficit is approx \$30,000.

**SYSTEMS:** Erik Gingles advised that the speakers in the hall have broken down and need to be replaced. **M & P:** Emily's annual review has been completed. **PASTORAL CARE:** Usual activities are ongoing. **UCW & CRAFT:** Bridge meet for the last time this season Mar 28.

**PROPERTY:** "decluttering day" is April 13<sup>th</sup> at noon. Dumpster will be in parking lot for several days for waste items. Request for carpeting replacement in choir loft. **FUND RAISING:** Sobey's cards have arrived.

**CHRISTIAN DEVELOPMENT:** Penny McIntyre will serve as chair.

**ADMINISTRATION:** Rev. Scott Stuart named Acting Chair of Council.

**POLICIES:** Sexual Misconduct Policy and Personal Information Policy approved. **LIVESTREAMING OUTSIDE OF SUNDAYS:** Tech Menu prices will be adhered to.