

**WELCOME TO MEMORIAL  
UNITED CHURCH  
2nd Sunday of Easter  
April 24, 2022**

**Next Sunday's Scripture Readings May 1, 2022**  
TBA

**Upcoming dates**

May 1 – 3rd Sunday After Easter – The Rev. Debbie Aitken  
May 8 – 4th Sunday After Easter – The Rev. Dr.- Larry Siebrands  
May 12 - Seniors' Lunch - 12 Noon  
May 15 – 5th Sunday After Easter – The Rev. Debbie Aitken  
May 22 – 6th Sunday After Easter – The Rev. Debbie Aitken

In loving memory of a father and grandfather, Melvin White, by Junior,  
Donna, Marci, Mindy and families.

Don't forget the food bank!

Reminder: Our offering plate is located near the sanctuary doors. Please place your contributions there, since we will not be taking an offering as we have in the past. It's one way to be mindful of the Covid restrictions.

We love PAR! Par is the Pre-Authorized Remittance, a direct debit program that allows you to support their church through an automatic monthly withdrawal from your bank account. Contact Maureen MacLeod if you are interested in contributing to our church through our PAR. Sure makes giving easier and more dependable!

Our "sweat shop" volunteers are meeting on Monday mornings to consider different creative ideas for the December craft sale. They sew and clean up materials and make preparations for the crafts. All are welcome to help! Thanks, volunteers.

\* please stand as able

Prelude  
Welcome  
Candle Lighting **FOR PEACE & FOR PEOPLE OF UKRAINE**  
Life & Work of the Community  
\*Hymn **Morning has Broken** **409VU**  
We Gather to Worship  
Gathering Prayer  
Minute for Mission  
\*Hymn **Joy Comes With the Dawn** **166VU**  
A Story For All Ages  
Scripture Readings: Acts 5:27-32  
Psalm 150 **874VU**  
John 21:1-19  
Sermon: **"Signs of Life...Signs of Resurrection"**  
\*Hymn **Jesus you have come to the Lakeshore** **515VU**  
Offering  
Anthem  
Offertory Prayer  
Prayer of the People & Lord's Prayer  
\*Hymn **I heard the Voice of Jesus** **626VU**  
Benediction  
\*Sending Forth **Halle, Halle, Halle** **980VU**

\*Call to worship adapted from Mennonite Church in Canada

## A Prayer at the Time of Conflict in the Ukraine

### **War is terrible but you find us, Loving God.**

You find us anxious as conflict rages in the country of Ukraine.

You find us angry at the senseless loss of life,  
you find us distressed as civilians are caught up in a terrible war,  
you find us grieving over the death of innocent bystanders.

### **War is terrible but you listen to us carefully, Loving God.**

You listen as we ask the politicians, "Can't you work for a peaceful solution?"

You listen as we say to the aggressors, "Don't put children or hospitals at risk."

You listen as we give thanks for countries that welcome those displaced  
with big hearts and open arms;  
you listen as we fear for journalists who put themselves in danger  
to report the truth.

### **War is terrible but you give us hope, Loving God.**

Hope that leaders will patiently give peace a chance.  
Hope that despite the heartache, the terror, and the loss,  
places of sanctuary will be found and acts of kindness will take root and grow.

Hope that feelings of revenge for broken livelihoods and broken bodies  
will be replaced by a willingness to restore community and to forgive.

We pray in the name of Jesus, crucified one. Amen

—David Sparks

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