

**WELCOME TO MEMORIAL
UNITED CHURCH
2nd Sunday of Easter
April 16, 2023**

* please stand as able

Prelude

Welcome and the lighting of the Christ Candle

Life & Work of the Community

***Hymn: God, the All-Holy** **VU 484**

Responsive Reading: You tell me that the Lord is risen

VU p. 185

Prayer of Confession: **VU p. 928B**

Hymn: Amazing Grace, v. 1 & 4 **VU 266**

Minute for Mission

***Hymn of the day: Now the Green Blade Rises** **VU 186**

Scripture Readings: **Psalm 16** **VU 738**

1 Peter 1.3-9

John 20.19-31

Sermon: I'm OK

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

Offering Anthem

Offertory Prayer

***Hymn: Saviour, Again to Your Dear Name** **VU 426**

*** The Christ Candle is Extinguished**

Pastoral Benediction

***Sending Forth** **When You Walk from Here** **298VU**

"This service has now ended. Our service now begins."

Thanks to The Rev. Dr. Larry Siebrands for conducting today's service. Canon Mark Tiller will be leading the service next week.

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

Thought for the day: "I've read the Bible through many times, and there's not one verse which commands the lost to go to church. But there sure are a lot of verses which command us to go out and get them!" -- copied

About this day: Today is known as Low Sunday. Probably so named as it is in contrast to the High Sunday of Easter, the high point of the Christian calendar. As we sang in the Easter hymns, Christ has been raised from the dead. The tomb is empty, the disciples mystified and alone. Now on this Low Sunday we are reminded of what scripture depicts as the next happening. "When it was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.'" Jesus was keenly aware of being sent by His Father to minister to the world. In John's Gospel, Jesus refers to Himself as being sent by the Father no less than thirty-eight times!

Did you know that Minnie Carver is our Upper Room rep? The Upper Room is a devotional booklet that is available to you for the asking. Throughout the ages, churches have encouraged members to consider spending a short time each day in a devotional, which includes a scripture reading and brief prayer. The Upper Room provides the framework to include a devotional in your daily activities. Speak to Minnie to pick up yours.

Earth Day is April 22. Sunday, April 23, 2023 has been designated as Festival of God's Creation Sunday. "The challenges are big, and the stakes are high. Change takes all of us. Earth Week is April 16–23. Let's show up For the Love of Creation." —Moderator Carmen Lansdowne

Kaye Saunders is our Sunday Scripture reader Coordinator. If you would be willing to read the Psalm and a lesson for our worship, please speak to Kaye.

Thanks to our April janitors, Delite Richards and Karen Burhoe. We can help them today be taking a moment to straighten our chairs, take our bulletins with us, and tidying up as we see the need to do so.

Our choir is in need of a 3 or 4 shelf book case to handle our excess of books, papers, and hymnals in the chancel. If you have an "extra" to spare or make, please speak to one of our choir members. Thanks.

Did you know there were 12 who helped at the last supper? Not that last supper. Actually, it was the last meal our church served to seniors on the 31st of March, i.e. the last of the winter/spring 2023 season. The volunteer ladies and drivers will pick it up again this fall. Thanks, folks, on behalf of your church!

You are invited to attend the Murray Harbour Friendly Circle Senior's Club monthly potluck meeting at the Harbour community centre on Thursday, May 4, 12 noon. Our guest program will be Andrea Hill, new to our village, who will tell us about her vintage online clothing business.

The November-December issue of Broadview, our denominational magazine, tells about "floating figures, mysterious footsteps and other ghostly sightings in three churches. At the Knox United Church in Calgary, "many strange goings on have been reported at this downtown church: an organist felt a slap after misplaying a piece; mysterious footsteps have been heard; and there have been sightings of ghostly parishioners walking, praying, and knitting. Thankfully, the mysterious beings seem to bear no ill will in their paranormal activities."

Church bulletin bloop: "At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice." -- copied

If you're a visitor, please record your name in our guest book located in the narthex entryway. Thanks for coming today!

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