

ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH

184th Anniversary Year ~ 1833-2017

~WORSHIP~

Easter Sunrise Service

April 16, 2017 ~ 9:00 am



Minister: Rev. K. Alice McAlpine

Director of Music ~ Doreen Gilbert Bangs

Call to Worship:

One: Early morning. Most people are still sleeping. Dawn is just breaking. Three women appear.

All: Look the tomb is empty! Our Christ has gone! Where can He be?

One: Sun is arising. Light is growing. Shadows are receding.

All: Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has been raised as He told you.

One: Warmth rises from the sunlit earth. Dew shines on the long grass. A bird sings...

All: He has been raised indeed! Dawn of our lives. Strange warmth in our hearts!

Singing: Jesus Christ is risen today 155 VU

Prayer & Lord's Prayer: In awe we come to this Easter morning, Father. We cannot understand the full meaning of the Resurrection. We do not understand everything concerning the return of the Lord from the grave. Please give us in this hour the courage to accept what we cannot fully understand. Please give us the ability to hear clearly the words of amazement uttered by those first visitors to the tomb that first Easter dawn. Let the light of newness shine on us, that our hearts may rejoice, our spirits soar, and our lips sing your praise, even as did those who first experienced the Resurrection of the Lord. We pray as Jesus taught us...

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Scripture Readings: Matthew 28: 1-10 p.811

Duet: The angel rolled the stone away

Reflections

Special music: Wally Walker

We bring our prayers to God

Singing:

Alive, alive, alive forevermore, Jesus is alive, alive forevermore

Alive, alive, alive forevermore, Jesus is alive

Sing hallelujah, sing hallelujah, Jesus is alive forevermore

Sing hallelujah, sing hallelujah, He is alive for evermore.

Benediction

One: Once captive,

All: now free!

One: Once despised

All: now praised!

One: Once tortured,

All: now released!

One: Once alone,

All: now with friends!

One: Once earth bound,

All: now heavenward!

One: Once dead,

All: now alive!

One: Christ is risen,

All: Christ is risen indeed!

Thanks be to God!

Joyous Easter Everyone! We hope you can stay for the Hot Cross Bun Breakfast immediately following this service and also for the Holy Communion Service at 10:30am. If you cannot stay and wish to leave an offering, there is a basket at the entrance to this hall. Thank you.

Reminder: Josephine Gaston's funeral will take place Tuesday, April 18 at 11:00a.m. at **St. Andrew's United Church**. There will be visitation at Wilson Funeral home on Maple Street **Monday April 17 from 7 to 9p.m.**