

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed!

Leader: God's love is poured out upon the world

People: The crucified One gives a new life within.

Leader: The wounds of broken people are healed, for Christ breathes the Holy Spirit upon human hearts.

People: Thank you, Lord of life; hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Singing: *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!* VU#157

Prayer and Lord's Prayer: Holy and awesome God, we gather with expectant hearts. The mystery of Easter touches our lives with unmistakable drama. May the sense of wonder and excitement transform us, so that all will know the Good News that Christ is Risen! We pray in the name of the Resurrected One... 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. (Yeah God!)

Lighting of Christ Candle *(light candle)*

One: Today we celebrate light conquering the darkness. We light the Christ candle aware that the power of the Resurrection has forever changed who we are – we are those given the power to become children of the Light.

All: Today we celebrate: new life, new joy, new possibilities and new light.

One: The old is dead and finished and the new shines brightly within our midst.

All: Alleluia, Christ is risen!

One: Christ is risen indeed!

All: Alleluia!

Singing: Joy to the World, the Lord's alive,
Awake, rejoice and sing!
It's just as He said, He's risen from the dead.
Salvation now He brings, Salvation now He brings,
Salvation, salvation now He brings. (tune 59)

Greeting one another in the name of the risen Christ

Anthem ~ *And Can It Be*

Chorus

**Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God shouldst die for me!**

Children's Time

Singing:

I serve a risen Saviour
I serve a risen Saviour, He's in the world today
I know that He is living, whatever men may say
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer
And just the time I need Him He's always near.
He lives (He lives), He lives (He lives), Christ Jesus lives today
He walks with me and talks with me
Along life's narrow way
He lives (He lives), He lives (He lives), Salvation to impart
You ask me how I know He lives?
He lives within my heart.

In all the world around me I see His loving care
And though my heart grows weary I never will despair
I know that He is leading, through all the stormy blast
The day of His appearing will come at last.

Alan Jackson

Scripture Readings: John 20: 1-18 p. 882

Reflections: "No Fooling!"

Singing: *Christ is Alive* VU#158

Presentation of Ourselves and Gifts to God

Anthem: *Glory to His Name*

Chorus

**Glory to His name, Glory to His name;
There to my heart was the blood applied;
Glory to His name!**

Doxology: Let trumpets sound and voices sing!
Let all on earth their praises bring!
For Christ has conquered sin and death
And given life eternal breath.* VU#541

Offertory Prayer: God of abundant life and wonders beyond number: Grant that our offering might be acceptable in Your sight. Fill us with the spirit of Your Risen Christ, that we might be the new creations You call and empower us to be. Amen

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to Holy Communion

Anthem: *Anything that Costs Me Nothing*

Celebration of Easter Communion

Singing: *Thine is the Glory* VU#173

Benediction: Go forth with renewed hope, trusting in the transforming love of God.

God does not leave things as they are; with God, all things are made new.

All creation responds to God's presence; the world is alive with possibility.

We open ourselves to this truth; with Christ, we trust our whole lives to this power.

Nothing is beyond the reach of God; neither evil, nor hardship, nor death.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed.

We extend the hand of Christian Fellowship to our visitors & ask you to sign the visitors' book. We hope you'll return next Sunday. You are invited to Memorial Hall for coffee & conversation. Serving you this morning is the United Church Women.

Please Pray For: The family of Neebin Armstrong, Ari, Arthur Allan, Antoine, Pat Ashworth, Shelley Baumann, Barbara Batten, Bernice, Greg Blersch, Robin Blersch, Bonnie, Esther Bohlein, Tea Kinsella-Borden, Larry Bouchard, Larry Brazier, Brigida, Carol, Caroly, Rick Cessford, Laura Cuthbertson, Dianah, Milt Dodds, Mary-Alice Epps, Ron Epps, Larry Falcon, Gail, Linda Gallant, Gladys, Jennifer, Fern Lafontaine, Lance & family, Roger Laplante, Marie Loch, Jemma Mahabir, Clarence Mahaney, Carrie Marchand, Marcelle, Marisa, Laura McLean, Mile, Michael, Cheryl Miller, Sharon Miller, Sandra Murphy, Don Nielsen, Ib Nielsen, Paige, Patrick, Julie Patterson, Sarah Puskas, Ella-Mae Ramsey, Bruce Rathwell, Margaret Reany & family, Cheryl Rogers, Fred Rosettani, Bruce Ryan, Isabel Saccucci, Eileen & Donald Sim, Heather Sim, Reynold Skeete, Lesley Snair, Dylan Stanamir, Frank Stark, Madeline Stevens, Jan Verschoote, Cameron Vincent, Margaret Whittal, Fred Wicks, Joanne Wilken, John Wiwcharyk, Shirley Yarnell, Sarah Zimmerman.

Announcements

- Artisan Fair & Book Sale, on Saturday, April 14th, from 10am - 3pm, at **Summerlea United Church**, 225-50th Avenue, Lachine. There will be over 30 artisans displaying crafts; a home-baking table, and many used books at great bargain prices! A lunchroom serving quiche with soup, salad & homemade dessert will also be available between 11AM & 2PM for \$10 (advance ticket \$8). To purchase a lunch ticket in advance, call Susan at 514-634-2651.

Reminders

- Our food pantry needs tea, coffee, canned meat, cleaning products and personal hygiene products. Thank you for your generosity.
- Please save your nickels and dimes to support the Sunday School.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday	9:00 am	Badminton
“ “	10:00 am	Prayer Fellowship
Wednesday	8:00 pm	Volleyball
Thursday	9:00 am	Badminton
Thursday	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Friday	8:00 pm	AA Meeting

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ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH

185th Anniversary Year ~ 1833-2018

~WORSHIP~

April 1, 2018 ~ 10:30 am
Easter Sunday
Holy Communion Service



Minister: Rev. K. Alice McAlpine
Director of Music Ministry: Doreen Gilbert Bangs

To greet you ~

Elder: Bruce Snair

Stewards: Andrew Fort & Keith Motton