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This bulletin is dedicated "In Memory of Ron Gray"

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We Gather as God's People

Introit: #16 [MV] *Come and Fill Our Hearts*

Lighting of the Christ Candle

One: Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is the light of the world.

All: With light, there is clarity and hope, the promise of new life.

One: Just as darkness flees in the presence of light, death is dispelled by the presence of the resurrected Christ.

All: We light this candle as a sign that God, through Jesus, is always with us.

Welcome & Announcements

Minute for Mission

Call to Worship

One: Today throughout the world, Christians are called to worship.

All: They may be called by the chimes in a large city church.

One: They may be called by a sunrise over the prairie landscape.

All: They may be called by the rippling of waves on a lake or stream.

One: They may be called by rolling hills or deep valleys.

All: They may be called by the towering peaks of a mountain.

One: They may be called by a crocus peeking through the spring ground.

All: They may be called by the harmony of voices and instruments.

One: In whatever way people are called to a place and an attitude of thanksgiving

All: let's join in worshipping God.

Hymn: #137 [MV] *Welcome, Jesus, You Are Welcome* (tune #444 VU)

Opening Prayer

One: Jesus, you're among us this day.

All: May we see your wounds in the vulnerability of this community.

One: May we feel your healing touch in the presence of this body of believers.

All: May we hear your words of forgiveness in the prayers and songs of worship.

One: May we be filled with new life and a renewed desire to serve.

All: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Hymn: #583 [VU] *Jesus Came a Child Like Me*

Time With the Young-at-Heart

We Listen for God's Word

Prayer of Illumination

One: O God, as we receive the words of scripture, may we be empowered to share your truth through the Holy Spirit.

All: May we understand its meaning for today, witnessing to your love always. Amen.

Scriptures: Acts 3:12-18

Psalm 4 - #727

Luke 24:36b-48

Reflection

We Respond to God's Word

Hymn: #661 [VU] *Come to My Heart Lord Jesus*

Prayer of Confession

One: While we were talking, Jesus came and stood among us.

All: But we kept on talking.

One: We talked ourselves out of the peace that was present to us.

All: There are many times when we fail to recognize the presence of Christ in our midst:

One: in our hearts to bring us peace;

All: in our interactions with others to bring peace among us;

One: in events of the world to bring peace to everyone;

All: There are so many times when we fail to encounter Christ in our midst:

One: in the person needing to be seen, heard, validated and brought from the margin to the center;

All: in the suffering, unrelieved;

One: in the creation that hungers while we eat;

All: There are many times when we fail to understand Christ in our midst:

One: in our wondering;

All: in our joy;

One: in our uncertainty;

All: Jesus, we come seeking your forgiveness for all the times we haven't acknowledged your presence among us. Amen.

Words of Affirmation

One: Why are we frightened and why do doubts arise in our hearts?

All: Christ is present with us,

One: present out of love for all creation,

All: present to say to all, "Peace be with you." Amen.

Offering & Dedication

Prayers of the People

Hymn: #344 [VU] *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds*

Commissioning and Benediction:

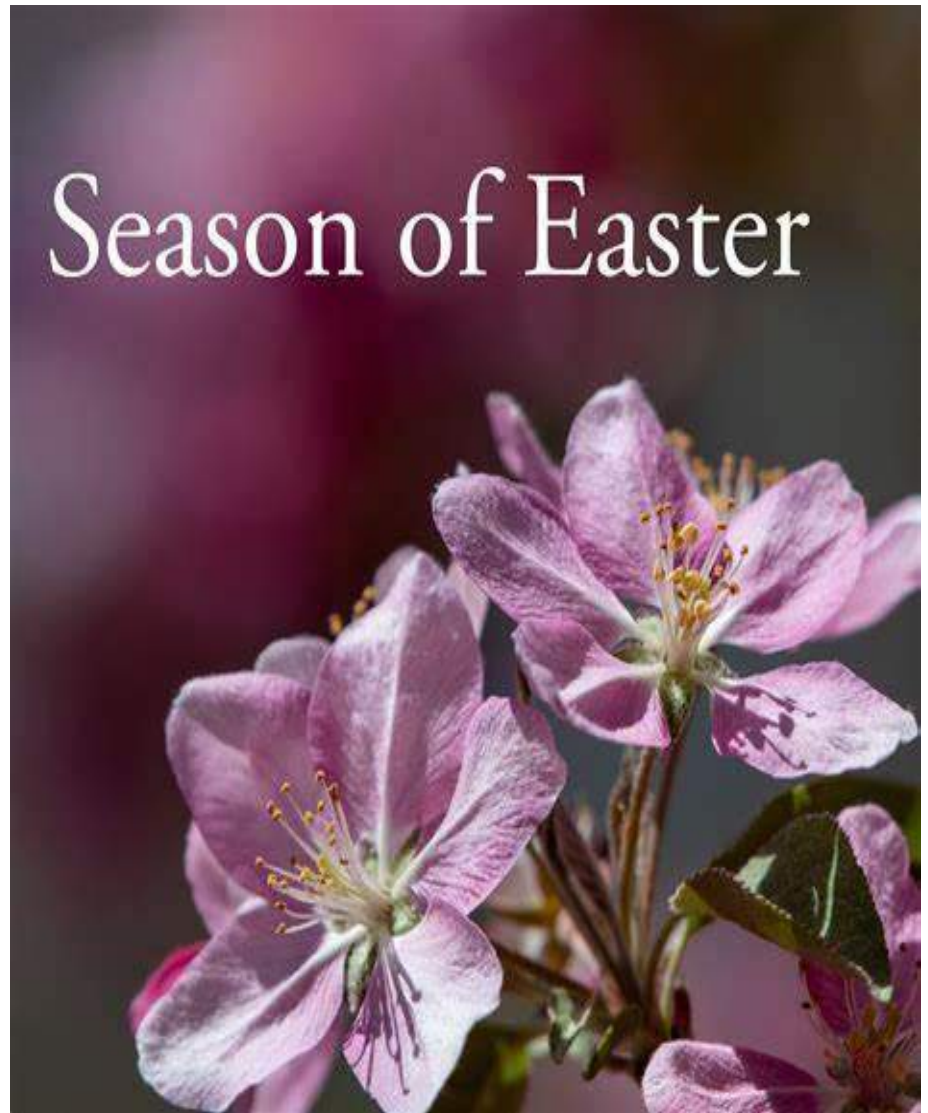
One: May the peace of Christ go with us as we leave this place.

All: May the peace of Christ be in our conversations and at our tables.

One: May we ourselves be the peace of Christ to all we meet.

All: Amen.

Response: #211 [MV] *Go Now in Peace, Guided by the Light*



Announcements & News



Worship times (April to July): Wawota at 9:30 a.m., Maryfield at 11:30 a.m.

Bulletin Sponsorship: The cost to dedicate a weekly bulletin to a loved one has increased to \$8.00/bulletin. This now reflects the actual cost of a weekly bulletin cover. Payment options (no cash please): 1) Cheque made payable to Crossroads United Pastoral Charge, Box 97, Wawota, SK S0G 5A0; 2) E-transfer (rbirnie@sasktel.net) Please indicate the week and name(s) of your loved one(s).

Continuing education: Roy will be taking an online course “Tending the Light Within” Monday afternoons April 15th & 22nd.

Toonie Draw: If you watched the Solar Eclipse on Tuesday!

Wawota

Maryfield

Bible study: Thursdays in the Haven at 10:00 a.m. April 18th & 25th.

Villa events: entertain April 18th at 1:30 p.m.; worship April 25th at 1:30 p.m.

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:6-8)