

CROSSROADS UNITED PASTORAL CHARGE

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Minister & Worship Leader

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Ministry of Music

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We Gather as God's People

Lighting the Christ Candle

One: We light this candle that represents both the mystery of Christ's suffering, death and resurrection, and the affirmation of God's love for all.

All: We're comforted by the light that shines within each of us, the light given to us through the Holy Spirit to pass on to others.

One: Today, let's open our hearts and minds to both the receiving and the giving.

Welcome & Announcements

Minute for Mission

Call to Worship:

One: This morning we come into God's house.

All: God delights in our faithfulness and desire to be in relationship with him and each other.

One: We bring our whole selves into the presence of God's Holy Spirit;

All: God meets us here as we worship together and is with us at all times.

One: We bring our cares, concerns, and worries, seeking God's grace.

All: We're worthy and loved by God. Let's sing and give praise for the love and acceptance we share in God's sight.

Hymn #264 [VU] *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

Opening Prayer

One: Surprise us with your spirit, O God. In places where many face uncertainty, hunger, and homelessness, surprise us with compassion.

All: In a country where resources are plentiful, too often we're unable to see the need to protect the environment, surprise us with foresight.

One: In a church where views are diverse and the challenges are many, surprise us with opportunities to be faithful in our response.

All: Animate us to live with the hope of resurrection, surprised by your joy. We offer these prayers in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Hymn #477 [VU] *I Come with Joy*

Time With The Young-at-Heart

We Listen For God's Word

Prayer of Illumination

One: God of light and life, open us to your word and your will this day.

All: May we understand the scriptures, that they may speak to us about your ways. Amen.

Scriptures: Acts 3:1-19

Psalm 4 (#727 VU)

Luke 24:36b-48

Reflection

We Respond to God's Word

Hymn #661 [VU] *Come to My Heart*

Prayer of Confession:

One: God of the empty tomb, the hushed darkness: often you've made yourself known to us, but we haven't seen you.

All: We've failed to recognize you in the neighbor who shares our worry, in the stranger who knows our pain,

One: in the young child who invites us to see through eyes of innocence and trust, in the elderly man, who tells, yet again, the stories that keep the truth before us.

All: Sometimes we try to ignore or exclude these messengers because they cause us to be afraid, to ask questions,

One: to seek a deeper understanding of you, to see the infiniteness of your grace.

All: Forgive us for ignoring the Christ among us. Heal our fear and make us ready to feed your sheep. Amen.

Words of Assurance

One: Hear the Good News! As the sun warms the earth in springtime and leaves burst forth on dead-looking branches, so the warmth of God's love and forgiveness bring new life to us.

All: We're invited to come alive in Christ's loving presence.

Thanks be to God! Amen.



Dedication of Offering

Prayers of the People

Hymn #635 [VU] *All the Way My Savior Leads Me*

Commissioning and Benediction:

One: Let's go out into God's world

All: to enter into our days of new beginnings,

One: with confidence and trust,

All: with hope and joy,

One: for God is with us and within us,

All: this day and always. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Crossroads

Time change: April 1st to July 31st - Maryfield at 9:30 a.m. and Wawota at 11:30 a.m.

M&P Meeting: Tuesday, April 20th @ 5:30 p.m. in the Wawota United Church.

Bulletin Sponsorship: Please NOTE change as of March 15th: The cost to dedicate a weekly bulletin to a loved one has been increased to \$8.00/bulletin – this now reflects the actual cost of a weekly bulletin cover. Payment options (no cash please): (1) By Cheque (Crossroads Pastoral Charge, Box 390, Wawota, SK S0G 5A0) or (2) By E-transfer (mrdiths@sasktel.net). Please indicate the week(s) & name(s) of your loved one(s).

Covid Protocols: The Chief Medical Health Officer has extended the provincial public health orders to remain in effect until April 26th and will be reviewed at that time. In-person worship services are allowed providing physical distancing (2 m) between households, and seating at 30% of capacity or 150 people, whichever is less.

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Maryfield

Bible Study: Thursdays – Apr 22nd & 29th at 10:00 a.m. in the church.

Mother's Day take-out lunch: Friday, May 7th, pick-up from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Pre-orders only (deadline is Tuesday, May 4th)