

CROSSROADS UNITED PASTORAL CHARGE

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April 4th, 2021

Easter Sunday

Minister & Worship Leader

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Ministry of Music

Maryfield: Mary Lou Sweeting

Wawota: Nicki Ford

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: Jesus Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

One: We come this day with hope because God loves us.

All: We come this day with peace because we're forgiven.

One: We come this day with joy, for Jesus Christ is risen. Because you live, O Christ, we live abundantly.

All: Today our worship testifies to our hope, peace, joy and love because of all our great God has done.

Hymn #155 [VU] *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

Opening Prayer

One: Gracious and Holy God, we thank you for this day and for the happy news of Easter, whose songs of joy we make our own.

All: In those times when you seem most elusive, help us to trust the testimony of those whose knowledge of you far exceeds our own.



One: Keep us growing even in times of doubt, hopeful especially when despair knocks at our door.

All: Grant us the courage to follow the risen Christ wherever he might lead us, whenever he might call us. In his name, we pray. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Hymn #166 [VU] *Joy Comes with the Dawn*

Time With The Young-at-Heart

We Listen For God's Word

Scriptures: Acts 10:34-45

Psalm 145 (#866 VU)

Mark 16:1-8

Reflection

We Respond to God's Word

Hymn #121 [MV] *Hey Now! Singing Hallelujah!*

Prayer of Confession:

One: Easter morning takes us by surprise, awakening us to the doubt and despair that's been rooted in our lives. Let's now confess to God.

All: Come to us, O God, like fresh water, softening the soil of a parched and weary land. We confess that hurts and disappointments harden our hearts, frustrations and failures dry us out.

One: Come to us, God, with life-giving power. Free us from resentment, reluctance, and reserve.

All: Remind us that in your forgiveness, we're free. Forgiven, may we be forgiving. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

One: The stone is rolled away – we're released!

All: The tomb is empty – we can be free!

One: Christ is risen – life can be full!

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Dedication of Offering

Easter Communion (see insert)

Prayers of the People

Hymn #179 [VU] *Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks*



Commissioning and Benediction:

One: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

One: So, let's go out now, blessed to be a blessing.

All: Blessed by the promise of life renewed.

One: Blessed by the companionship of community shared.

All: Blessed by the presence of God, who brings life out of death,

One: hope out of despair,

All: likelihood out of impossibility,

One: who holds us, loves us, stirs us

All: with the blessing of resurrection this day, this night, and always.

One: Go in the power of the risen Christ, for he lives within you.

All: Alleluia! Amen!



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

Communion: Today Easter Sunday, April 4th in both points.

M&P Meeting: Tuesday, April 13th @ 5:30 p.m. in the Wawota United Church.

Constitution update: Sunday, April 11. There will be a short presentation on the changes to the Crossroads Constitution that have been approved by both local boards and must be accepted as well by the congregations.

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) Cheque(Crossroads Pastoral Charge, Box 390, Wawota, SK S0G 5A0) or (2) E-transfer (mrdiths@sasktel.net). Please indicate the week/name(s) of your loved one(s).

Covid Protocols: The Premier announced as of March 28th 12:01 a.m: (1) All places of worship may resume services providing physical distancing of two metres can be maintained between each individual household; (2) The total number of people participating in the services cannot exceed 30 per cent of seating capacity or 150 people, whichever is less.

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Maryfield

Bible Study: Thursdays – Apr 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th at 10:00 a.m. in the church.