

# **CROSSROADS UNITED PASTORAL CHARGE**

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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: In our Easter joy, we find a God of new starts and fresh growth,

**All: In our Easter grace, we find a God of renewal and transformation.**

One: In our Easter faith, we find a God to carry us from shadows and despair.

**All: In our Easter peace, we find a God to nurture us in hope and love.**

One: In our Easter lives, let us glorify God's name, now and forevermore.

**Hymn: #169 [VU] *Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing***

### **Opening Prayer**

One: Come to us, O God.

**All: Open our locked doors and hearts.**

One: Dust us off, and make us new.

**All: Lead us into the exciting mysteries of discipleship.**

One: We're your Easter people to live and proclaim new life.

**All: During this time of worship may we be inspired to follow where you lead us. Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn: #396 [VU] *Jesus Stand Among Us\****

### **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 4:32-35

Psalm 138 - #860

John 20:19-31

### **Reflection**

## **We Respond to God's Word**

**Hymn: #185 [VU] *You Tell Me That the Lord Is Risen***

### **Prayer of Confession**

One: Gracious God, we're created through your love and live in your presence,

**All: Yet there are times when we don't feel your nearness even when you're standing beside us. Forgive our inability to see clearly.**

One: We know that you care for us and offer us a way of peace and hope for the journey,

**All: Yet there are times when we doubt and question, even as Thomas did, unsure of our path and forgetful of you, our guide. Forgive our lack of faith and confidence in you.**

One: Reassure us and bring us back so that we can witness to those around how much you care.

**All: In your love, no one is lost or lonely. Amen.**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

One: God is bigger than our doubts and questions,

**All: bigger than our difficulties and challenges.**

One: When we put our trust in God's presence and guidance,  
**All: we'll have the strength and wisdom to go forward on our path with confidence and hope. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### **Offering and Dedication**

### **Prayers of the People**

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

### **Commissioning and Benediction:**

One: May the blessings of God be ours as we leave:

**All: the blessing of faith to be our guide;**

One: the blessing of peace to calm our troubled spirits;

**All: the blessing of friendship to be our companion.**

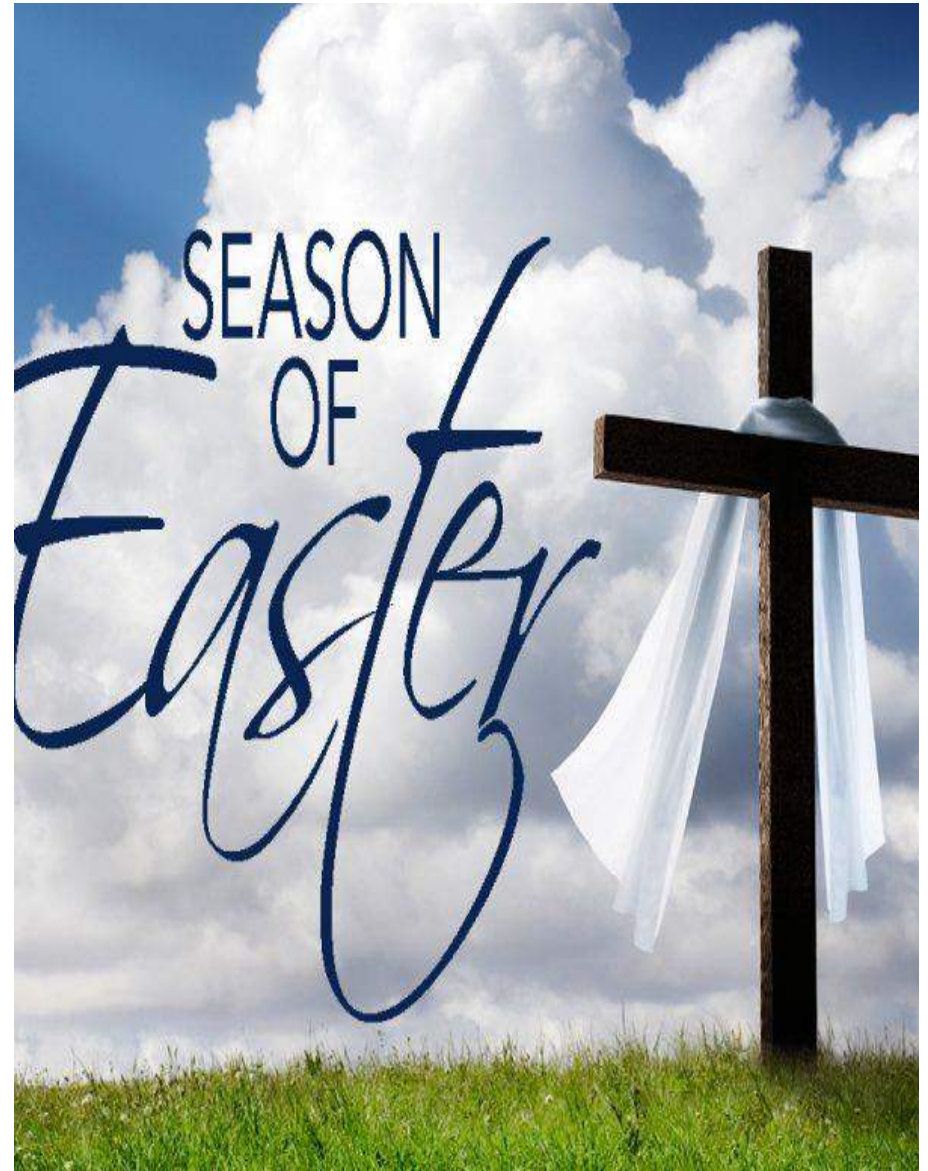
One. May the risen Christ, who appeared to his disciples,

**All: come through the locked doors of our hearts and make his home within us.**

One: May he find hospitality and welcome,

**All: justice and peace. 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 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Toonie Draw:** **If you** got to church on time today!

### Wawota

**Time & Talent Supper and Auction:** Today, Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at the Wawota Town Hall. Doors open 4:00 p.m., supper at 5:00 p.m. and live auction at 6:00 p.m. The on-line auction ends today at noon.

### Maryfield

**Bible study:** Thursdays in the Haven at 10:00 a.m. April 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Villa events:** entertain April 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m.; worship April 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m.

**Online Auction:** Online auction ends today Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m.