

CROSSROADS UNITED PASTORAL CHARGE

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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: Come settle into the familiar rituals of worship, even as we gather masked and social distanced.

All: We come longing for the familiarity of life's rhythms when so little is familiar.

One: Come celebrate our faith story of resurrection and new life, of hope lived into a future where the risen son blazes light into our gloom.

All: We come to breathe the fresh air of renewed faith welling within us.

One: Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed!

One: Hallelujah!

All: Hallelujah! God is good!

One: With trust in the Spirit's leading and in the story we treasure.
Let's raise our voices in praise to God.

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

Opening Prayer

One: God who gathers us, upholds us, and enlivens us, we praise you for the joy that springs out of despair.

All: We honor you as we humbly receive your healing loving-kindness.

One: We submit to your path of self-giving love proclaimed in the risen Christ.

All: In our separation, unite us. In our isolation, connect us. In our loneliness, embrace us. Into the light of your Son's rising, lead us into possibility. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Hymn #183 [MV] *I'm Gonna Shout, Shout*

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 4:32-35

Psalm 133 (#856 VU)

John 20:19-31



Reflection

We Respond to God's Word

Hymn #42 [MV] *Praise God for This Holy Ground*

Prayer of Confession:

One: Holy God, meet us in this place. Meet us where we are, be it worried and worn, or peaceful and content.

All: Meet us where we are, O God. Move us to where we need to be: believing and trusting, faithful and thoughtful.

One: You alone know who we truly are, and what we truly need.

All: For times when we haven't acted in ways that would make you proud, forgive us.

One: For times we've succeeded in choosing your holy way, rejoice with us.

All: Move us toward you, O God. In the name of our risen Savior, we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

One: We're drawn to God because God is drawn to us. God touches us and renews our living.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Dedication of Offering

Prayers of the People

Crossroads Constitution update

Hymn ##373 [VU] *As Comes the Breath of Spring*

Commissioning and Benediction:

One: And now may the blessing 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 deep within us.

One: May he find hospitality and welcome,

All: justice and peace. Amen.



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

Worship: Regular worship: Sunday April 18th, 25th

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

Constitution update: Today – Sunday, April 11th - 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 Chief Medical Health Officer has extended the provincial public health orders announced on Tuesday. The orders will now remain in effect until April 26, 2021 and be reviewed at that time. In-person worship services are allowed providing physical distancing of 2m is maintained between households and seating is at 30% of capacity or 150 people, whichever is less.

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Maryfield

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