

Worship Planner – Sunday, April 6, 2025

Musical Prelude

Welcome and Announcements (see below)

Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge with gratitude and respect that we are gathering on the traditional territory of the Saugeen First Nation. Treaty forty-five and a half of 1836 covers this area.

Lighting the Christ Candle

PWS&D Lenten Liturgy

Opening Hymn #314 God is love: come heaven, adoring

Prayer of Approach and Lord's Prayer

. . . this day and every day, now and evermore.

Lord Jesus Christ; we gather in Your name today, aware that You keep moving closer and closer to the cross.

We confess it is not easy to follow Your story.

We confess we often struggle to decide what to give and whom to help.

We can be critical of those in need and those who help them.

Forgive us when we look for reasons not to share, and excuse ourselves from acting generously, as You did.

Lead us to learn from and follow Your pattern of living as we pray the prayer You taught us to pray,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Music Ministry

Hymn #706 Come, let us sing

Family Focus

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures

Responsive Psalm 126

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dreamed.

**Our mouths were filled with laughter,
our tongues with songs of joy.**

Then it was said among the nations,
“The Lord has done great things for them.”

The Lord has done great things for us,
and we are filled with joy.

**Restore our fortunes, Lord,
like streams in the Negev.**

Those who sow with tears
will reap with songs of joy.

**Those who go out weeping,
carrying seed to sow,
will return with songs of joy,
carrying sheaves with them.**

John 12:1-8 Jesus Anointed at Bethany

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honour. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, “Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages.” He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.

“Leave her alone,” Jesus replied. “It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Connections

Hymn #665 Lord Jesus, you shall be my song

Mission Moment

Invitation to the Offering

Doxology #79

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
 Praise Him all creatures here below
 Praise Him above ye heavenly host
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

Closing Hymn #438 When morning gilds the skies

Benediction

Benediction Song

Musical Postlude

Announcements for Sunday, April 6th

- Family Faith is held here each Sunday from 9:30 to 10:30am.
- Today, we will lead Worship at Pinecrest
- Session meets this Wednesday.
- WMS meets this Thursday.
- Scavenger Hunt – March 21 to April 19. Journey through the story of Palm Sunday to Easter. Look for leafy clues at businesses around town for a surprise treat. Pamphlets are available with details.
- Our Church Session is looking to add to its number by two (2) elders. Today is the last day for nominations.
- Today - Sunday Supper at Camp Kintail.
- Friday, April 18th at 11:00am. Good Friday Service at Lucknow United Church.
- Easter Sunday Outdoor Service, April 20th at 8:00am, followed by breakfast and a fun 'egg-type' activity for all ages. Please speak with Dionne for details.

- SWO Synodical, April 22nd & 23rd at Camp Kintail. RSVP by March 31st to Donna Sutton.
 - Spirituality Worship, April 24-25, with Rev. Kathy Fraser at Camp Kintail. Contact Camp for details.
 - Mission Awareness Sunday, April 27th led by Lucknow WMS.
 - Sunday, May 4th at 10:00am - 152nd Anniversary Service, led by The Rev. Kathy Fraser.
 - Saturday, May 24th Messy Church Camp Day - 'Wild About Woods'.
 - Anyone interested in Baptism or Membership, please speak with your elder or Rev. Robert.
 - Offering plates are found at the entrance.
- Thank you to all who contribute in a variety of ways to our church.

***** Ministry Opportunity *****

Is it your turn to try something new?

We are seeking a Newsletter Editor or Team Leader.

- Rev. Royal has Office Hours - Tuesday to Friday - 8:30am to noon.
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