



March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024 9:30 a.m.

**Easter Sunday**

**Prelude** Annie Schulz

**Gathering Thoughts** Judy Willems

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

**Women's Chorus** *Hallelujah to the Risen Lamb!*

**Call to Worship**

Leader: When it is still dark, we come seeking Jesus.

**People: The risen Christ is here among us!**

Leader: The stone has been rolled away, walls torn down.

**People: The risen Christ is here among us!**

Leader: The burial cloth removed, his body transformed.

**People: The risen Christ is here among us!**

Leader: Mary Magdalene, Simon Peter, and John  
see and believe.

**All: We find the risen Christ among us who has made  
all things new!**

***The tomb is empty, the way of Love has prevailed!***

**Opening Prayer**

**Hymn** *Christ the Lord is risen today* HWB #280, vv. 1-4

**Passing of the Peace**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Musical Reflection** *O Sons and Daughters of the King*  
Women's Chorus

**Prayers of the People** Judy Willems

**Hymn** *Christ is risen! Shout hosanna!* HWB #272

**Scripture Reading** Acts 10:34-43 (NT p.129)

**Hymn** *Easter Alleluia* Grace Singers

**Scripture Reading** John 20:1-18 (NT p.114)

**Meditation** "What are you expecting to see?" Darrell Winger

**Hymn of Response** *Behold the Lord of Love* Grace Singers  
(Congregation – Crown him with many crowns)

## **Crown him with many crowns**

*Crown him the Lord of love, behold his hands and side,  
rich wounds yet visible above in beauty glorified.*

*All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me.*

*Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.*

*Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave  
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.*

*His glories now we sing who died, and rose on high,*

*who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.*

**Postlude**            *Oh, How Great is Christ the Lord*

## *Coffee Time after the service today*

***It is good to be together in worship this morning!***

***The ushers are pleased to help any who need assistance.***

[Offering plate is available on table at back of sanctuary]

## **GRACE NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Sunday March 24<sup>th</sup>** ~ Attendance – 47

**Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>** Speaker: David Brubacher

**Scripture Texts** (Focus texts highlighted): Acts 4:32-35;

Psalm 133; 1 John 1-2:2; **John 20:19-23**; **2 Corinthians 4:5-12**

♪ **Women's Chorus** ~ April 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.



**Grace Telephone Directory** ~ A new directory will be coming out soon! Please notify Ester in the office by April 3<sup>rd</sup> of any changes to your information. Thanks!

**Update from Pastor Accilien** ~ Good afternoon Pastor Waldo, I hope you and your family are doing well. For us, we are ok, but the gangs problem at Port-au-Prince makes everything difficult in Haiti. Please continue to pray for our country. We know that God is our good hope and soon He will do something. Please give my greetings to everyone, your family, your church members, and your friends. Love you, Pastor Accilien.

## ACROSS THE STREET AND AROUND THE WORLD



\*Please pray for the **MCEC community of congregations**. This week we pray for **Grace Christian Church** in Ottawa, ON. Baw Boih Hring Ngen provides pastoral care for this congregation worshipping in Ottawa.



### **A Moment for MCC: March 23 was World Water Day!**

Through your generosity, MCC and its local partner, AEID, have successfully drilled four of their 15 planned wells to bring clean, potable water to the surface for families in Makiya, Ethiopia. For families, access to clean water is the most serious challenge the community faces in northern Ethiopia. Read the full story at <https://mcc.org/our-stories/water-impact-report-winter-2024>.

### **New Home for Westview Centre4Women!**

Westview Centre4Women opened the doors to their new meeting place at 17 Gale Crescent on Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, after several weeks of hard work preparing. The excitement in the air was not depleted by the chill in the air. Pray for them as they make this their own. For more info, contact Erika Klassen. <http://www.westviewc4w.com/>

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### ***The Lord's Prayer***

*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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those that trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory.  
For ever and ever. Amen.*

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