

Riverside United Church, 9:30am
A place to worship, learn and serve.
Moscow United Church, 7:00pm
The Church with Heart in the Heart of the Community
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February 25 – Lent 2



WE GATHER TOGETHER

Musical Prelude

**Welcome, Announcements, and Calls for Community
Lighting the Christ Candle**

Call to Worship:

The way of worship invites us: “Give thanks, call on God’s name.”

We remember God’s wonderful works and our hearts rejoice in God’s presence.

The way of the covenant beckons us:

“Walk blameless before your God.”

God awakens our faith and trust and calls fourth righteousness.

The way of the cross summons us: “Deny yourself and follow.”

Christ challenges our complacency and bids us risk all for the gospel.

Hymn: #120, “O Jesus, I have Promised”

Opening Prayer

Children’s Hymn: # 583, “Jesus Came, a Child Like Me

Children’s Time

Ministry of Music

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Scripture Lessons:

Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16 The covenant between Abram, Sarai, and God.

Reflect & Connect - Abram’s new name means “father of many.” If God changed your name, what would you want it to mean? (Gen 17:5)

Psalms 22:23–31 (VU p. 746, 3 & 4) You have not hidden your face, O God.

Mark 8:31–38 Those who lose their life for the gospel will save it.

Reflect & Connect - In what ways do you sometimes argue with Jesus’ priorities and values? Why? What helps you stop?

(Mark 8:31-33)

Hymn: #635, "All the Way My Saviour Leads Me"

Sermon

Invitation to Give:

Hymn of Dedication: MV #161, "I have Called You by Your Name"

Dedication of Our Tithes and Offerings:

At this Lenten time, we reflect on the hard choices Jesus made. May these gifts reflect our choice of the Christian Way:

**a way of compassion, a way of healing,
a way of support for the powerless, a way of thanksgiving and
worship, a way of love.**

Bless these gifts, O God, as you have blessed us with the gift of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Prayers of the People

WE ARE SENT OUT IN FAITH TO SERVE

Hymn: #960, "The Lord's Prayer"

Commission and Blessing:

Summon up your courage; Jesus is calling you to follow the difficult but faithful path.

We will resist temptation, resist the easy way out; we will reflect carefully on our areas of testing; we will search out the Way of Jesus thoroughly, carefully; we will find strength with our fellow travelers along the way; we will follow the Way, courageously, faithfully, even sacrificially!

Rejoice in God's loving presence, with you continually.

Choral Response:

Choral Response: #964, "Go Now in Peace"

Mulling Mediation - The purpose of mulling meditations is to offer a few

ideas that one can mull about while doing other things. Today's Mediation is:

As you go through this week, mull on what type of presence Jesus offers you in your ordinary life. Notice the times and places where prayer comes easily, notice the times and situations in which you feel the need of grace. In all of those times, places and situations, quietly ask Jesus to be with you.

Mirror Mediation: In the Letter of James, we are told that the Scriptures are like a mirror in which we can see ourselves. In this type of meditation, we take a piece of Scripture, hold it before us and consider what echoes within our heart. These echoes help us to see who we are before God and how we are loved. Mirror Mediation is:

Rest in the love of your God

Recall the significant moments in your life – the times when you saw your life as part of something greater. Amongst those moments, focus on one. Slowly recall what happened, where you were, what was happening, how the moment unfolded. As you recall this moment, ask the Spirit to show you what grace it has for you now. What happened then can enrich you now.

Rest in the love of your God.

(Sourced from www.prayasyoucan.com.au)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Minister's email: rev.philwilson@yahoo.com phone: 613.377.6406

Secretary's email: darcie@darciekelly.com phone: 613.777.5237

Do you have an announcement? Email Darcie with the subject "Bulletin Announcement", or drop them in her mail box at 451 Huffman Road by **noon Thursday** to be included in that week's bulletin.

Phil is available for **pastoral care**. If you or someone you know would benefit from a visit, please call Phil at **613-377-6406** (please leave a message and your call will be returned in a timely manner) or email **rev.philwilson@yahoo.com**. Please call Phil if you know of a person in need. Your Minister would rather receive three calls about the same person than to risk having someone's needs missed.

The 2017 Annual Report is now available!

There are a limited number available in hard copy at the entrance of the church. To keep our costs down, when possible, please access the Annual Report on our website and print the sections you require. Thank you!

Tuesday, February 27, 7pm – Annual Meeting of Official Board at Riverside United Church

Sunday, March 4, 10:45am – Riverside Annual Congregational Meeting

Tuesday, March 6, 7pm – Moscow Annual Congregational Meeting

Book Club meets **Tuesday, February 27** at Helen Down's home, 7pm, 430 Huffman Rd. to discuss *The Perfect Circle* by Pascale Quiviger.

Yummy Turkey Pies for Sale from the Riverside United Church kitchen. Delicious creamy filling and a pastry top.

Frozen 8" pies \$10 each.

Contact Darlene Evans at (613) 929-2014 if you would like to purchase.

World Day of Prayer Service will be held at Shirley Memorial Hall, Camden East on **Friday, March 2nd at 1:30pm**. The service has been prepared by the women of Suriname. All are welcome.

