

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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March 11 – Lent 4

Where † † is shown, please stand if able.

Fourth Sunday of



WE GATHER TOGETHER

Musical Prelude

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

Call to Worship: (adapted from Psalm 107)

God is good; God's steadfast love lasts forever.

We know it, we believe it, we proclaim it!

God is good; God's steadfast love lasts forever.

Those who thirst for new life are satisfied; those who hunger for the living Word are filled!

God is good; God's steadfast love lasts forever.

The imprisoned ones know freedom; sinners know pardon!

God is good; God's steadfast love lasts forever.

The powerful are humbled; the needy are raised up from their distress!

God is good!

God's steadfast love lasts forever!

‡ ‡ **Hymn: #121, “Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery”** (General, 1, 2, 3, 4 – opposite page)

Opening Prayer

Children’s Hymn: #574, “Come, let us Sing of a Wonderful Love”
Children’s Time

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Prayer of Listening:

[“God so loved the world that he gave his only son, that everyone who has faith in him may not die, but have eternal life.”]

When we are ready to affirm our own worth and to use our hidden talents, we hear the words...

“God so loved the world...”

When we find the faithful strength to forgive the person who has caused us harm or heartache, we hear the words...

“God so loved the world...”

When our church can focus its gaze on those most despised, most ignored in our society, we hear the words...

“God so loved the world...”

When our world leaders are prepared to reduce resource use for the sake of future generations, we hear the words...

“God so loved the world...”

Time of reflection...

Scripture Lessons:

Ephesians 2:1–10 We are not saved by our own doing, but by grace. Reflect & Connect: In Christ, how do being saved through faith and being created for good works harmonize together? (Eph. 2:8, 9)

‡ ‡ **Psalm 107:1–3, 17–22** (# 831, Parts One and Two) God’s steadfast love endures forever.

Reflect & Connect: If you view yourself as redeemed, and if you say so, what do you like to emphasize? To whom? (Psa. 107:2)

John 3:14–21 For God so loved the world.

Reflect & Connect: What does it mean to you to love light rather than darkness and to “come to the light” each day? (John 3:19-20)

‡ ‡ **Hymn: #585, “Jesus Bids Us Shine”**

Sermon

Ministry of Music

Minute for Mission: “Thank You from Green Bay”

Invitation to Give:

‡ ‡ **Hymn of Dedication: # 375, “Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”**

Dedication of Our Tithes and Offerings:

You, O God, know the consequences of our giving; you know the results of our generosity.

They will be found in persons supported, sickness faced, hope restored, the helpless given aid, the oppressed finding a will and a way to defeat the oppressor.

As change takes place for good, our gifts will be blessed, and you will smile on us, the givers.

AMEN

Prayers of the People

WE ARE SENT OUT IN FAITH TO SERVE

‡ ‡ **Hymn: #960, “The Lord’s Prayer”**

Commission and Blessing:

Choral Response:

‡ ‡ **Choral Response: #964, “Go Now in Peace”**

Go now in peace, never be afraid.

God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.

Know God will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe;

Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there, watching from above.

Go now in peace, in faith and in love.

Amen, Amen, Amen

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.

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.

Riverside Luncheon

Thursday, March 15, 2018, 11:30am – 1pm

Homemade Soup, Sandwiches, Dessert, coffee and tea \$8
takeout available

info: 613 377-1700

Riverside UCW meet on Tuesday, March 13th at 1:30 pm at the home of Glenn and Carolyn Lawlor, Camden East. Hope to see you all there!

ST. MARK PASSION

**March 18, 2018, 2:00pm @ St. George's Cathedral,
Kingston (King St at Johnson)**

St Mark Passion (The Passion of Our Lord According to Saint Mark) of Charles Wood is a musical composition written in 1920.

This is a 1-hour service which includes singers from Moscow, Yarker, Sydenham, Harrowsmith, Verona, Kingston & Napanee. *There will be some familiar faces!*

This is an annual concert that raises funds for Outreach St. George Kingston, also known as ***Lunch By George***.

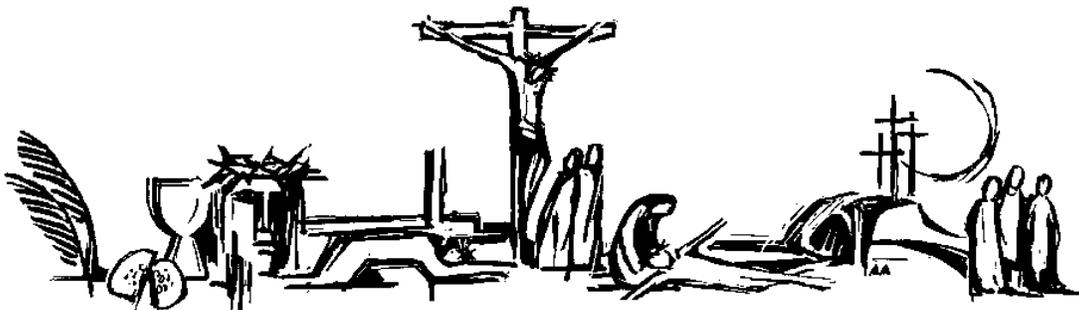
Freewill donations!

Easter Saturday **Pie sale** at Riverside United Church. Saturday March 31 from 9:00-12:00 (or until sold out). Come and pick up a delicious pie or two for your Easter dinner. A huge selection of delicious home made pies will be available for \$12 each.

Our Minister, **Phil Wilson**, is being ordained on **Sunday, April 29 at 11am at Trinity United Church in Napanee.**

CONGRATULATIONS, PHIL!!!

Sunday Services for both Riverside and Moscow Churches are being relocated to this place and time so we can **support and celebrate** with Phil. Please seek out Phil's station to receive communion at this service.



**You are invited to take this insert home
for daily reflection:**

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 how God's loving gaze would view your actions. As you understand yourself in that gaze of love, mull on how you could interpret other people's actions in a gaze of love.

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.

A theme of this Sunday's Gospel is belief. When we believe in another person, and that belief is accepted, it gives hope and the possibility of a richer life. When we believe in God, that gives us hope and a richer life. When you are resting in the love of God, ponder on what hope and richness of life, believing in God gives you. How does it transform your attitudes, your actions, your relationships? Appreciate the richness that has been given to you.

Rest in the love of your God.