

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
Website: mosriv.com
Facebook: Moscow & Riverside United Church
March 18 – Lent 5
‡ ‡ Please stand if able

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Musical Prelude

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

Call to Worship:

The Lord is making a new covenant with the people of God.

Here in this place,

Christ writes the law of love on our hearts.

We are children of the living God.

Together, let us worship the Lord of Love!

‡ ‡ **Hymn: # 121, “Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery”** (opposite page - all verses)

Opening Prayer

Children’s Hymn: #368, “Holy, Spirit, Truth Divine”

Children’s Time

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Lessons:

Jeremiah 31:31–34 “I will write my law on their hearts.”

Reflect & Connect: Jeremiah speaks of a day when everyone will know God. What does it mean to you to “know the Lord”?

(Jer. 31:34)

Psalm 51:1–12 (#776–777) “Put a new heart in me, O God.”

John 12:20–33 “Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth.”

Reflect & Connect: What do you think Jesus means by “love their life” and “hate their life in this world”? (John 12:25)

‡ ‡ **Hymn #213** (More Voices), “Take up His Song”

Sermon

Ministry of Music

Minute for Mission: “All You Need is Love”

Invitation to Give:

‡ ‡ **Hymn of Dedication:** #581 “When We Are Living”

Dedication of Our Tithes and Offerings:

The coming sacrifice of Christ calls us to wonder about the effectiveness of our gifts.

Will our worship speak to the needs of the coming generation?

Will reconciliation arise out of conflict?

Will we move from self-interest to concern for others?

Will we see the faith community as a priority for ourselves and for our neighborhood?

Will we move out to address the needs of a troubled world?

Time will tell, but we are committed to keeping the cross before us – a symbol and a measure of what we can achieve in Christ.

Amen.

Prayers of the People

WE ARE SENT OUT IN FAITH TO SERVE

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

Commission and Blessing:

Dear God. We thank you for today,
**for being with us, accepting our worship and prayers,
and for guiding us on our way.**

Bless us as we go, and in turn, may we bless others.

† † **Choral Response: “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 it 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.

Moscow and Riverside Sessions have discussed and agreed to **have Passion Sunday on March 25 in place of a Good Friday Service**. This allows us, as a community of faith, to hear the biblical account of Jesus' death in order for us to celebrate his Resurrection. Both

Session also supported to celebrate **Holy Communion on Easter Sunday**.

Yummy **Shepard 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.

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.

Request for Billet Homes

Four Winds Presbytery is hosting the Bay of Quinte Conference Annual Meeting at Trinity United Church in Napanee from April 27th-29th, 2018. Some of the Delegates attending the Meeting want to be billeted in a home for two nights. Please consider hosting a Billet in your home. Contact Doris Thomas thomasd@cogeco.ca or 613-770-5543 or Peggy Akey 613-331-1172 if you would be interested in being a host.

News From Yarker's Farmer's Market:

Heirloom Edibles

Become a CSA (Farm Share) member and receive a bi-weekly assortment of freshly harvested, seasonal, organic vegetables, including familiar varieties and flavourful heirlooms. The season will be for 9 weeks and pick up will be at the Saturday Yarker Market. Contact Heirloom Edibles at 519-536-5654, heirloomedibles@hotmail.com or visit us on Facebook at Heirloom Edibles in Shannonville., for further details.

**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 Jesus' words that one must die in order to live to eternal life. In the large and small events of this week, ask his Spirit to show you how you could lead a richer and deeper life in what you do, say and think.

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.

When you are at rest, bring into your mind the suffering that truly disturbs you and tests your faith. It may be your own or that of people you love. Feel the grief, pain and confusion. In the presence of God's love, you can let this arise. Sit with the grief. Now bring that grief to Jesus as he speaks of his hour and the glory that God will reveal through the Cross. Ask him to take that suffering into his own and to give you the wisdom of the Spirit to understand his love in ways that are beyond words.

Rest in the love of your God.