

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
May 13 - Christian Family Sunday
Worship Leader: Tracy Kent-Hillis

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Music Prelude

Welcome, announcements

Praise and prayer requests

Moment of Silence

Lighting the Christ Candle

WE CENTRE OURSELVES ON GOD

Call to worship:

Creator, parent of the human family,

we gather to worship you.

In baptism, we are called beloved children of God, as such,

we gather to worship you.

Friends, neighbours, siblings in faith, we gather to worship in song, in prayer, in readings, in thoughts and reflections.

Let us worship God.

Hymn: VU #326, "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, Jesus' life, and the manner of his death demonstrated that there was literally no limit to his love.

Forgive us when we contribute to disunity or conflict in any of our relationships with one another.

Jesus prayed that God would keep and protect us from the influence of evil.

Forgive us for blaming you, O God, for distressing or difficult times and for believing that we can deal with problems in our own strength.

Jesus prayed that his disciples would be made and kept holy by the truth of the gospel—the reality of God's love for all people—revealed in Jesus and experienced through the Holy Spirit.

Keep us holy, O God, and empower us to be faithful witnesses of the truth of the gospel as long as we live. As Jesus' disciples and in his name we pray. Amen

Promise of Forgiveness

Hymn: MV #161, “I have Called You by Your Name”

Time for the young and young at heart

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Scriptural Lessons:

John 17:6–19

May my joy be made complete in them.

Psalm 1 (VU p. 724)

Blessed are those who delight in God’s law.

Response

For the word of God in Scripture

For the word of God among us

For the word of God within us

Thanks be to God

Ministry of Music

Sermon

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn: VU #635, “All the Ways My Saviour Leads Me”

Minute for Mission: A life of Giving in Action

Invitation to Give

Hymn of dedication: VU #574, “Come, Let us Sing of a Wonderful Love

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings:

Creator God, you have blessed our lives with relationships that both inspire and challenge.

We offer these gifts so that we might continue to build relationships with one another and with your whole creation.

Bless these gifts that they may bring wholeness and life abundance to all your people.

We pray. Amen.

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

WE ARE SENT OUT IN FAITH TO SERVE

Hymn: VU #642, "Be Thou My Vision"

Commissioning and Blessing:

In baptism, you name us your beloved children, kin to one another.

As we go from this place,

May we know your love:

guide us, sustain us, and empower us to love.

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

Reflections for the Road

The Last Word

And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to thee. Holy One, keep them in thy name, which thou hast given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.

-John 17:12

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Collect for the Seventh Sunday of Easter: The Sunday after Ascension Day
American Book of Common Prayer

Love is invisible, but it is the most powerful force in human nature. Jesus spoke of the Spirit which he would send as Truth but also as Love. "If anyone loves me, my Father will love him and we will come to him and make our abode with him."

Ultimately a religion is tested by its capacity to waken love in its followers, and, what is perhaps more difficult, to extend that love to all humanity. In the past religions have tended to confine their love to their own followers, but always there has been a movement to break through these barriers and attain to a universal love.

-Bede Griffiths 1906-1993

Universal Wisdom quoted from Pathways to Peace

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.

Rev. Phil graduated from the Atlantic School of Theology on May 5, 2018 with a Master of Divinity. A recording of the graduation is available at [youtube.com/watch?v=Ct-U65jYabQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ct-U65jYabQ)

Moscow is planning a YARD SALE on May 26th, 8am to 4pm. When you are spring cleaning, keep an eye out for good used items - household things, decorations, books, games, gardening items, tools, etc. Your neighbor may be looking for something you are no longer using. Donations can be dropped at Beth's garage, 325 Huffman Rd., until May 24th. If you are unable to drop off, please call Helen at 358-9018 and we will try to make arrangements for pick up. Clean and working items only, please. No large items, electronics, encyclopedias, etc.

Thank you to all those who have donated so generously. The Drop Off is working but it does mean that we don't always have a chance to thank people personally.

For anybody in Yarker wishing to donate - we will be attending morning services on Sunday May 20.

The Lennox and Addington Stewardship Council will be planting a **commemorative tree in honour of Duane Williams**. Everyone from Riverside and Moscow United Churches are cordially invited.

Date/Time: Wed, 16 May at 3:00 pm

Location: Cty Rd 4 in Camden East at the entrance to the Cataraqui Trail
(opposite Elaine Williams' home at 2618 Cty Rd 4)

Riverside Luncheon

Thursday, May 17, 2018, 11:30am – 1pm

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

takeout available

info: 613 377-1700

Thursday, May 24th. L&A Seniors Outreach Services (SOS) will host a social diner at the Moscow Friends Meeting House, 20 Huffman St., 12:00 to 1:30pm. Come enjoy a meal of pan fried halibut, roasted potatoes, veg. and dessert prepared by SOS Chef, Mike Steacy. Entertainment by Barry Lovegrove & his Ukulele Band SMILE. Cost is \$12 per person. All seats must be reserved by May 21st by calling SOS at 613-354-6668, ext. 0. Wheelchair accessible.