

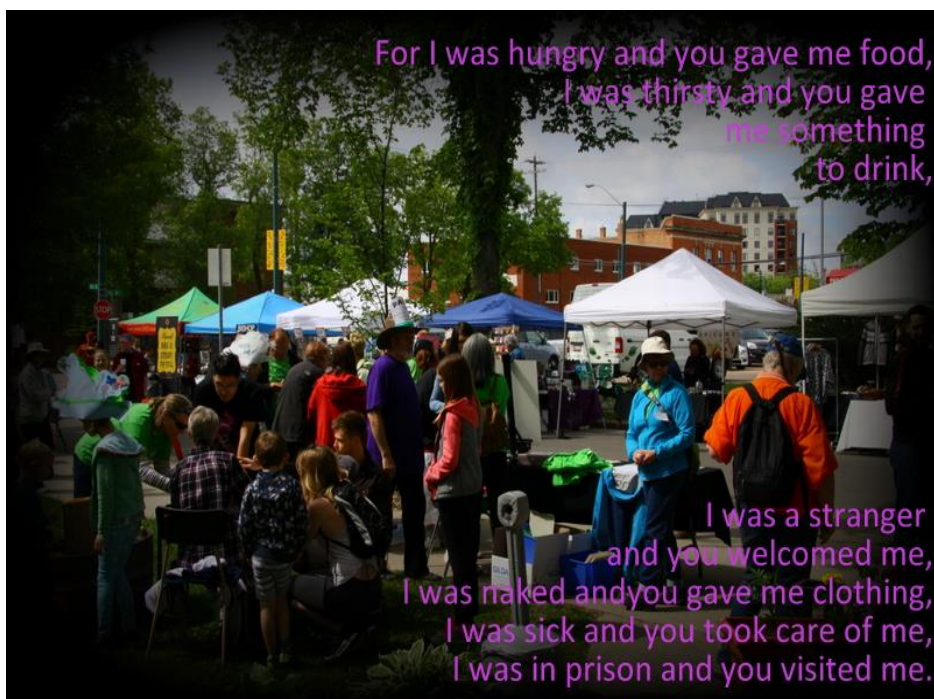


An Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Canada

2017 April 2

Life Passages

Lent 5



Welcome and Inclusion

We open our hearts and our church family to all people in our community regardless of ethnicity, economic circumstances, sexual orientation, age, gender, or differing abilities. Many people's lives continue to be devastated by hatred, prejudice, and inequality, therefore we stand with those who are adversely affected by injustice, alienation and oppression.

Friends in Christ

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are a gift of the Flower Group.

Prelude: *What God Ordains Is Always Good*, J. S. Bach, arr. Hal Hopson
Tammy-Jo Mortensen, organ

Embracing Our Spirit

Processional Hymn: *When I Needed a Neighbour* **Voices United**
600

Opening Prayer:

A new day has come; a new week has begun.

We, too, need to be a new people as we enter this season of Lent:

A people with a new vision and purpose;

A people with a new understanding of Jesus' life and teachings;

A people with a new desire to live with respect in creation;

A people with renewed faith and hope.

O God, you have been the source of help in ages past;

Be also the source of hope for ages yet to come, we pray.

Amen.¹

Confession: *Kyrie Eleison* (Kervin) (three times) **More Voices 69**

Prayer of Confession:

Attending God, we confess there are times when we live our lives ungrateful for all you do for us. Give us the courage to find you in each other so we might live our lives in gratitude for all you are and will be. Hear the truths of our hearts...

Silence

Words of Assurance:

God yearns to be our companion on our journey, supplying all that we need.

God's forgiveness fills our lives, and we live that forgiveness in all we do. Thanks be to God. Amen.²

Life Passages

Sacrament of Baptism, Reaffirmation & Transfer

Brenda Sheppard and Trisha-Lee Wasmund

¹ Written by Bill Steadman, **Gathering**, Lent/Easter 2013, page 31. Used with permission.

² Written by Wallace Hargrave, **Gathering**, Lent/Easter/Pentecost 2011, page 31. Used with permission.

Prayer for the Holy Spirit (*in unison*)

Eternal God, whose Son the Servant-Lord Jesus Christ has commissioned us to make disciples of people of all nations baptizing them in your name. May your Spirit be upon us and what we do, that this water may be a sign for all of new life in Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Congregation's Promise (*standing*)

We will continue to support you, walk with you, and grow with you. With God's help we will live out our baptism as a loving community in Jesus Christ: nurturing one another in faith, upholding one another in prayer, encouraging one another in God's work.

Recommitment: *A New Creed*

Voices United 918

Please note that the last line of the creed (omitted in some of our hymn books) is:

Thanks be to God.

Blessing (*sung*)

(*Voices United 454*)

**May God who creates you give you light;
May God who sustains you make you wise;
May God who protects you give you joy;
May God who surrounds you give you peace.**

God's Holy Word

Introit: *The Gift of Love*, Folk Song, arr. Hal Hopson Choir of Robertson-Wesley

Sung Scripture:

Bob Klakowich & Caroline De Grave

Matthew 25: 31-46 • The Judgment of the Nations

More Voices 114

This is the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God for Christ, the word made flesh.

Sermon: *The end result is transformation!*

Rev. Karen Bridges

Hymn: *I Have Called You by Your Name*

More Voices 161

Pastoral Prayers

Rev. Leigh Sinclair

The Lord's Prayer

(*Voices United p. 921*)

Grateful Response

Offering: *Meditation (Grant us Thy Peace)*, Barry Ferguson

Offertory Hymn: *Give What You Can, Take What You Need*³

Give what you can, take what you need, For the body of Christ, is enough to feed. The hungry for Spirit and the thirsty for love. Give thanks when you can to our God up above.

³ Written by Bryan Cook, Gathering, Lent/Easter 2016, page 53. Used with permission.

Prayer of Gratitude

Recessional Hymn: *Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery*

Voices United 121 vs 1, 3, & 5, & 3rd Sunday of Lent

Commissioning

Choral Amen, Daniel E. Gawthrop

Postlude: *Finale in d minor*, Eric H. Thiman

Tammy-Jo Mortensen,

organ

*Following worship, all are invited to the Memorial Hall
for fellowship, and refreshments.*

Music Notes

A variety of British, American and Canadian composers today. The anthem, The Gift of Love, is based on I Cor. 13, by the prolific American composer and arranger Hal Hopson. The prelude is his arrangement of a movement from Bach's cantata 75. The processional hymn is by British composer Sydney Carter. His other popular hymns include "Lord of the Dance" and "One More Step Along the World I Go". The scripture today is sung, a setting by British composer Bernadette Farrell who has been composing hymns and liturgical music since the 1970's. She is also a community organizer for UK Citizens, which advocates for fair housing, a living wage, proper community policing and health care access. The offering and postlude are also by composers from England – Ferguson and Thiman. The piece we always sing at baptisms etc. is by Louise Skibsted – a Canadian composer.

Cover Image

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R-W REPORT April 2, 2017
Robertson-Wesley United Church

A WARM WELCOME TO EVERYONE

Washrooms are located by the elevator.

Baby changing facilities are available in washrooms.

If you wish to use it, a children's activity centre is set up in the Chapel with nursing space in adjacent room (Millson Room).

Activity kits for children are available from the ushers.

Large print bulletins, large print hymnbooks,
and hearing devices are available from the ushers.

Please do not leave valuables unattended anywhere in the church.

Next Week

April 9, 2016, 10:30 am

Palm Sunday

Scripture:

- Matthew 21: 1-13 The Triumphant Entry

Sermon: *Into the City, following Jesus!*

We conclude our Lenten journey by taking our first steps into another expedition: this one into Holy Week. We get to celebrate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem with singing and palm leaves waving in the sky. We get to hear him cry out for justice and ponder what we are called to cry out. We prepare ourselves for Holy Week, for challenges lie ahead and we need not face them alone.

Music: Cantilon Children's Choir;
R-W Ringlets handbell quartet

After Worship: All are invited to gather in the Memorial Hall for fellowship and refreshments.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Spring Rummage Sale- Many positions available from Wed, April 26 to Sat, April 29. Sign-up sheets posted in Memorial Hall.

Magic Pantry- Responding to the need in our own neighbourhood, R-W provides a free bag lunch on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays. This outreach program relies on volunteers to be available at the door from 12 pm to 1 pm with a bag lunch ready for people that come to the door. This program is a great way to connect and provide outreach in the community. Sign-up sheet is posted in Memorial Hall.

Thank you:

St. Patrick's Dinner raised **\$1533.00** after all expenses were paid. A thank you to everyone who participated and volunteered for another successful fundraiser at R-W.

Bake Sale! Last Sunday you may have noticed all the baked goods in Memorial Hall after fellowship. The tables raised **\$445.45** from the bake sale for R-W's Anniversary Legacy Fund and another \$45 was raised from the sale of the Easter items for the general fund.

R-W News & Notes



EASTER HYDRANGEAS

Following the service today, Sunday, **April 2**, the Flower Group will be taking orders for Easter hydrangeas. The cost is \$25.00.

TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION CONVERSATION

Sunday, April 2, 2017 12:00 PM

A gathering of the **Mission and Outreach Pod** is called for Sunday, April 2, 2017 at 12:00 noon in the Club Room.

The M & O Pod is a gathering of members of the congregation to engage in conversation about our current and future directions for Mission and Outreach.

The focus of this gathering will be on building relationship with indigenous people. How are we called to reach out to indigenous people within our community? How can we embrace reconciliation within the life of our congregation?

The Final Report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (2015) lists ninety-four "Calls to Action" which can be used to engage a conversation about living into reconciliation.

Everyone who is interested, is invited to be a part of this gathering.

*"Honouring the Truth,
Reconciling for the Future"*

**2017 ROBERTSON-WESLEY WOMEN'S WEEKEND
PLANNING COMMITTEE**

It is the time of year when we begin the planning for our 14th annual Women's Weekend. This year our dates are September 15 - 17.

But... before we can have a Women's Weekend we need some R-W women to plan our weekend. It is this group of women who organize the weekend, plan the program, and present the program. Plus you get to have amazing conversations and share ideas with other R-W women.

If you have any questions speak with **Jill Lambie** after worship by the Club Room on **April 2** or **email her** at jilllambie@shaw.ca.

LENT NOON HOUR CONCERTS

Thursdays, 12:10 pm to 12:50 pm

Just one concert left! Admission is by freewill offering for the performers and for the Robertson-Wesley Music Society. Come and enjoy some tranquil, reflective music for the Lenten season.

April 6 – Alison Grant-Preville, flute, Jeanne Yang, keyboards & Andrea Lastiwka, guitar

COMMUNITY ART THEORY WORKSHOP FOR ARTISTS

Sunday, April 7 from 6:00 pm to 9:30 pm

What is the difference between an artist creating community informed work and facilitating work for and by a community? Local Expressive and Community Art practitioner, Brooke Leifso will lead artists through community art practices and introduce the ethics of how to work in a community-centered way. The workshop will explore the spectrum of community-engaged art in all mediums and will cover the experience of community art facilitation: how to create art as a community, the ethical concerns of working with communities and engaging in a reflexive practice when creating art with community.

Email artscoordinator@rwuc.org to register. **Spots limited.**

MEN'S GROUP

Tuesday, April 12

On April 12, the R-W Men's Group intends ride the Edmonton Metro Transit Train from the NAIT Station all the way to the most southerly stop, Century Park Station; and back. Once back at NAIT everyone is invited to head to the Kingsway Food court to buy lunch.

Come and see how the future of Edmonton's transportation is evolving. The train will travel past major Edmonton landmarks, journey underground, an even soar over the Saskatchewan River.

Those interested are to meet at R-W at 9:15 am, to car pool and register to park the vehicles at the North end of the Kingsway Parking lot. Costs will involve fare and lunch. Some walking is required. **The Men's Group invites all the congregation to join them 'riding the rails'.**

Contact Jim Triscott (780-991-8837) with any questions.

DIS/HARMONIES # 2

April 21 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm, Sanctuary

Following the success of Dis/Harmonies with Brooke Leifso and Laura Raboud, the Spiritual Arts Collective is holding Dis/harmonies #2. Come explore your natural voice in our Sanctuary! We will be whispering, shouting, and jamming with our voices together.

Register through: www.rwuc.org or calling 780-233-5778

COMMUNITY EVENTS

LENT NOON HOUR SERIES

Holy Trinity Anglican Church (10037 84 Ave)

Wednesday April 5, noon-1:00 will feature the Edmonton Symphony's Principal Trumpet, Robin Doyon, with Tammy-Jo Mortensen, organ. Freewill offering will go toward the players and to the upgrades of the Holy Trinity organ. Robin will also play in our Easter Vigil service.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun Apr 2	Meditation Group– Room 11	10:00 am
	Mission & Outreach Pod– Club Room	12:00 pm
	Arts Collective- Growing Roots– Art Studio	1:00 pm
Mon Apr 3	Spirited Art Studio– Art studio	7:00 pm
Tue Apr 4	Yoga– Memorial Hall	10:00 am
	DEAP– Club Room	10:00 am
	Scripture Reflection Group– Club Room	12:10 pm
Wed Apr 5	Canterbury– offsite	10:30 am
	R-W Choir rehearsal– Lower Hall	7:30 pm
Thu Apr 6	Lenten Noon Recital– Sanctuary	12:10 pm
	Nova Bells– Lower Hall	5:15 pm
	R-W Ringers– Lower Hall	6:45 pm
Sat Apr 8	Choral Morphosis– Lower Hall	10:00 am
	R-W Board Retreat– Room 11	9:00 am
	Community Dinner– Memorial Hall	5:00 pm
	R-W Youth Group– Lower Level	7:00 pm

ON THE HORIZON

Sun Apr 9	Arts Collective- Growing Roots– Art Studio	1:00 pm
	Soul OUTing– Chapel	7:00 pm
	Spiritual Practices– Memorial Hall	7:00 pm
Mon Apr 10	Spirited Art Studio– Art studio	7:00 pm
Tue Apr 11	Scripture Reflection Group– Club Room	12:10 pm
	United Church Women– Memorial Hall	1:00 pm
	Property ctte– Room 11	7:00 pm
Wed Apr 12	Men's Group– offsite	9:15 am
	Messy Wednesday– Memorial Hall	5:00 pm
Thu Apr 13	Stewardship ctte– Club Room	1:00 pm
	Maundy Thursday service– Sanctuary	7:00 pm
Fri Apr 14	Good Friday service– Sanctuary	10:30 am
Sat Apr 15	Easter Vigil– Sanctuary	7:00 pm

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