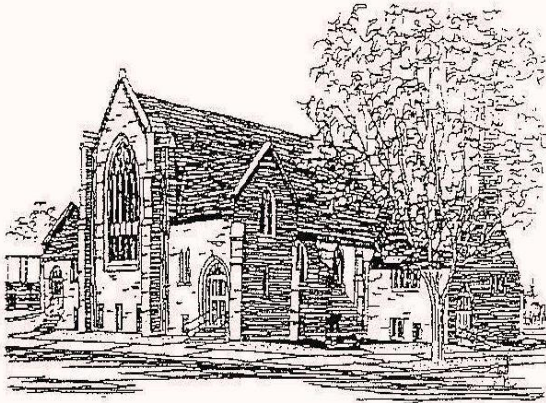


MARK STREET UNITED CHURCH
The House of Friendship



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10 a.m.

Rev. Patti Armstrong, B.A., M.Div.,
Minister

Office Administrator: Jill Brown

Custodian: Judy Ashworth

Parish Nurse: Janice Ross RN, MN

**The Order of Service
Second Sunday of Easter
Sunday, April 23, 2017**

Spirit of peace, move among us. Breathe trust that relies on your presence when we see and when we don't see.

Breathe honesty that acknowledges our doubts and questions. Breathe hope and forgiveness for the sake of community with you and others. Amen.

Deep thanks to Worship Leaders, Lynn Holland, Brenda Frost, Kristy McLaren, Drumming Circle, Betty Derry, Karen Mooney, and Mark Street Choir for sharing their gifts of Music, and all who participated in bringing together this service.

(* PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE &
CONGREGATION RESPOND IN **BOLD**)

MUSICAL PRELUDE

ILLUMINATING CHRIST'S LIGHT (Please respond as each candle is lit)

**In the name of the Parent God,
In the name of the Brother Son,
In the name of the Spirit Holy,
Three in One.**

**WELCOME & CENTERING OURSELVES
IN THIS PLACE OF WORSHIP**

HONOURING THE LAND

As we gather together in this faith filled worshipping community, we celebrate the shining waters which run through the ancestral lands of our First Nations sisters and brothers in the area. Those waters shimmer with the Great Spirit of all Creation and the spirits of the mothers and

fathers that come ahead of us. In our time together, let the ground on which we congregate as Mark Street United Church be sacred ground.

GATHERING SONG: VU 161 Welcome Happy Morning

CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is risen from the dead;

Death no longer has dominion.

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life",

As we believe, we shall live.

There is a joy deeper than our understanding.

We experience it and then we know.

So, let us pray, and keep praising,

For we walk towards a joy which knows no end!

PRAYER OF APPROACH

Living God, awaken us to your loving presence, that we may see a glimpse of life eternal, found in you.

Touch us all that we may be one in your Spirit.

Bring us together, whatever we may have missed before.

Bless our song and thought and prayer, that some of

Easter itself may move in our lives, and out into this

coming week. We pray in the name of Christ the Risen

One. Amen.

***GREETING ONE ANOTHER**

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CONGREGATION

PAUSE AND PREPARE TO HEAR SCRIPTURE

John 20: 19-31 (p. 115 NRSV pew Bible)

Jesus appears to the disciples and to Thomas

This is the Word of our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SHARING OUR STORIES

THE PRAYER OF JESUS (TOGETHER)

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.

Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

CHILDREN AND LEADERS MAY LEAVE FOR ACTIVITIES DOWNSTAIRS

PAUSE AND PREPARE TO HEAR SCRIPTURE

1 Peter 1: 3 – 9 (p. 232 NRSV pew Bible)

Salvation is the outcome of faithfulness

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN: MV 161 I Have Called You by Your Name

REFLECTION

GIVING THANKS

Amazing Grace

OFFERING SONG: This Is the Day VU 412 vs. 1

This is the day, this is the day that our God has made, that our God has made, we will rejoice, we will rejoice, and be glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day that our God has

made, we will rejoice and be glad in it. This is the day, this is the day that our God has made.

***DEDICATING OUR GIFTS**

God of mercy and grace, out of your infinite creativity you have given us life itself. Bless all that is entrusted to our care, that we may, in sharing our gifts and faith, become more and more like you in spirit and word and action; to your glory. Amen.

ANTHEM: Christ is Risen, Love Reborn. Schaline.

PRAYERS OF PEACE AND SACRED SILENCE

HYMN: VU 173 Thine is the Glory

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BLESSING**

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you,
Wherever He may send you.
May He guide you through the wilderness,
Protect you through the storm.
May He bring you home rejoicing,
Once again into our doors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Honouring the Land

Why Acknowledge the Traditional Territory?

Acknowledging the territory where we gather and the people who have traditionally called it home for thousands of years is a way to continue to live out the church's apologies to the First Peoples of North America.

The acknowledgement supports our calls to others to pay respect to Indigenous peoples. It is also one way the church can work toward right relations—by repudiating the Doctrine of Discovery that assumed the land was empty when European explorers, traders, and settlers first came. In order to promote mutual respect, peace, and friendship, the 40th General Council 2009 encouraged the recognition of Traditional Territory of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples at the gatherings of the courts and pastoral charges of The United Church of Canada. A proposal has been brought to the General Council Executive to encourage Parliament to include a similar acknowledgement in its opening address.

Bay of Quinte Prayer Cycle: St. John's UC. Brockville, Four Rivers.

Conference personal minister David Timpson is contact for congregation for Ministry and Personal concerns. Call Bay of Quinte Conference at 1-888-759-2444.

Both The Mark Street Congregation and The Reverend Patti Armstrong's Review report is being processed by Presbytery.

Rev. Patti Armstrong contact:

revpattiarmsrong@gmail.com #705-768-9052

Vacation: April 17th – 24th

Emergency Pastoral Care:

Rev. Julie van Haaften 705-742-2222

Mark Street United Affirm Group: April 24th at 7:30pm in the Library

What's Happening this Week

Monday, April 24th

Snacks – Friendship Hall Kitchen 9:00am – 10:30am

Trex – CEC 6:30pm

Pathfinders – Friendship Hall 7:00pm – 9:00pm

Tuesday, April 25th

Quilters – Friendship Hall 9:00am

Chronic Pain Workshop – Friendship Hall 1:30pm – 4:00pm

Yoga – Friendship Hall 5:30pm – 7:00pm

Wednesday, April 26th

Tai Chi – CEC 10:00am – 12:00pm

Brownies – Friendship Hall 6:30pm

GA – Church Parlour 7:00pm

Thursday, April 27th

Bowlers – Friendship Hall 2:00pm – 3:30pm

Drumming – Church Parlour 5:30pm

Sparks – Friendship Hall 6:30pm – 8:00pm

Choir Practice – Sanctuary 7:00pm

Friday, April 28th

Highland Dance – Friendship Hall 5:30pm

Sunday, April 30th

Ptbo Spirituality – Friendship Hall 7:00pm

Wanted: Yarn for Prayer Shawls

If you have any yarn that you don't need, please consider donating it to the prayer shawl group. We would love to have any donations since our supply is very low. Please contact Mary Smith at 705-742-1042.

Re: Youth Softball Registration

We are still accepting registrations for Youth Softball in the Church Office. Office hours are Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 1:00pm.

Financial Report to Congregation April 23, 2017
March Month End

General Account

General Revenue <u>Year to Date</u>	\$ 48,834.95
(Including M&S)	

(Offerings total \$31,696.21)

Expense <u>Year to Date</u>	\$ 65,519.73
(Includes Payroll, Worship, Administration & Maintenance, Mission & Service)	

Year to Date Net Income	\$(-16,684.78)
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<u>Mission & Service Year to Date</u>	
<u>Income</u>	\$3,688.00

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Memorial Fund

Account Balance March 31, 2017	\$20,881.63
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Investment Savings Account

Account Balance March 31, 2017	\$143,903.86
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Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Holmes
Chair, Finance Committee