

MARK STREET UNITED CHURCH
The House of Friendship

*Palm Passion
Sunday*



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10 a.m.

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Palms & Passion Sunday April 9th, 2017
Journey of Renewal
Nurturing Questions of Where and How God Works

My life is not about me. I am about Life.

Holy week begins.

Deep thanks to Worship Leaders, Tom Keys-Braiser, Maggie Allin, and Flutists, Drumming Circle, Betty Derry, Karen Mooney, Kristy McLaren 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**)

**The Christ candle remains unlit
as we seek the light in dark places.**

MUSICAL PRELUDE

**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.

***OPENING HYMN:** VU 409 Morning has Broken

INVOCATION TO WORSHIP

The story of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, tells us that after his celebrated arrival, he went into the Temple and looked around at everything.

As we gather here for worship today may it be with a sense that Jesus has walked in too, and is looking around.

**May our eyes be open to see Him,
may our hearts be ready to be seen by Him,
may our worship be worthy of His presence,
and may we be transformed
so that we see the world through His eyes.**

Amen.

Ann Siddall

PREPARING THE LIGHT – During Lent, The Candle of Light is buried by cloth and twine and stone. Each week two new stones are added, until on Easter Morning, when the light can no longer be contained, it bursts through with the removal of stones and twine and cloth and the light reappears, once again!

***GREETING ONE ANOTHER**

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CONGREGATION

PAUSE AND PREPARE TO HEAR SCRIPTURE

Matthew 21:1-11 (p. 23 NRSV pew bible)

This is the word of our lord.

Thanks be to God.

SHARING OUR STORIES

THE PRAYER OF JESUS (TOGETHER)

Our Father, which art in heaven,

hallowed be your Name.

Your Kingdom come,

Your 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 yours is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever.

**CHILDREN AND LEADERS MAY LEAVE FOR ACTIVITIES
DOWNSTAIRS**

PAUSE AND PREPARE TO HEAR SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 50.4-9 (p. 681 NRSV pew bible)

This is the word of our lord.

Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION – Deathrow

PRAYER OF REFLECTION AND REPENTANCE

God of all our questions: We do have so many questions about where you are and how you work. Sometimes, we get so convinced of our own ideas of how you work that we miss seeing you where you are. Too often, we serve you with our lips instead of with our whole lives. We intend to follow you wherever you go, but we often do not. Steadfast God, please give to us the same Spirit as Christ, so we might see where you are as you break into the world in unexpected ways and follow you wherever it is that you call us.

Help us to love and embrace all the questions in us and in others. Thank you for never giving up on the world or on us. Amen.

***HYMN: VU 650 O God of Bethel**

GIVING THANKS

OFFERING SONG: Jesus, tempted in the desert VU 115 vs 4

**When we face temptation's power, lonely, struggling,
filled with dread, Christ, who knew the tempter's hour,
come and be our living bread. By your grace, protect,
preserve us lest we fall, your trust betray.**

Yours, above all other voices, be the Word we hear, obey.

***DEDICATING OUR GIFTS**

Covenant-keeping God, whose promise is rock solid; we offer our lives and these signs of our daily living, not simply that bread might fill empty stomachs, but that, through the working of your Holy Spirit,

**empty lives may be filled,
friendless, lonely lives find intimacy,
and depressed lives given hope.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

<http://thebillabong.info/>

ANTHEM: He Came Riding

PRAYERS OF PEACE & SACRED SILENCE

***HYMN:** MV 154 Deep in Our Hearts

PRAYER FOR COMMUNITY (Adapted from Psalm 31)

Holy one, be my rock of refuge, a stronghold to keep me safe.

**You are indeed my rock and fortress, leading me and
guiding me in your love.**

Release me from the net, for you are my protector.

**Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have
redeemed me, O God of truth.**

***CHORAL BLESSING:** Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ MV 166 x 2
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, Son of God among us,
thank you for every sign showing that you love us.

Liturgy Adapted from: <http://mccchurch.org/lenten-worship-resources-2016/>

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.

Welcome and Thank-you to Natalie Hunter, our current Office Administrator while Jill Brown is recovering.

Welcome Shining Waters Presbytery for walking with us during this time of waiting and uncertainty.

During the review process Rev. Lyle Horn is available for Pastoral Support 705-742- 5846 or graceunited@nexicom.net

Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday – April 13th, 7pm in Friendship Hall.

Finger foods and Table fellowship

Good Friday – April 14th, 10am. Service of Nails

Easter Sunrise – April 16th, 7am

Easter Sunday Family Service & Communion –
April 16th, 10am

Lenten study and lunch: PRACTICES OF RELEASING

After Sunday Worship & Fellowship in the Library. Bring your lunch. Feel free to attend when you can.

(April 9th). All welcome.

Bay of Quinte Prayer Cycle: Bobcaygeon PC, Kawartha Highlands.

Rev Patti Armstrong contact:

revpattiarmsrong@gmail.com #705-768-9052

Vacation: April 17-24

Emergency Pastoral Care

Rev. Julie Van Haaften 705-742-2222

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 Reverent Patti Armstrong's Review report is being processed by Presbytery.

Re: Vesey's Bulb Fundraiser

The Vesey's Bulb Fundraiser sale is over, all orders must be in tomorrow – Monday, April 9th!

Reminder: St. Luke's Food Bank

The Food bank at St. Luke's needs our support; Easter is next week! Our food box is located at the base of the East Balcony. Carol Payne delivers following our Sunday service.

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: Church Office Hours

The Church Office will be closed on Good Friday, April 14th as well as Easter Monday, April 17th.

Community Events**Singalong Messiah**

Good Friday, April 14th

Kawartha Lakes Singers is hosting a Singalong Messiah at 7:30pm at Emmanuel United Church East (formerly George Street United), Peterborough. Donations appreciated at the door. Score rentals \$10. Proceeds are in support of the Abraham festival. All welcome to sing or just listen.

What's Happening at Mark Street

-some exciting events are coming up-

UCW Meeting

UCW Meeting on Tuesday, April 11th at 1:15pm in the Church Parlour. Our guest speakers will be Annette Piper and Dave Morello from the Strong Kids Campaign. Please note that the Rummage Sale on April 22nd is not a UCW Project.

Mark Street United Church Spring Rummage Sale

The Spring Rummage Sale is on!!!

Saturday, April 22nd from 8:30am to 11:30am

We are in need of clean clothing and household articles that are in good working condition. Please save any items you are willing to donate while doing your spring housecleaning. Articles may be dropped off at the Church from 9:00am to 1:00pm the week of April 17th.

Maundy Thursday – April 13th

Good Friday – April 14th

Easter Sunday – April 16th

What's Happening this Week

Monday, April 10th

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

Trex – CEC 6:30pm

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

Tuesday, April 11th

Quilters – Friendship Hall 9:00am

UCW Meeting – Church Parlour 1:15pm

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

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

Wednesday, April 12th

Tai Chi – CEC 10:00am – 12:00pm

Brownies – Friendship Hall 6:30pm

GA – Church Parlour 7:00pm

Thursday, April 13th

Collective Kitchen – CEC 10:00am – 2:00pm

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

Drumming – Parlour 5:30pm

Sparks – CEC 6:30pm – 8:00pm

Maundy Thursday Service – Friendship Hall 7:00pm

Choir Practice – Sanctuary 7:00pm

Friday, April 14th

Good Friday Service – Sanctuary 10:00am

Easter Flowers

If you wish to donate flowers in memory of a loved one, or to beautify the sanctuary for Easter morning, mark your contribution “Easter Flowers” and place on the offering plate. If you wish to receive income tax credit, please include your name and/or envelope number. Envelopes are available in the Narthex if needed.



We are still in need of some volunteers to deliver plants following the Easter service on Sunday, April 16th. Please contact Jane McClenaghan at janemcc@sympatico.ca or 705-742-2014