



The United Church of Canada
Prairie Spirit Pastoral Charge
Coaldale United and St. Andrew's UC
Trinity and First United
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Third Sunday of Easter

Land Acknowledgement:

Call to Worship:

Children of God! We come together today to sing and rejoice!

We come together to give thanks for God's abundance!

We celebrate Creator God's awesome universe!

We come together to be refreshed and renewed

as we travel this road together.

Opening Prayer:

Hymn: VU 639

One More Step Along the World I Go

Kid's Time:

Mission Story: Flowing Beyond the Banks:

In Chipman, New Brunswick, along the Salmon River, community isn't just an idea—it's how life flows. For over 126 years, Chipman United Church has been woven into the heart of the town.

The congregation is small—mostly seniors with a handful of youth, four of whom now help lead worship—and the choir is modest. But the impact is anything but small. Each month, about sixty meals are prepared and delivered through the LIFT program, feeding children, seniors, and neighbours who can't leave home. The church hall hosts community groups and sports programs, and members pour hot chocolate at the Christmas parade. Service here isn't occasional; it's a habit.

When some members could no longer attend in person, the church brought worship online. What was expected to reach twenty people drew thousands.

Prayer requests now arrive by email, and a painting of the sanctuary is being turned into cards to remind those who feel alone that they belong.

This is rural ministry: rooted, connected, and alive. Mission and Service helps sustain communities like Chipman, keeping churches at the centre of town life.

We can make a difference together. When we give to Mission and Service, we help ensure that churches like Chipman continue to feed, care for, and connect their communities. Donate today and be part of keeping this heart of the town alive.

Mission Prayer: from Song of Faith

God is creative and self-giving, generously moving in all the near and distant corners of the universe. Nothing exists that does not find its source in God. Our first response to God's providence is gratitude. We sing thanksgiving. Amen

Prayer of Reconciliation and Words of Freedom:

Hymn: MV 135

Called by Earth and Sky

Scripture:

1 Peter 1:17-23 (NRSV)

If you invoke as Father the one who judges impartially according to each person's work, live in fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual affection, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Luke 24:13-35(NRSV)

The Walk to Emmaus

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus

himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Message: I Did Not See Jesus in my Eggs on Tuesday

Hymn: VU 374

Come and Find the Quiet Centre

Offering: MV 191

What Can I Do?

What can I do? What can I bring?

What can I say? What can I sing?

I'll sing with joy! I'll say a prayer!

I'll bring my love! I'll do my share!

Prayers of the People and the Prayer of Jesus (sung): music by Pat Mayberry

*Creator God, 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.*

Hymn: VU 179

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks

Commissioning and Benediction:

God's love will shine on unexpected paths and support us in ways far beyond
our imaginings!

God will fill us with courage, as we face each new journey.

God promises to walk with us!

May we bask in this promise, in our hearts and minds and souls!

Sung Blessing: VU 884

You Shall Go Out with Joy

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace,

The mountains and the hills will break forth before you;

**There'll be shouts of joy and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their
hands!**

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands!

The trees of the field will clap their hands!

The trees of the field will clap their hands,

While you go out with joy!