

# Easter Sunday Worship, April 5, 2015

\* *rise in body and in spirit* VU = Red Hymnbook MV = Paperback Hymnbook  
*If you need to leave before the conclusion of the service, please do so quietly.*

*We gratefully acknowledge the enhancing presence and participation of our guest musicians: the Maritime Brass Quintet, Rachel O'Brien and guest choir members, thanking them for their generous gift of time and talent.*

PRE-SERVICE SINGING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ONE: Long before ever there was a 'long ago'

**ALL: God spoke.**

ONE: Yes. Spoke words of love

**ALL: and all creation came to be.**

ONE: But soon God found

**ALL: words were not enough.**

ONE: God acted.

**ALL: Yes. God's love came into the world.**

ONE: Looking, and sounding,

**ALL: thinking and feeling,**

ONE: working and playing,

**ALL: laughing and crying,**

ONE: dreaming and sighing,

**ALL: like one of us.**

ONE: God's love came.

**ALL: Yes. Jesus came and lived with us.**

ONE: Lived with us, and died like us.

**ALL: Lived with us, and died like us.**

ONE: But lives again.

**ALL: Yes. Lives again.**

ONE: The stone is rolled away.

**ALL: The tomb is empty.**

ONE: Grave wrappings lie folded.

**ALL: Angels appear.**

ONE: Friends to find...

**ALL: Stories to tell...**

ONE: News to share...

**ALL: Music to make and songs to sing...**

\* HYMN VU 155 *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

*arr. Richard Webster*

ONE: Lord God, early in the morning, when the world was young,

**ALL: you made life in all its beauty and terror;**

**you gave birth to all that we know.**

ONE: Early in the morning, when the world least expected it,

**ALL: a newborn child crying in a cradle**

**announced that you had come among us,**

**that you were one of us.**

ONE: Early in the morning,

surrounded by respectable liars, religious leaders,

anxious statesmen and silent friends,

**ALL: you accepted the penalty for doing good,**

**for being God:**

**you shouldered and suffered the cross.**

ONE: Early in the morning, a voice in a guarded graveyard

and footprints in the dew proved that you had risen,

**ALL: that you had come back**

**to those, and for those**

**who had forgotten, denied, destroyed you.**

ONE: Lord God, early in the morning,

**ALL: in the multi-coloured company**

**of your Church on earth and in heaven,**

**we celebrate your creation, your life,**

**your death and resurrection,**

**your interest in us;**

**and we pray:**

**bring new life**

**where we are worn and tired;**

**new love**

**where we have turned hard-hearted;**

**forgiveness**

**where we feel hurt**

**and where we have wounded;**

**and the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit**

**where we are prisoners of ourselves. Amen.**

ONE: Jesus stood among them and said,

**ALL: “Peace be with you.”**

ONE: Then he breathed on them and said,

**ALL: “Receive the Holy Spirit.**

ONE: If you forgive someone’s sins they are gone for good.

**ALL: If you don't forgive sins,  
what are you going to do with them?”**

ONE: The Peace of Christ be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

\*HYMN **VU 187** *The Spring Has Come*

SCRIPTURE – **John 20.1-18** (*The Inclusive Bible*)

Early in the morning on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance, so she ran off to Simon Peter and the other disciple—the one Jesus loved—and told them, “The Rabbi has been taken from the tomb! We don’t know where they have put Jesus!”

At that, Peter and the other disciple started out toward the tomb. They were running side by side, but then the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He didn’t enter, but bent down to peer in and saw the linen wrappings lying on the ground. Then Simon Peter arrived and entered the tomb. He observed the linen wrappings on the ground, and saw the piece of cloth that had covered Jesus’ head lying not with the wrappings, but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the disciple who had arrived first at the tomb went in. He saw and believed. As yet, they didn’t understand the scripture that Jesus was to rise from the dead. Then the disciples went back to their homes.

Meanwhile, Mary stood weeping beside the tomb. Even as she wept, she stooped to peer inside, and there she saw two angels in dazzling robes. One was seated at the head and the other at the foot of the place where Jesus’ body had lain.

They asked her, “Why are you weeping?”

She answered them, “because they have taken away my Rabbi, and I don’t know where they have put the body.”

No sooner had she said this than she turned around and caught sight of Jesus standing there, but she didn’t know it was Jesus. He asked her, “Why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?” She supposed it was the gardener, so she said, “Please, if you’re the one who carried Jesus away, tell me where you’ve laid the body and I will take it away.”

Jesus said to her, “Mary!”

She turned to him and said, “Rabboni!”—which means “Teacher.” Jesus then said, “Don’t hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to Abba God. Rather, go to the sisters and brothers and tell them, ‘I’m ascending to my Abba and to your Abba, my God and your God!’ ”

Mary of Magdala went to the disciples. “I have seen the Teacher!” she announced. Then she reported what the savior had said to her.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC ‘*Lord of the Dance*’

arr. Don Hart

Rachel O’Brien, piano

SERMON – ‘*Something Else Instead*’

\*HYMN **VU 168** *The Risen Christ*

OFFERTORY – The Maritime Brass

\*PRESENTATION

♪ **MV 171**

**Christ has no body now but yours,  
no hands but yours.  
Here on this earth,  
yours is the work  
to serve with the joy of compassion.  
Through ev’ry gift, give back to those in need:  
as Christ has blessed, so now be his blessing  
with ev’ry gift a benediction be to the people of God.  
Christ has no body now but yours...**

\*DEDICATION PRAYER (*over...!*)

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ONE: Out of love and duty,  
faithful women brought perfume and ointment  
to a garden tomb.

**ALL: Intending to preserve the dead,  
they found new life, instead.**

ONE: Now, out of love and duty,  
we bring our gifts.

**ALL: May they bring life to us and to others. Amen.**

PRAYER ends with:

**ALL: 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**

CHORAL HYMN 'Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise' *arr. V. Johnson*

Text opposite - the congregation joins choir on first verse (*seated*)  
and the last verse (*standing*)

\*BLESSING

POSTLUDE 'Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals' *S. Karg-Elert*  
Maritime Brass Quintet; Jeff Joudrey, organ

*The postlude concludes our communal worship which is offered to God for our and  
God's mutual delight and enjoyment. Since it is not a performance separate from  
worship no applause is necessary or required.*

EASTER MUSIC MEMORIALS

We gratefully acknowledge the following memorial gifts which support this  
morning's celebratory Easter music:

Carlton Baxter

*By Bruce Baxter and Adrienne Baxter-Tingley*

My parents, Don and Evelyn Flewelling

*By Elaine Bourque & family*

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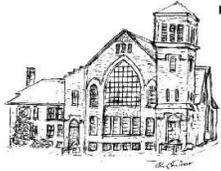
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*By Anne Purdy*

My husband, Martin Rose

*By Connie Rose*





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*This week's bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of son, Hal Burke, who passed on April 8, 2006, by mother, Sandra Burke, brother, Kevin and sister, Rhonda and Reade Davis.*

*The two hydrangeas are placed in loving memory of Ken, Freda & David Logan and Reg & Hazel Estabrooks.*

*The yellow mums are placed in loving memory of my mom, Nellie Cowles, by Timmy Howatt.*

**We welcome all visitors** and invite you to sign the guest book at the back of the church; we also welcome those who will be viewing the service on EastLink Television. **Newcomers are asked to fill in the card in the pew and place it in the offering plate.** All are invited to join the time of fellowship (coffee & juice) in Burgess Hall following the service.

April "after worship coffee" clean-up crew are members of Christian Education Committee.

**Ushers:** Dale & Brian Jones

**Tellers for April:** Gordon MacGregor, Harold Farrow, Lawrence Harrison, Jim Hatheway, Gordon Helm, Ben Pitman

**Greeters:** Carolyn Douglas and Brian Trenholm

**Welcomers:** Jean Henley and Debbie Crawford

## SUNDAY SCHOOL LENTEN PROJECT 2015

This year, the Sunday School has chosen Habitat for Humanity Springhill Build for their Lenten Project. Each week they will collect monetary donations & place a purple ribbon on a pew for every \$25 received.

Income tax receipts are available, so please include your name, address and email (as email receipts are also available). Please make cheques payable to Habitat NS (Springhill Project). Cash donations can also be made online at [habitatns.ca](http://habitatns.ca). You can follow their progress on their Facebook page.

## TRINITY YOUTH SINGERS FUNDRAISING

The TYS will be hosting a cookie sale following the service this morning in Burgess Hall during coffee time to help raise funds for the choir to take "Rescue In The Night" on the road, Sunday May 3, to Woodlawn United Church in Dartmouth. You can help the choir with their fundraising by making a donation and taking home some fresh, homemade baked goods! They will also be hosting a Coffee House at Trinity-St. Stephen's, Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup> from 7:00pm to 9:00pm, where members of the TYS will be performing as well as other local well-known musicians. All are welcome!

## MARCH BENEVOLENT REPORT

Thank you to those who have contributed to the Benevolent Fund. This month, your donations were able to help members of our community with three rent payments and two oil payments. Thank you to Heather, Susan and Wendy for their dedication!

## READERS FOR SCRIPTURE

As most families do, our church family needs to "share the jobs" needed to make it run smoothly. Worship Committee is looking for new readers for scripture each Sunday. There is a sign up chart in the hall following the service today. Please consider giving your name and time for this activity.

## MEN'S PANCAKE SUPPER

The Men's Pancake Supper will be Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> from 4:30pm to 6:30pm in Heartz Hall. Menu includes pancakes, maple syrup, baked beans, sausage, pie, tea and coffee. Price is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. Maple products will be available. Please contact 667-8483 for takeout.

## UCW ANNUAL SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

Join us, Saturday, April 25, 9:00 am – 11:00 am for the Annual Spring Rummage Sale. Good quality used clothing, books, bedding, toys and more!

## ONLINE DONATIONS

A reminder that donations can be made online at our website using credit card or PayPal. Go to [tssuc.com/donate/](http://tssuc.com/donate/). Your donations and ongoing support is greatly appreciated!

## MINDS IN MOTION

Join Minds In Motion for their Mental Health Awareness Walk, Wednesday, May 6. They will be meeting at the Cumberland YMCA at noon for a quick warm up, followed by a 2km walk. A healthy lunch will follow, including barbecued chicken, salads and chili. There is no charge, however we will accept free will offerings.

### 60TH ANNUAL AMHERST ROTARY CLUB RADIO AND ONLINE AUCTION

The Auction will be hosted April 14 from 2-5 & 6-9pm on CFTA 107.9 and online, [www.amherstrotaryauction.com](http://www.amherstrotaryauction.com). There will be a pre auction Wine & Cheese Live Auction at the Wandlyn, Saturday April 11 at 6:30 pm. Tickets \$20 from any Rotarian. Your support of both auctions will help the creation of a medical building at Camp Tidnish, a summer camp for mentally & physically challenged youth & adults.

### FAMILY CAREGIVER EDUCATION SERIES

Will run for six weeks, April 21 to May 26 on Tuesdays, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at the Continuing Care Office (71 Victoria Street, Amherst). No charge, sponsored by the Alzheimer Society. To register, call Darlene Turnbull at VON Cumberland at (902) 667-8796 ext. 2007.

### TIM & THE GLORY BOYS

Join the Amherst Wesleyan Church, Thursday, April 16 at 7:00pm as they host the upcoming concert with Tim and The Glory Boys. Donations will be taken at the door, with a suggested donation of \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.



### Week of April 5 – April 11

Today	<i>Easter Sunday</i>	
	8:30am	Early Easter Service
	10:30am	Easter Service
	11:45am	Trinity Youth Singers Rehearsal/Cookie Sale
Monday	<i>Easter Monday</i>	<i>Building Closed</i>
Tuesday	3:00pm	UCW General – Lounge
	6:30pm	Girl Guides
Thursday	10:00am	Bible Study
	1:30pm	Open Circle Drop In
	6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
	6:30pm	Brownies
Friday	10:00am	Parents 'n Tots
Saturday	4:30pm	Men's Pancake Supper