



Sunday, March 31, 2024

Easter Sunday

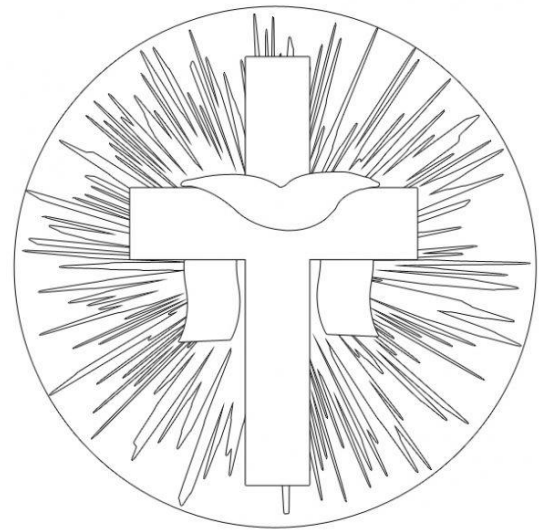
Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader — David Hrynyk

Speaker — Chris Hutton

*With voice and heart we worship God together at NLUMC.
We strive to be a welcoming community who live our faith
in active and practical ways of discipleship and service.*

Order of Worship Christ Among Us



Call to worship

VT #346, *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

Welcome

Special music — Jesus Paid it All

Flowers to the Cross

VT #333, *Low In the Grave*

VT #355, *Thine Is the Glory*

VT #329, *Were You There*

Offering with VT #341, *Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia*

Children's story

Scripture reading — John 20:1-18

Message — Christ Among Us: I Have Seen the Lord

Special music — Because He Lives

Prayer of rejoicing

VT #332, *In Christ Alone*

Benediction

Church Life . . .

◆ Urgent MCC Appeal - Myanmar

This Easter, families in Myanmar need our help, especially as the rainy season will soon be upon them. The military has overthrown the government and has stormed villages, burning crops and homes and imprisoning humanitarian workers. People have been forced to flee and are hiding and trying to survive in the jungle. What they need the most now are food, first aid and shelter.

Missions Team invites you to make a direct donation to MCC during this Lenten season at mcc.org/Easter. Information sheets can be found in the foyer.

◆ Home Church Update

Looking for a place to connect with others, have fun, serve others, and experience God outside of Sunday morning? Then feel free to drop in and check out a home church. All ages are welcome, and you can drop in as you feel able to!

▶ Marshwoods Home Church

22 Marshwoods Blvd, Kingsville, will not meet this week at their usual time of Wednesday night, but they will resume meeting again soon.

▶ Cherokee Home Church

30 Cherokee Lane, Leamington, will meet this week and will continue to meet Thursday nights at 6:30 pm until the middle of June.

Contact Chris Hutton if you have questions!

◆ **Community Building Team News.** Pizza Night is the **second Friday of each month** at the Roma Club, Leamington. Bring your family - everyone orders and pays for their own pizza and drink. **Friday, April 12** will be the next gathering. Doors open 6 – 10 pm. Come as you are available.

◆ **The MCEC Annual Gathering** will take place on **April 26 & 27** in Leamington at UMEI Christian High School. Anyone who wants to attend the sessions is asked to go to www.mcec.ca to register online, even if you are not a voting delegate for our church. They require dietary details as well as attendance numbers for meal and snack planning in advance.

◆ For Your March Reading Pleasure

Come downstairs and browse the shelves for your winter reading selections. New additions are displayed on the carousel for your convenience. Please sign the bookcard and leave it in the box on the desk. Enjoy your reads!

▶ *All Saints* by Michael Spurlock and Jeanette Windle. The surprising true story of how refugees from Burma brought life to a dying church.

▶ *Emmanuel: God With Us, As I Lived It* by Robert Wesley Witmer. His journey of faith from depression-era Ontario farm life to the mission suburbs of Paris and back.

▶ *Heaven Sent Rain* by Lauraine Snelling. Fiction. Follow a business woman's relationship with a homeless child and his dog and the veterinarian who helps them.

◆ **New Address for —**
John & Linda Willms

◆ Donations to NLUMC

▶ Have you considered increasing your automatic transfer donation amount?
▶ Your donations to NLUMC can also be offered through Abundance Canada if your family is setting up a Gifting Fund through charitable stocks and bonds in-kind. Visit <https://abundance.ca>

▶ Donations are accepted by:

1) Automatic transfers – contact Susan

2) E-transfer – email treasurer@nlumc.com - include member # in message

3) Offering on Sunday morning

Contact Susan Klassen, office@nlumc.com; or Brenda Klassen, treasurer@nlumc.com

◆ Church Council News

▶ **Membership Informational Meeting, Sunday, April 21**, immediately following the worship service at 11 am. An opportunity for our membership to join together to hear updates about spring programs and to ask questions and discuss future goals of our church.

▶ **The Church has an upright Heintzman piano** — if there is a family from our church who could put it to good use. If interested, you just need to provide the moving crew! Please contact Susan in the office if you are interested in obtaining this piano.

▶ **SMILE!** NLUMC is planning to compile a **church photo directory** this Spring. A sign-up sheet for photos will be made available after Easter. We plan to have the photography company here on-site from **Tuesday, June 4 to Saturday, June 8**. Please alert other NLUMC family members and friends to mark the date in their calendar. More details to follow.

▶ NLUMC Council has been researching samples and pricing for aesthetic improvements to the **church's four washrooms**: paint, wallpaper, counter tops/sinks, taps, light fixtures, etc.

At this time, Church Council brings forward a recommendation to accept **'special donations'** earmarked for the "Washroom Renovation Project." Once we have received 80% of the estimated \$8—10,000, we will then proceed, asking for volunteers to help out in various ways. Sign-up sheets for people to assist this Spring, with wallpaper removal, painting, minor construction, and minor electrical work, etc. will be made available so that we can keep the costs at a minimum.

▶ **Church Council supports the following delegates** to represent NLUMC at the annual MCEC gathering to be held in Leamington on **April 26 & 27, 2024**; Judy & Paul Cornies, Mary Krueger, Brenda Fischer. Please extend words of encouragement and thank our delegates for being willing to attend and vote on behalf of NLUMC.

▶ **Church Doors** — The Church will be opened from 9 am onward on Sunday mornings. If you require entrance earlier than 9 o'clock, you should make arrangements through the office, prior to Friday noon of that particular weekend.

Community/Conference Events . . .

◆ **The Giving Spoon Fundraiser**

Saturday, April 6 & Sunday April 7 by the Soup Guru and The Bridge Youth Resource Centre, 11 am – 2 pm at 310 Sherk Street, Leamington. Take-out available. Event is by donation only.

◆ **Southwestern Ontario Gleaners News**

▶ **Annual General Meeting on Saturday, April 6** at 2 pm. A new set of by-laws will be proposed along with other business of the organization.

▶ Tickets are also available for the **Annual Spring Banquet on Saturday, April 20**. Sponsorships and donations are very welcome, as this is the largest Fundraiser for the Gleaners in 2024. For tickets and more information, please contact the office at 519-326-7687.

◆ **UMEI Christian High School News**

▶ **Thank you for your generous support!** We are pleased to announce that our student fundraising meal raised over \$12,000! We are humbled by the ongoing generous support of our church communities.

▶ **Experience a “day in the life” of a UMEI high school student on Friday, April 12**. Come experience the UMEI difference for yourself and shadow our students for the day. Open to all grade 8’s starting grade 9 in September and all grade 9 through 11 students looking to transfer. For more information and to register visit <https://umei.ca/shadow-days/>

◆ **Soli Deo Gloria Singers’ Choral Concert**

“Letters from the Past” by Elaine Penner on **Sunday, April 14** at 3 pm at LUMC, 78 Oak Street East, Leamington. Admission by donation to: *Friends of the Mennonite Centre Ukraine* for Humanitarian Aid

◆ **Leamington Mennonite Home News**

We are very pleased to announce that starting Monday, April 1, Susie Hildebrandt-Reimer will be taking on the responsibilities of Chief Financial Officer position at the Home. Please join us in welcoming Susie to our management team!

Thought for the Day

Mary Magdalene found the disciples and told them,

“I have seen the Lord!”

Then she gave them his message.

John 20:18

Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today, in our cycle of prayer, area churches are remembering **St. Anthony's Parish Maronite Catholic Church** and their pastor Michel Kassas.

Each week **MCEC, Mennonite Church Eastern Canada**, prays for one of our congregations. This week we are praying for **Grace Christian Church** in Ottawa, Ontario.

To view more information from MCEC go to [News & Events - Mennonite Church Eastern Canada \(mcec.ca\)](http://www.mcec.ca)

Missions — see Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) for giving opportunities, www.mcc.org

Connect . . .

- Check out our church website at nlumc.com, including YouTube videos of our past services.
 - Watch our Sunday morning service via YouTube livestream at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCdn1sLuXDZYqHsEyd92k0g/featured>
 - Get updates on our ministries by joining our Facebook group.
 - See photos of what we are doing on our Instagram page.
 - Contact the church office, pastor or Council members for information.
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Care . . .

If you are aware of any crises needs or visitation needs within our community of faith, please contact the church office or Pastor Chris, 519-613-1971, at this time.

Contacts . . .

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