

10:00 a.m. – BAS Holy Eucharist **Layreader:** Stephen Hamlin

Opening Hymn – At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

Gathering of the Community
Gloria

Collect of the Day: Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

The Proclamation of the Word:

Acts 2: 14a, 22-32 (Kim Benedict)
Psalm 16
1 Peter 1: 3-9 (Bev DeVouge)

Gradual Hymn – Without Seeing You

Gospel: John 20: 19-31 (Joan MacDonald)

Homily – Cory Lunn
Nicene Creed
The Prayers of the People
Confession and Absolution
The Peace

Parish Council Induction

Offering Hymn – All Heaven Declares

Blessing of Burse & Veil

Prayer over the Gifts: God of grace, you have freed us from our sins and made us a kingdom in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Accept all we offer you this day, and strengthen us in the new life you have given us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Celebration of the Eucharist #1
Sanctus
The Lord's Prayer
Breaking of Bread #8
Lamb of God

The Communion

Communion Hymn – Now to Your Table Spread

Ablution Hymn – Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Prayer after Communion

Doxology

Children's Hymn – He is Lord

Blessing

Closing Hymn – Yours Be the Glory

Dismissal

May the Lord

Chancel Guild: Maria Murphy, Leona Hunt **Greeters:** Mary Feltmate, Walter Spears, Clifford Holder, Cory Lunn, Mary Wolfe

Altar Flowers are placed to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. George Gazeley and their son John.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Tuesday, Apr. 18th – 6:30 p.m. Parish Council

Wednesday, Apr. 19th – 6:30 p.m. Choir

Friday, Apr. 21st – 10:00 a.m. Meditation

Next Sunday, April 23rd – 3rd Sunday of Easter

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist BAS

Today we induct our **wardens and parish council** elected at the Annual Meeting in February. They are wardens Elaine MacInnis and Neil Harris, Secretary Joan Best, Treasurer Angela Burton. Members at large: Judy MacKenzie, Jacquie Muers, Sterling Hubley, Carol Ann Dominix, John Greer, Jason Reynolds, Laurel MacIntosh, Faye Kennedy, Natasha Bejarano and Cory Lunn. Please continue to pray for these parish leaders throughout their term of office.

Rev. Lori will be away from the parish for a week's **vacation** from April 17-24, returning to the office on Tuesday, April 25. In the event of a pastoral emergency, please call the Rev. Jane Magrath at 902-817-2132.

Our next **Sunday School** sessions will be April 23rd and May 7th. See you there!

Today we will bless a new white **burse and veil** for the communion table. It was purchased with funds raised by our book sale and with donations from the Evening Branch ACW and the Chancel Guild.

Parish Survey: Thanks to all who participated in our Parish Survey. The answers are being tabulated. Watch for the results.

Tuesday, April 18th is **Holocaust Remembrance Day**. All are welcome to join in a ceremony of Remembrance that evening at 7:30 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Park in Bass River. Reception to follow in the Fire Hall.

Bookworms and Church Mice will meet next on **Sunday, April 30th** in the parlour after worship. The book for discussion is The Beekeeper of Aleppo by Christy Lefteri. All are welcome to read along and join us in the discussion.

Covid precautions: At its February meeting, your parish council decided to lift the ban on passing the offering plate. We are also removing the markings on the aisle floor. Masking is still something you may wish to do, but it is not required. Please use sensitivity to the needs of others when making that decision. Until at least spring, we will continue with a hands free gesture of peace and reception of the Eucharist by a drop of wine upon the wafer.

Good News! The Colchester East Hants Health Centre has restored the clergy list for spiritual care so we can again access in-patient names. But we do still welcome your calls to let us know when loved ones are in hospital.

Food Table: Our first Food Table event at the Community Dinner was a great success! We will continue to collect food for the folks who attend the dinners to take home with them. Please pick up some food when you grocery shop, drop it in the bin provided at the back of the church, and we'll take care of the rest. Some suggested items: peanut butter, pasta, granola bars, soup, beans, cereal, rice, fruit cups, toiletries, and sanitary supplies. Thank you from your Pastoral Ministry Committee!

Looking Ahead (mark your calendars): Sunday, April 30th – Sung Evening Prayer by our choir.

Water of Life: Our annual Water of Life campaign for 2023 kicks off next Sunday, April 23rd and will run for 4 weeks.

Your Spiritual Development Committee invites you to a **Spring Retreat Day on Saturday, May 13th** at Whispering Spirits Farm in Hodson outside River John. We will be hosted by Karen Ewing and Carol McNutt. Our theme this time is **Alleluia, Amen!** This is another chance to be in God's beautiful outdoors, to worship Christ and to reconnect with our parish family. The day will begin at 9:30 a.m. with coffee and muffins. We will share a short gathering liturgy and then have choices about how to spend our reflection time. There will be stations where you can share with others and be creative, quiet spaces for personal reflection or reading on your own and lots of trails to walk in peace. We'll brown bag for lunch and finish with another short reflection time and lastly share in the Eucharist, finishing around 2:00 p.m. We would love to have you with us! A car pool is planned and we have good driving directions to get to Hodson which is about 55 minutes outside of town. Please indicate your interest by signing up on the sheet at the back of the church. Plan to bring: a bagged lunch and travel mug for warm drinks, a water bottle, lawn chair, bug spray and warm clothes! The retreat will go forward rain or shine!!!

The **Alzheimer Society Early Stage Forum** is taking place on Saturday, April 22nd from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon at Woodlawn Public Library and also via Livestream. It is a FREE event for people living with early stage dementia and their care partners. Together we will learn more about living well with dementia, maintaining brain health, and connecting with community through stories and strategies shared by those living with dementia. The link to register is: <https://alzheimer.ca/ns/en/esf2023>

First United Church (711 Prince Street) will be hosting three world-class concerts in the weeks to come. Read all about it below and contact 902-895-8098 for more information:

Saturday, April 29, 7:00 pm: Join the Cantabile Singers of Truro for their spring concert, "Let's Have Some Music", celebrating the music and legacy of NS folk musician Robbie Smith. This concert features arrangements of Robbie's music by many Canadian composers, as part of the "Robbie Songs Project" (an initiative of Kathleen Glauser and the Nova Scotia Choral Federation with the support of Robbie's estate). Special guests include a cameo by the Truro Youth Singers. Robbie's musical partner Kathleen Glauser will be on hand to share stories of Robbie and their time in the folk duo "Naming the

Twins". Tickets (\$20 general/\$5 student) are available from the church office, choristers, or online at <https://ticketstripe.com/LetsHaveSomeMusic>

Saturday, May 6, 7:00 pm: Prepare to be amazed as Halifax Circus and Nova Scotia Youth Orchestra explore an unexpected flurry of music and motion. "NSYO: Orchestra in Motion" asks questions like "What happens when you cross clowns with clarinets? Tightropes with timpani? And rola bolas with violas? In this concert, two diametrically opposed forces become one in a creative collision like no other. Tickets (\$25 general/\$5 students) are available from the church office. Get them early... you don't want to miss this show!

Saturday, May 13, 3:00 pm: We welcome the eclectic women's performance group "Creative Voices" (Jacqueline Chambers, artistic director; Sandra MacAulay-Thompson, collaborative pianist; special guest Joanna Phillips) for their spring concert, "Your One and Only Life". This concert will feature music by Meaghan Smith, Fleetwood Mac, The Tragically Hip, David Myles, Andra Day and more! Tickets are \$22/\$12 student, available at MacQuarries or creativevoices.ca



Second Sunday of Easter

April 16th, 2023



Rector: Rev'd Lori Ramsey



Wardens: Elaine MacInnis and Neil Harris

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