

10:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist BAS **Layreader:** Joan MacDonald

Opening Hymn – Open Your Eyes, O Faithful People

Gathering of the Community
Gloria

Collect of the Day: Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another and walk in the way of his commandments, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

The Proclamation of the Word:

1 Chronicles 29: 6, 10-19 (Kim Benedict)
Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16
1 Peter 2: 2-10

Gradual Hymn – Be Thou My Vision

Gospel: John 14: 1-14 (Maria Murphy)

Homily – Rev. Lori
Nicene Creed
The Prayers of the People
Confession and Absolution
The Peace

Offering Hymn – We Will Take What you Offer

Prayer over the Gifts: Gracious God, you show us your way and give us your divine life. May everything we do be directed by the knowledge of your truth. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **Amen**

Celebration of the Eucharist #2
Sanctus

The Lord's Prayer
Breaking of Bread #8

Lamb of God

Communion Hymn - Here is the Bread

Ablution Hymn - Take Time to Be Holy

Prayer after Communion

Doxology

Children's Hymn - The Butterfly Song

Blessing

Closing Hymn - Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Dismissal

God, Save the King

Chancel Guild: Linda Pratt, Leona Hunt **Greeters:** Placide Chiasson,
Roger McNutt, John Yuill, Stephen Hamlin

In lieu of Altar Flowers, a donation has been made to the glory of God and in loving memory of departed loved ones from Shirley and Mike Nowlan.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Tuesday, May 9th – 7:00 p.m. Regional Council

Wednesday, May 10th – 1:00 p.m. Finance

6:30 p.m. Choir

Thursday, May 11th – 1:00 p.m. Pastoral Ministry

2:00 p.m. Community Dinner Meeting

Friday, May 12th – 10:00 a.m. Meditation

11:00 a.m. Lectionary Bible Study

Saturday, May 13th – 9:30 – 2:30 Spring Retreat

Next Sunday, May 14th – 6th Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion BCP

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist BAS

Join us today for coffee fellowship following the 10:00 worship.

Our next **parish book club** meeting will be on June 4th after worship and coffee time. The book for discussion will be Ducks by Kate Beaton. All are welcome to join in the parish hall meeting room for the discussion.

Our next **Sunday School** sessions will be **TODAY** and June 4th (Dairy Queen Sundae Sunday).

Covid precautions: Masks remain available for those who wish to wear them. Ongoing, we will continue with the hands free gesture of peace and reception of the Eucharist by a drop of wine on the wafer.

Terrace Hill Cemetery reopened on May 1st.

Food Table: Please remember the Community Dinner pantry table when shopping for groceries. The bin at the back of the church is always there to receive your donations. 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!

We have kicked off our **Water of Life Project for 2023!** In the weeks to come, you will hear more about this well-creating and water improving program. Again this year, we partner with Lifewater Canada, social community groups, schools and individuals around Colchester County as they help us to dig wells in Africa and Haiti.

We're very proud of this St. John's created and led initiative in our community. We encourage you to support this important, life saving and life changing project and also to inform and encourage your friends, family and co-workers to get involved.

The Water of Life Project was formed in September 2003. Its mission: to create a "caring community working together to raise funds to drill wells giving life and hope to African communities."

In the 19 years since then, we have been involved in several projects – we have raised sufficient funds to dig wells, repaired many broken pumps and supported health clinics for villages receiving a well. Over 46,000 people now have access to safe drinking water because of our efforts since 2003.

Ways you can give:

1. Put money in the jar.
2. Make a cheque out to Lifewater Canada. A receipt will be sent to you from Lifewater Canada.
3. Donate online using this URL:

www.canadahelps.org/en/pages/water-of-life-project

When you have completed your donation you can immediately print your tax receipt. Your donation will go directly to Lifewater Canada for our project.

Our **Parish Survey** results have been tabulated. There were many good suggestions which Parish Council is working with now. One clear direction was the desire to return to **coffee fellowship** after the worship. We will begin having coffee hour on a trial basis in May and June to gauge availability and interest of volunteers. A sign-up sheet is at the back of the church for those willing to take a Sunday to provide a basic coffee hour treat. The parish will provide coffee/tea and juice. Please note: signing up for coffee duty includes putting on the coffee/tea before church and cleaning up after the coffee hour, so working in teams is probably a good idea. Our first two coffee hours will be **today and June 4**. We will also be trying out a **monthly 8:00 a.m. service** of Holy Communion according to the BCP on the second Sunday of both May (**May 14**) and June (**June 11**). Watch for a survey synopsis soon and for other initiatives related to the results in the fall.

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! **It is also noted that spring is tick season at the farm – so long pants with socks up over them is the safest plan!** The retreat will go forward rain or shine!!!

Pride Parade: This year's Pride Parade takes place on Saturday, June 24th at 2:00 p.m. Again, St. John's will send a walking group to the event. If you would like to be part of our team, speak to Rev. Lori or Melinda Tatttrie. (Watch for an appearance of our special guest walker, The Paraclete!)

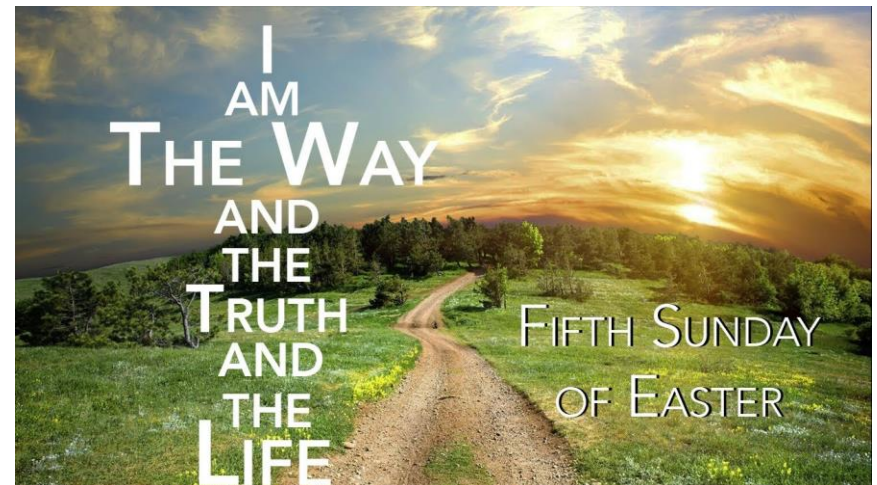
Offerings Update: As of the end of April, our total year to date offerings received were \$43,702. This means that we are behind \$2,677 from where we need at this point in the year to be in order to meet our 2023 budget. Going forward, we will be posting the previous Sunday's offerings in each week's bulletin. At the end of each month, we will update our performance against the budget (seasonally adjusted) to allow our congregation to have a clearer picture of our financial realities.

Saturday, May 13, 3:00 pm: First United welcomes 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! Contact 902-895-8098 for more information. Tickets are \$22/\$12 student, available at MacQuarries or creativevoices.ca



Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 7th, 2023



Rector: Rev'd Lori Ramsey



Wardens: Elaine MacInnis and Neil Harris

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