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Second Sunday of Easter

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Welcome and Announcements

Introit: 649 VU, Walk with Me (*Chorus sung twice*)
Please remain seated

Call to Worship:

Jesus said to his disciple "do you love me"?

**We come to this place of worship and community
hoping to learn more about that love.**

Jesus said: Feed my lambs.

We come to learn how we might feed all God's people.

Jesus said: Tend my sheep.

**We come to learn how God would have us live so
our world might be a place where there will be
justice and love for all.**

Opening Prayer:

**We feel your welcome, wondrous God,
in this time of worship.**

You welcome young and old, all seeking peace,

and wanting to learn how ²we might bring that
peace to others.

**You welcome newcomers and long-time members;
all seeking a place to be community and a longing
to know you better.**

You welcome us all, welcoming God.

**Help us to be open to your presence as we worship
and celebrate your presence in this faith community
and the world.**

Amen

Passing the Peace

Hymn: 245 VU, Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet

Theme Time:

Scripture Reading: Acts 4:32-35 p. 122

Psalm 133 VU (p. 856) Behold, How Pleasant

John 21:15-17 p. 116

The Gospel for Today

Sermon

Hymn: 691 VU, Though Ancient Walls

Minute for Mission: Recycling for Mission

Offering

Offering Prayer:

**Creator God, as we bring our gifts to you this morning
Help us to give them with a ready mind,
a willing spirit and a thankful heart.**

Amen

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Hymn #460 (VU) "All Who Hunger"

The Invitation

In the Biblical stories Jesus invited people to dine with him, and to be his friends. Today we are still invited to this table where we gather for a sacred meal. Here we can taste and see, experience and remember, the goodness of God. Everyone is invited to this table.

The Eucharistic Prayer

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us lift up our hearts.

We lift them in praise.

Let us give thanks to God

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is always good to praise God, so with all of creation we raise our voices to proclaim:

**Holy, holy, holy,
God of promise and fulfillment
Heaven and earth abound with your grace
Hosanna, all creation sings.**

On the evening of his betrayal, Jesus renewed God's covenant promise. He took bread, offered the blessing, broke it, and gave it to those who sat at table with him. Then at the close of the meal he poured the Cup of Blessing, raised it in thanksgiving, and passed it among them. Remembering, O God, your boundless love for us, shown in the story of Jesus, we offer you our praise as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**We remember Jesus' death.
We proclaim the risen Christ.
We await with hope the coming
of compassion and justice for all people everywhere.**

May the Holy Spirit be with us and what we do, that as we break bread and drink from the cup we may be as one with the risen Christ.

Make our faith and love strong, so that we realize we are blessed to be a blessing to others.

The Breaking of the Bread

May the bread that we break,

satisfy our spirit's hunger.

May this Cup of Blessing for which we give thanks,

bring gladness to our hearts.

The Distribution

The gifts of God are for all people.

Prayer After Communion

Loving Creator of all, as we have been fed so may we nourish others.

As our thirst has been quenched, so may we offer an oasis to others.

As we stand together today, so may we always find room for another at this table.

As we have met the risen Christ here, so may we meet God in the faces of our brothers and sisters beyond these walls. Amen.

Let us take a few moments in quiet prayer for all those things which we have in our hearts today.

Closing Hymn: 209 MV, Go, Make a Difference

Commissioning & Benediction

Choral Closing: 974 VU

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The Life and Work of the Congregation
April 19, 2009

Welcome! We are glad you came! **Visitors** are asked to sign our guest book in the vestibule. **All are invited** to the auditorium following the service for refreshments and visiting.

Coffee (regular and decaf.) and juice are being served in the narthex each morning before the service. This is an opportunity to socialize prior to the Sunday worship services and is one way congregations are engaging in the **Emerging Spirit Campaign**.

This morning:

Head Usher: Larry Fowke

Ushers and Greeters: Lynne Fowke
Ken McKnight

Greeter and Lift Operator: Larry Fowke

Reader: Donna Rusnell

Communion Servers:

James Reid	Rev. Jeanette Liberty-Duns
Elaine Wanhella	Rev. Barbara Martin
Adele Sowter	Judy Killoh

Today's bulletin is sponsored by Marion Brown in loving memory of her husband Gordon Brown.

The congregation wishes to thank Rev. Jeanette Liberty-Duns and Rev. Barbara Martin for conducting the service in Norm's absence.

Bethel United Church welcomes Roy and Melanie Sydiaha at our worship service today; thank you for providing the music for us.

Norm will be away this week from April 23 to the 25 and Rev. Barbara Martin will be in charge of Pastoral Care.

Ham Supper

Saturday, May 9, 2009

We will be hosting our Annual Ham Supper on May 9th. Once more we need your help. We have two sittings – 5:00 p.m. and 6:15 p.m. We limit our tickets to 150 for each sitting. All tickets are pre-sold. We need your help in supplying food and we, also, need lots of workers. We will have tickets and the charts in the gym after the service today. Please stop and see what you can do to help.

Adults: \$10.00

Children (6-12): \$4.00

Preschoolers: Free

For tickets please call the office at 343-6085 or Freda Crossman at 343-0759

Confirmation Classes: Only one person has expressed interest in the classes, so they will not be offered at this time. Classes will be offered perhaps in the fall or early next year.

The Pastoral Care Committee will meet today, April 19th, after church in the Trudy Doidge Room.

Soups, Biscuits and Desserts

**Want to make "getting into hot water"
a positive experience?**

**Come out for a Gourmet Lunch
Soups, Biscuits and Cheesecake Desserts
April 26th in the gym, immediately following
the 10:30 service.**

**Proceeds will go toward the hot water heater
for Bethel's new dishwasher.**

Meals on Wheels: Volunteers are needed to continue delivering meals. The sign-up calendar is on the literature table. Bethel's coordinator is Shirley McKay (374-4883).

**Saskatoon Creative Quilters
23rd Annual
Quilt Show**

**Tuesday, May 5, 2009
10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Bethel United Church**

Admission - \$2.00

**Coffee and muffins served
Sponsored by Bethel UCW**

**Baby Quilts for Sale and proceeds will
go to the Children's Wish Foundation
Come and bring a friend!**

**Men's Fellowship Breakfast
will be held on Saturday,
May 2, 2009, at 9:00 a.m.
in the Social Hall.**

Hot Water Heater/Dishwasher Fund

**To date we have raised \$170.50 (from the cookie drive),
\$515.65 (from the Soup 'n Sandwich lunch) for a total
of \$686.15. The hot water heater has been purchased
and is installed. Thank you very much for your
generosity.**

THESE DAYS – Daily Devotions for Living by Faith for April,
May & June 2009 are now available in the narthex.

**May 14th – 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
U.C.W. Clothes Packing Day**

**This will be our final Packing Day at Bethel.
We were recently notified the Big River
First United has been sold. Since our
main shipment of clothing has been sent
to Big River Thrift Shop (now closed),
we will terminate this project. Clothing
from May 14th Packing Day will be
distributed locally. Thank you for
your support over the years.**

Check out Bethel's website for general information about our church, our service and news and events. The site address is: www.bethelsaskatoon.com or go to the WonderCafe site and do a church search using either the church name or postal code. **Any information for our website** must be forwarded through the church office. Information from a source, other than the church office, will not be posted.

Other Church and Community events:

Grosvenor Park United Church's Congregational Life and Outreach Committee Presents:

"An Educational Exposure Trip to El Salvador" A Chance to Learn and Question... Using a power point presentation, Terry Harrison and Dawn Guenther will give historical background on El Salvador and tell us about their experiences on their ten day trip - **Wednesday, April 22 at 7:00** in **Schnell Hall** (basement). All are welcome to attend this interesting evening.

Butterfly Tea - Grace-Westminster United Church UCW Spring Tea and Silent Auction will be held on **Saturday, May 2, 2009** from **2:00 – 4:00 p.m.** See posted information.

Please support the **LutherCare Foundation's 25th Annual Fundraising Dinner** to be held on **Friday, April 24th** at the **Travelodge Hotel** – the cost per ticket is \$100.00. See poster by the church office for more detailed information regarding time, etc.

St. Andrew's College would like to remind everyone about the 3rd Annual "Alive and Well" fund-raising dinner on Monday April 20, 2009, only two weeks away. **Tickets** are available from **St. Andrew's College (966-8973)**. This event is on **Monday, April 20, 2009**, at **6:00 p.m.** at **McClure United Church.**

'Kids of Note' performing their **Spring Concert** at **Grosvenor Park United** on **Sun., May 3 at 3:00 p.m.** It is led by children's entertainer Brenda Baker, with pianist Ken Neitz. This is an invitation to join them for a forty minute FREE concert followed by a public reception. Everyone is welcome. For more information contact KON Manager, Mary @ 653-1201.

The **Canadian Cancer Society** is holding its Door-to- Door Residential Campaign today, April 19, 2009. Contact person is Odette Lloyd at 244-2557.

Mayfair United Church - Sunday Spring Smorgasbord on **April 26, 2009.** Times - 4:30 p.m. or 6:00 p.m. To obtain tickets call **382-6446**. Information regarding menu is posted.

A Workshop in Spiritual Discernment – I'd Say Yes God, If I Knew What You Wanted - will be offered by Nancy Reeves and Linnea Good at St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Parish in Saskatoon at 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 2, 2009.

Ministry with Youth Leadership Certificate Program: Weekend 6 Friday, May 8 to Sunday, May 10 at Calling Lakes Centre – see posted information if you are interested. Cost is \$175.00.

The Joy of Blended Families – Christian Counseling Services is excited to offer this one day workshop at Westgate Alliance Church, 3315 Centennial Drive on April 25, 2009 and a second time at Emmanuel Baptist Church, 1636 Acadia Drive on May 23, 2009. Must pre-registration – seating limited to 20 each session. To register call 244-9890 – more details are posted.

St. Paul's United Church Garage Sale and Bake Sale – Saturday, April 25, 2009 at 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. (Egbert Ave. & 105th St). You can buy lunch, fresh baked cinnamon buns and a lemonade stand. See poster for all the details. For more info phone Church Office: 955-3766.

15th Annual Women's Gathering - Retreat at Minto United Church in Moose Jaw on April 24 – 26/09. See bulletin board.

Queen's House Retreat & Renewal Centre (Ph.#242-1916) Check the dates of all events on bulletin board or their website: www.queenshouse.org

Saskatoon Adlerian Society is sponsoring 'A Day For Parents' – Saturday, April 25th at Mayfair United Church. Details are posted.

Redeemer Lutheran and St. Philip Neri Roman Catholic Group are having a **Potluck Supper** on **Sunday, April 26, 2009** at Redeemer Lutheran Church @ 5:00 p.m. Rev. J. Halmarson will be the speaker – topic "Sharing Our Ecumenical Gift Together".

Adult Faith Formation in our Congregations: Will be held on April 17/2009 at Minto United Church (1036 – 7th Ave. NW, Moose Jaw, SK). **Registration Deadline - April 13th.** It will be held again at Westminster United Church, 708 –13th Ave. Humboldt, Sk on June 13, 2009. Registration deadline for this event is June 5th. Application is on bulletin board.

The **8th Joint Saskatoon Theological Union Convocation** takes place on **May 8th at 7:00 p.m.** at **St. Timothy's Anglican Church.** Earned and honorary degrees will be presented. The Convocation address will be given by Dr. Bruce Perlman, President of Luther College, Regina.

Creating Spirit Gallery Art Show and Sale at Meewasin Valley United Church – 327 Pinehouse Drive. Enjoy beverages and Snacks during our "Meet the Artists Event" on Thursday, April 23, 2009 from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Feature Artist from April 1 to May 15/2009 is **Diana Steel** -info posted.

Zodiac Tapestry Handbells Spring Ring to be held on **Saturday, April 25, 2009** at **Grace-Westminster United Church** (505 – 10th Street E.) at 7:30 pm. Special Guest: The Meewasin Brass - tickets can be obtained at the door for \$10.00.

St. Martin's United Church Mammoth Garage Sale will be held on April 18, 2009 starting at 8:30 to 2:00 (the same day as Bethel's is holding our Patio Sale, Bake Sale and Pancake Breakfast). This may help us, as people may go to theirs and then come to our sale.

You are invited to join **Grosvenor Park United Church** in celebrating their public declaration as an **Affirming Ministry** within The United Church of Canada on **Sunday, May 10/09** at 3:00 p.m. followed by a reception. Church address is 407 Cumberland Avenue South – information is posted.

Meetings and events this week:

Monday:

- Bethel Art Group, 9:30
- Cubs, 7:00

Tuesday:

- Staff Meeting, 9:30
- Beavers, 7:00
- 22nd Bethel Group Team Admin. Meeting , 8:00 (K)

Wednesday:

- Bible Study, 10:00 (come at 9:30 for coffee, if you wish).
- CHEP (Good Food Boxes), 1:00 or 2:00
- Scouts, 7:00

Saturday:

- Scouts Bottle Drive, morning (Social Hall)

Scripture readings for next Sunday, April 26:

1 John 3:1-7

Mark 16:9-20

Stewardship Seconds 2009 - April 19:

As stewards of God's abundance today, what is our reaction to the response of the early church in meeting the needs of all?