

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: VU 628 Come My Way My Truth (Tune 506)

To Depart in Faith

Commissioning and Benediction

Gracious God, we thank you for the mystery that you give yourself to us. You have made a place for us in your heart. Give us your grace to make a place for others, that they may know their belonging and your love. We pray through Jesus Christ, your Beloved and ours. Amen.

Closing: VU 415 v 5 **God we praise you for the Saviour, come that we may know your ways. In his loving, dying, rising, Christ is Lord of our days.**

Scripture readings for May 10, 2026 Sixth Sunday of Easter
Acts 17:22-31 Psalm 66 1 Peter 3:13-22 John 14:15-21

United 101 Joint service with Avonlea, Sanford and Starbuck United Churches. Sunday May 24 10am Sanford. Potluck lunch to follow. Everyone is invited.

Mother's Day May 10: Ladies love flowers and sweets.....and the men are in charge of morning coffee

Welcome Barb Batulla to give an update on the **Refugee family** due to arrive in Manitoba this week. This family escaped from Syria on foot, arriving in Lebanon as refugees ten years ago. They have been waiting to immigrate to Canada ever since. In early March their home in Lebanon was leveled by shelling. They lost everything and have been living in a tent on the street without running water ever since then. Thankfully, their prayers are finally answered, and they will arrive in Winnipeg on May 5th. Needs: Clothing The boys are aged 6 and 9; the girl is aged 13 (size 14 or ladies small), the 2 adult boys (19 and 22) are size M and L. The father is size L or XL, and the mother is size 14. See List for more

Meridian Pastoral Charge

May 3, 2026 Fifth Sunday of Easter

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Welcome and Announcements

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Acknowledging the Territory

As a community of faith, we seek to build right relations between all who call Canada home; to learn together and to live on the land with respect and gratitude for its creation and our Creator. **This is our commitment.**

Introit: 166 v.3 **Joy comes with the dawn; joy comes with the morning sun; joy springs from the tomb and scatters the night with her son, joy comes with the dawn.**

Call to Worship

Loving God, we praise you!

Risen Christ, we greet you!

Christ, our way, lead us in the path of love.

Christ, our truth, open our eyes to what is.

Christ, our life, come and renew us.

Make us a part of you, so that we may share in your life.

Alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, and transform us by your grace. Alleluia!

Christ Candle (*the Christ Candle is lit*)

Gracious God, you have given us your Word in Creation, and in Scripture. You speak your living Word to us in our hearts, and in the presence of the risen Christ with us. Shine your light into our hearts.

Help us to listen, to hear, and to be made anew. Amen.

HYMN: VU 220 Praise to the Lord the Almighty

Prayer of Approach We give you thanks, O loving God, Creator, for in your house are many rooms to dwell. Your Christ prepares a place for all your people, where we belong, are made one, and made well.

Give us your life; make us your holy people, to shine with light, and your good news to tell.

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

During this season of Easter, we affirm our faith in God revealed in Pascal Mystery of Christ Jesus; we renew our commitment to seek justice, to follow the way of Jesus and to serve in the mission and ministry of the church by proclaiming our creed: (VU 918)

We are not alone,

we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus,

the Word made flesh,

to reconcile and make new,

who works in us and others

by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God's presence,

to live with respect in Creation,

to love and serve others,

to seek justice and resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,

our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Response VU 327 v5 Let every tongue confess with one accord in heaven and earth that Jesus Christ is Lord, and God eternal be by all adored: hallelujah, hallelujah!

Children's Time

Hymn: MV 154 Deep in our hearts

Prayer for Understanding Gracious God, send us your Spirit to guide our understanding as we listen to the Scriptures so that we may follow you more closely, know your truth more fully, and share in your gift of life more abundantly, through Christ, your Living Word. Amen

Reading: 1 Peter 2:2-10

This is the story of God's people. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading: Psalm 31 VU 758

Reading: John 14:1-14

This is the story of Jesus **All: Thanks be to God.**

To Respond to the Word of God

Reflection

Hymn: MV 10 Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom

Minute for Mission

Offertory Invitation While the season of Easter unfolds, the gifts of spring also remind us of God's generosity in Christ and in creation. May our gifts reflect our gratitude to God, and our generosity share with others the abundance we know in Christ Jesus.

Offertory Hymn VU 116 v1 Giver of the perfect gift, only hope of human race, hear the prayer our hearts uplift, gathered at thy throne of grace.

Offertory Prayer Generous God, we bless you for life renewed through Christ's love and through springtime growth in fields and gardens. Use the gifts we offer to bring hope and renewal to the world you love in the name of Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen