

*Selby / Empey Hill  
Pastoral Charge*

For God so  
loved the world...

John 3:16



*April 29, 2018*

# Selby Pastoral Charge

The United Church of Canada at Selby & Empey Hill  
April 29th, 2018

**Minister: Rev. Mike Putnam**

**Guest Preacher: Ed Caton**

**Selby Music Leader: Andrea Putnam**

**Empey Hill Music Leader: Marg Winter**

## We Gather Together

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**GATHERING SONG: MV#4 – ALL WHO ARE THIRSTY**

Lighting the Christ Candle

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship (Responsive)

The Word of life spoke:

**So we could hear the 'Alleluias!' of the angels.**

The Word of life reached out:

**So we could touch the hope which heals us.**

The Word of life walked out of death's dread tomb:

**So we could follow him into life forever.**

Opening Prayer: (Unison)

**On this glorious morn, O God, we praise your name and thank you for your faithfulness. We marvel once again at the wonder of the resurrection of Jesus like kids finding hidden Easter eggs. We are just as surprised as the women who came to the tomb that day. We ask that this resurrection wipe away the tears from**

**our eyes; bring hope to the hopeless, open the eyes of the blind, set the prisoners free and bring healing to those who need it. Lord we ask that the resurrection bring renewal to our lives, restore our broken relationships, deepen our relationship with you, and empower us to bring the good news of your resurrection to others. Amen.**

Choir Anthem: "There is a Green Hill"

**HYMN FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART: THERE IS A REDEEMER**

Theme Time with the Kids

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, it easy to imagine that it is our good deeds and good living that matters most to you. We try to make a meager offering of service and works in exchange for your abundant gifts of eternal life and everlasting love. But today you remind us that this is not how it works. You do not want our good works, you want us. Help us to receive that gift this day, so that we may be set free from the impossible task of trying to be "good enough." May we receive your unending love a gift freely given to all who will receive it. This we pray in Jesus' name, Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

**GREAT HYMN OF THE FAITH: LAS#6 – WHISPERING HOPE**

## The Word Among Us

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### Our Sacred Scripture:

John 3:16-21  
Ephesians 2:8-10

Message: "The Matchless Pearl"

### Music for Reflection

**THEME HYMN: VU#337 – BLESSED ASSURANCE**

## We Respond to God's Word

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### Invitation to the Offering

Offering Hymn (VU#542)

**We give you but your own,  
whate'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is yours alone,  
we give it gratefully.**

### Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

**CLOSING HYMN: VU#333 – LOVE DIVINE, ALL  
LOVE EXCELLING**

Benediction

### Choral Blessing

**He Lives! He Lives! He Lives!  
I know that my redeemer lives!  
He Lives! He Lives!  
He lives within my heart. (2x)**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Office Hours:**

Rev. Mike will be in the office Tuesday to Friday 9:30-11:30 this week; feel free to call or pop by for a visit! He will be out visiting and attending meetings most afternoons. If you or someone you know would appreciate a visit please contact him directly (613-539-9324).

## SELBY

### **Cleaning Bee**

The UCW will be having a cleaning bee this Monday, April 30<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:00 am. Many hands make light work. All help appreciated.

### **U.C.W.**

Will meet on Thursday, May 03<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 pm. Evelyn Storey has the worship and Jane Hughes has the program. Jason Hughes will be speaking on his work with the Kingston City Police Tactical Team.

### **Roast Beef Supper**

The U.C.W. will be holding their roast beef supper on Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> from 5 pm until 7 pm. The cost of tickets is \$15.00 per adult and \$6.00 for children 12 and under. There are a very limited number of tickets left. If you have not yet gotten your tickets, please see Lorraine Martin or Barb Brookfield.

## SMILE

An honest man was being tailgated by a stressed out woman on a busy boulevard. Suddenly, the light turned yellow just in front of him. He did the right thing, stopping at the crosswalk, even though he could have beaten the red light by accelerating through the intersection.

The tailgating woman hit the roof, and the horn, screaming in frustration as she missed her chance to get through the intersection.

As she was still in mid-rant, she heard a tap on her window and looked up into the face of a very serious police officer. The officer ordered her to exit her car with her hands up. He took her to the police station where she was searched, finger-printed, and photographed, and then placed in a holding cell.

After a couple of hours, a policeman approached the cell and opened the door. She was escorted back to the booking desk where the arresting officer was waiting with her personal effects.

He said, "I'm very sorry for this mistake. You see, I pulled up behind your car while you were blowing your horn, flipping off the guy in front of you, and cussing a blue streak at him. I noticed the 'Choose Life' license plate holder, the 'What Would Jesus Do?' bumper sticker, the 'Follow Me to Sunday School' bumper sticker, and the chrome-plated Christian fish emblem on the trunk. Naturally, I assumed you had stolen the car!"

### **Our Mission Statement**

Our purpose is to come together as a community to worship and celebrate our faith in God, as seen in Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. In the future we will grow and change, but keep our core value of faith and our commitment to supporting each other, the wider community and providing opportunities for people of all ages to learn and engage in Christian fellowship.