

*Selby / Empey Hill*

*Pastoral Charge*



*April 21, 2019*

**Selby Pastoral Charge**  
The United Church of Canada at Selby & Empey Hill  
**Easter Sunday**  
April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019

Minister: Rev. Mike Putnam  
Music Leader: Andrea Putnam  
Guitar: Vince Lasher

**We Gather Together**

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**PROCESSIONAL HYMN: VU#155 – JESUS CHRIST  
IS RISEN TODAY**

Lighting the Christ Candle & Words of  
Welcome

Call to Worship (Responsive)

The darkness is banished!

**The brightness of God's love floods in on us!**

Christ is risen from the dead!

**Christ is alive forevermore!**

Hallelujah!

**Hallelujah! And Amen!**

Opening Prayer: (Unison)

**Christ the Lord is Risen today! Alleluia! Our  
hopes and dreams have come true. We have  
nothing to fear, nothing to keep us at bay.  
Christ goes before us! Now, open our hearts  
that we may be so moved by this good news  
that we may truly become your blessing people.  
In the name of our resurrected Lord, we pray.  
Amen.**

Choir Anthem: "I'm Forever Grateful"

**HYMN FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART: MIGHTY TO  
SAVE**

Theme Time with the Kids

The Apostles Creed (VU#918)

**GREAT HYMN OF THE FAITH: CSS#302 – CHRIST  
AROSE**

**The Word Among Us**

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Our Sacred Scripture:

Luke 24:13-35

Sermon: Mission Impossible:  
Mission Re-Vision

Music for Reflection

**THEME HYMN: LUYH#361 - BECAUSE HE LIVES**

**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.**

Prayer of the People and Lord's Prayer

**CLOSING HYMN: CSS#152 – I SERVE A RISEN  
SAVIOUR/HE LIVES**

Benediction

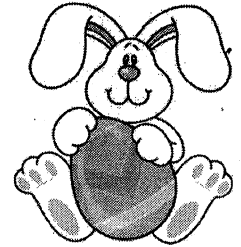
Choral Blessing

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

We extended happy birthday wishes to the following people who are celebrating in the upcoming week:

Carmel Bell – April 23rd  
Bernice McCaig – April 23rd  
Emmett Wionzek – April 24th  
Cameryn Sexsmith – April 24th  
Phyllis Mastin – April 24th



Happy birthday to you! Happy birthday to you!  
May God's richest blessings

### **Office Hours:**

Rev. Mike will be in the office this week from Tuesday to Friday, 9:30 am to 11:30 am. Please feel free to drop in or call for an appointment. If you would like a pastoral visit or know of someone who would, please let him know directly. Rev. Mike can be reached directly on his cell phone at 613-539-9324.

### **Breakthrough**

We're going to the movies, and you should come! This Tuesday at 7:30pm at the Kingston Cineplex, we are seeing a new Christian movie called "Breakthrough." This morning we will pass along a sign-up sheet so that we can get the tickets in advance. We will carpool from the Flying-J. If you would like to go, let Pastor Mike know! Tickets are \$10.

### **Selby / Empey Hill Men's Club**

Will meet on Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am at Empey Hill Church. John Williams is the host and has the devotions. Wayne Chadwick has the program. Scott Chadwick will be the guest speaker.

**Christian Concert – Jacob Moon – Friday April 26<sup>th</sup> at Strathcona Paper Centre – 7pm**

Jacob Moon is a gifted musician who offers a gentle Christian witness. The event will raise funds for Compassion Canada, which is a Christian organization helping children and mothers in poverty in Haiti. Tickets \$20 for adults and \$10 for teens and children. Pastor Mike has tickets to sell.

**Upcoming Worship Services**

Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup> – Mike Mundell leading worship  
Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup> – Mother’s Day Service – Special Mother’s Day breakfast at 9:00 am at Selby  
Sunday June 16<sup>th</sup> – Father’s Day Service – Special Father’s Day breakfast at 9:00 am at Selby

**Session**

The joint session will meet on Thursday, May 09<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm at Empey Hill.

**Official Board Meeting**

Will be held on Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm at Empey Hill. Business items will include an update on the Youth Group and Grant Funding.

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**Beef Supper**

The U.C.W. will be hosting their roast beef supper on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> from 5 pm – 7 pm. The cost is \$15.00 for adults and children 12 and under \$6.00. Tickets available from members of the UCW.

**The Easter Basket**

“Excuse me,” said the young man, standing awkwardly at the open church door. “I’m here to pick up an Easter basket for my daughter. Am I in the right place?”

“Well, we have baskets, but they’re not Easter baskets for kids; they’re food baskets,” I explained.

That morning I had arrived early at St. Michael’s Episcopal Church here in Carmichael, California, to help distribute the baskets to needy families for Easter. To make sure everyone was taken care of, we had handed out numbers to the recipients that matched the basket they were supposed to receive. Each one contained a full Easter dinner—a whole ham, potatoes, bread, vegetables and a pie—plus enough staples to help feed a family for a week.

“Why don’t you come in?” I offered the man.

He looked disappointed. He shook his head, and peered over his shoulder. “I can’t...my daughter is waiting for me in the car,” he said. He gave her a little wave and turned back toward me. “I’m grateful for the food, but when I heard you were giving away baskets for Easter...well, I thought they would be Easter baskets for children,” he continued. “I promised my daughter one.” He glanced over his shoulder again. “I left her in the car because I wanted to surprise her.”

I felt bad, but there was nothing we could do. Our volunteers had put together food baskets, not Easter ones. We didn’t have the means to make up anything

else. The man handed me his number, and I walked over to where the baskets were waiting for pick up.

A bulge in one of the baskets caught my eye. What is that? I wondered. Leaning in and looking more closely, I could see, unmistakably, an Easter basket—filled with an assortment of candy and Easter eggs—wrapped with ribbons and tucked inside with the food.

*One of the volunteers must have added it by mistake!* I thought. Then I looked at the man's number in my hand. *Well, I'll be...*

"Happy Easter," I said to the man, handing him the only food basket with an Easter basket inside—the very same basket with his number on it. "Someone knew just what you needed."

Someone sure did.