

First United Church

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Washrooms: Through the exit to the right of the pulpit there's a lobby that includes a washroom.
In the lower hall washrooms are located through the exit between the coat racks.

Please remember that First United strives to be a **scent free facility**.

Church business (general inquiries, committee info, bulletin announcements, etc.) should be directed to the Office Administrator.

Tuesday – Thursday 1:15 pm – 5:15 pm.

Friday 9 am - Noon

Closed Mondays

We are able to receive bulletin announcements until
Thursday at 4pm.

Rev. van Vliet is usually in the church offices
Monday through Thursday afternoons.

He tries to take Fridays off.

If you have a pastoral need call **634-5301** or
feel free to email, or drop in to the office.

In case of emergency, he can be reached at 632-7129.

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Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship: (from Acts 2)

L: Peter replied to the assembled crowd: Fellow Israelites, listen to these words! Jesus the Nazarene was a man whose credentials God proved to you through miracles, wonders, and signs, which God performed through him among you. In accordance with God's established plan he was betrayed and was nailed to the cross.

P: But God raised him up! God freed him from death's dreadful grip, since it was impossible for death to hang on to him. We are all witnesses to this.

Hymn: *Come, O Fount of Every Blessing* VU 559

Prayer

Reading: Luke 24: 13 – 35

Message: A better perspective

Hymn: *As We Walked Home at Close of Day* VU 184

Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Blessing

Postlude

Announcements

HATS sponsorship (coin cans): The UCW executive would like to thank members of the UCW & the congregation for the generous support of the 3 school children in Haiti. We will be continuing this outreach for the 2021- 2022 school year. The deadline for submitting donations will be June 15th, 2021.

Memorials

Bulletin Donor: In loving memory of Eileen Hiscock, Irene Simms & Darlene Dunphy by Terry & Fred Gullage

Local & Cemetery: In loving memory of Stan, Doris & Bill Cross and Harry & Mary House by Ted & Rosalind Cross

Local: In loving memory of Gail Edmunds (Elkins), ever loved and missed by friend Carolyn.

Announcements

Annual Meeting: Tentatively scheduled for May 9th, 2021 here at the church. Details to follow.

Holy Communion will be celebrated next week, April 25th.

Emmaus

In most surviving manuscripts of The Gospel According to Luke, the village of Emmaus is set at 60 *stadia** from Jerusalem. However, a number of key ancient manuscripts say 160 *stadia*. This discrepancy presents a problem. In Luke's account the two disciples walked both there and back within one day – which makes the 60 *stadia* figure much more likely. Unfortunately, there was no village by that name within 60 *stadia* of Jerusalem. The only village with a similar name was Emmaus N

icopolis which was actually about 160 *stadia* away (in an area known today as Canada Park**) which makes a one day walk highly unlikely.

* The main Roman unit of distance was the *stadion* – named after the length of a standard sports arena. In modern units it was approximately 185 metres, or 607 English feet. Thus, 60 *stadia* would be about 11 km, or 7 miles – while 160 *stadia* would be about 30 km, or 19 miles.

** Canada Park has an interesting and controversial history of its own. Located on a strategically important 'corner' of the West Bank, Jordanian artillery used this area to shell the Jerusalem Road. After the 1967 war Arab residents of *Imwas* (Emmaus) were expelled (with compensation) and the entire area was turned into a park – spearheaded by funding from Canadian Jews. Hence, the name.

Come, O Fount of Every Blessing VU# 559

1. Come O fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing your grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing
call for songs of endless praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount; I'm fixed upon it,
mount of God's unfailing love.
2. O, to grace how great a debtor
daily I am drawn anew!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to you.
Prone to wander, I can feel it,
wander from the love I've known:
here's my heart, O, take and seal it,
seal it for your very own.

As We Walked Home at Close of Day VU# 184

1. As we walked home at close of day,
a stranger join us on our way.
He heard us speak of one who'd gone,
and when we stopped he carried on.
2. "Why wander further without light?
Please stay with us this troubled night.
We've shared the truth of how we feel
and now would like to share a meal.
3. We sat to eat our simple spread,
then watched the stranger take the bread;
and, as he said the blessing prayer,
we knew that someone else was there.
4. No stranger he; it was our eyes
which failed to see, in stranger's guise,
the Lord who, risen from the dead,
met us when ready to be fed.
5. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
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As Mary and our sisters said,
the Lord is risen from the dead!

