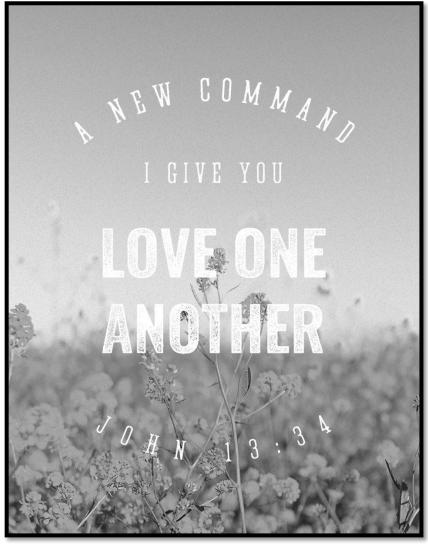
# Fifth Sunday of Easter



10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Eucharist

# Sunday, May 18, 2025

"Glorifying God as Agents of His Reconciliation"

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST

# As we prepare our hearts and minds for worship, let's pray together the Collect for Purity:

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Sentence:** A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you. *John 13.34* 

# Hymns are from "The Celebration Hymnal" in the pews. Please stand.

#### **Jesus Shall Reign**

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun Does His successive journeys run; His kingdom stretch from shore to shore, Till moons shall rise and set no more.

People and realms of every tongue Dwell on His love with sweetest song, And infant voices shall proclaim Their early blessings on His name.

Blessings abound wherever He reigns. The prisoner leaps to lose His chains, The weary find eternal rest, And all the sons of want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring The highest honours to our King; Angels descend with songs again, And earth repeats the loud amen. Isaac Watts, John C. Hatton

## THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Oz: Alleluia! Christ is risen. People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia! Rev. Oz: May his grace and peace by with you. People: May he fill our hearts with joy!

GLORY TO GOD (sung)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

#### O The Deep Deep Love Of Jesus

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free, Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me. Underneath me, all around me, Is the current of thy love; Leading onward, leading homeward, To thy glorious rest above. O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread his praise from shore to shore; How he loveth, ever loveth, Changeth never, nevermore; How he watches o'er his loved ones, Died to call them all his own; Now for them he intercedeth, Watcheth o'er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Love of ev'ry love the best: 'Tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'Tis a haven sweet of rest. O the deep, deep love of Jesus! 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me; And it lifts me up to glory, For it lifts me up to thee. Samuel Trevor Francis/Thomas John Williams

Please be seated. Moment of silence to collect our hearts and minds in prayer.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

**Rev. Oz:** Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another and walk in the way of his commandments, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

## CHILDREN'S TALK

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD THE READINGS

## First Reading – Acts 11:1-18

Reader: A reading from Acts

Now the apostles and the brothers *and sisters* who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. <sup>2</sup> And when Peter came up to

Jerusalem, the Jewish *believers* took issue with him, <sup>3</sup> saying, "You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them." <sup>4</sup> But Peter began and explained at length to them in an orderly sequence, saying, <sup>5</sup> "I was in the city of Joppa praying; and in a trance I saw a vision, an object coming down like a great sheet lowered by four corners from the sky; and it came to where I was, 6 and I stared at it and was thinking about it, and I saw the four-footed animals of the earth, the wild animals, the crawling creatures, and the birds of the sky. <sup>7</sup> I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' 8 But I said, 'By no means, Lord, for nothing unholy or unclean has ever entered my mouth.<sup>9</sup> But a voice from heaven answered a second time. 'What God has cleansed, no longer consider unholy.' <sup>10</sup> This happened three times, and everything was drawn back up into the sky. <sup>11</sup> And behold, at that moment three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea came up to the house where we were staying. <sup>12</sup> And the Spirit told me to go with them without misgivings. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered the man's house. <sup>13</sup> And he reported to us how he had seen the angel standing in his house, and saying, 'Send some men to Joppa and have Simon, who is also called Peter, brought here; <sup>14</sup> and he will speak words to you by which you will be saved, you and all your household.' <sup>15</sup> And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as *He did* upon us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup> And I remembered the word of the Lord, how He used to say, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>17</sup> Therefore, if God gave them the same gift as He also gave to us after believing in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way?" <sup>18</sup> When they heard this, they quieted down and glorified God, saying, "Well then, God has also granted to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life." Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

### Psalm 148

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; \* praise him in the heights. <sup>2</sup> Praise him, all you angels of his; \* praise him, all his host. <sup>3</sup> Praise him, sun and moon; \* praise him, all you shining stars. <sup>4</sup> Praise him, heaven of heavens, \* and you waters above the heavens. <sup>5</sup> Let them praise the name of the Lord; \* for he commanded, and they were created. <sup>6</sup> He made them stand fast for ever and ever; \* he gave them a law which shall not pass away. <sup>7</sup> Praise the Lord from the earth. \* you sea-monsters and all deeps; <sup>8</sup> Fire and hail, snow and fog, \* tempestuous wind, doing his will; <sup>9</sup> Mountains and all hills, \* fruit trees and all cedars; <sup>10</sup> Wild beasts and all cattle, \* creeping things and winged birds; <sup>11</sup> Kings of the earth and all peoples, \* princes and all rulers of the world; <sup>12</sup> Young men and maidens, \* old and young together. <sup>13</sup> Let them praise the name of the Lord, \* for his name only is exalted, his splendour is over earth and heaven. <sup>14</sup> He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, \* the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!

## Second Reading – Revelation 21:1-6

Reader: A reading from Revelation

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer *any* sea. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among the people, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, <sup>4</sup> and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be *any* mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away."

<sup>5</sup> And He who sits on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." And He \*said, "Write, for these words are faithful and true." <sup>6</sup> Then He said to me, "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give *water* to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life, without cost.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## The Gospel – John 13:31-35

## Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

## People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore when Judas had left, Jesus \*said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in Him; <sup>32</sup> if God is glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him in Himself, and will glorify Him immediately. <sup>33</sup> Little children, I am *still* with you a little longer. You will look for Me; and just as I said to the Jews, now I also say to you: 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' <sup>34</sup> I am giving you a new commandment, that

you love one another; just as I have loved you, that you also love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this all *people* will know that you are My disciples: if you have love for one another." **Reader:** The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

#### THE SERMON – The Reverend Oz Lorentzen

After the sermon, silence is kept for a moment of reflection.

Please stand. THE NICENE CREED Leader: Let us confess our faith, as we say, People: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God. begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate: he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please kneel or sit to pray. THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Leader: Lord, in your mercy, All: hear our prayer.

#### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION Invitation to Confession

Silence is kept for a moment of reflection.

Rev. Oz: Most merciful God, All: we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

**Rev. Oz:** Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

## THE PEACE

**Rev. Oz:** The peace of the Lord be always with you. **People: And also with you.** 

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

### Offertory Living Hope

How great the chasm that lay between us. How high the mountain I could not climb. In desperation, I turned to heaven And spoke Your name into the night. Then through the darkness, Your loving-kindness Tore through the shadows of my soul. The work is finished, the end is written Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Who could imagine so great a mercy? What heart could fathom such boundless grace? The God of ages stepped down from glory To wear my sin and bear my shame. The cross has spoken, I am forgiven! The King of Kings calls me His own! Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever. Jesus Christ, my living hope! Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free! Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me! You have broken every chain. There's salvation in Your name. Jesus Christ, my living hope! (repeat)

Then came the morning that sealed the promise, Your buried body began to breathe. Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion Declared the grave has no claim on me. Then came the morning that sealed the promise, Your buried body began to breathe. Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion Declared the grave has no claim on me. Jesus, yours is the victory!

Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free! Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me! You have broken every chain. There's salvation in Your name. Jesus Christ, my living hope! (repeat) Phil Whickham & Brian Johnson

#### PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Rev. Oz: Gracious God, you show us your way and give us your divine life. May everything we do be directed by the knowledge of your truth. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.
People: Amen.

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Rev. Oz: The Lord be with you. People: And also with you. Rev. Oz: Lift up your hearts. People: We lift them to the Lord. **Rev. Oz:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.** 

Rev. Oz: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
For he is the true paschal lamb who has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us eternal life. Therefore, joining our voices with the whole company of heaven, we say our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

#### People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Rev. Oz: We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.
For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you.

In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his command, All: we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

**Rev. Oz:** and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung) Rev. Oz: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray, People: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, And deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen. THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD Rev. Oz: Lord, we died with you on the cross. People: Now we are raised to new life. Rev. Oz: We were buried in your tomb. People: Now we share in your resurrection. Rev. Oz: Live in us, that we may live in you.

### THE COMMUNION

**Rev. Oz:** The gifts of God for the People of God. **People: Thanks be to God.** 

#### If you would like prayer during this time, the Prayer Ministry is available by the font.

In Anglican churches, everyone who is baptized is welcome to come and receive communion. You may kneel or stand at the altar rail to receive communion. If you are unable to come to the altar rail, please notify the sides people and they will alert the Communion Servers to come to you. If you would like to come forward for a blessing instead of communion, please indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest.

<u>Communion is an important part of our worship. Please</u> use this time to prayerfully prepare yourself for communion and to reflect on Jesus' gift after you have received communion. You may find singing the Communion Hymns helpful. Please refrain from talking during this time.

#### Grace Alone

Ev'ry promise we can make Ev'ry prayer and step of faith Ev'ry diff'rence we will make Is only by His grace Ev'ry mountain we will climb Ev'ry ray of hope we shine Ev'ry blessing left behind Is only by His grace Grace alone which God supplies Strength unknown He will provide Christ in us our Cornerstone We will go forth in grace alone

Ev'ry soul we long to reach Ev'ry heart we hope to teach Ev'rywhere we share His peace Is only by His grace Ev'ry loving word we say Ev'ry tear we wipe away Ev'ry sorrow turned to praise Is only by His grace Jeff Nelson | Scott Wesley Brown

#### By His Grace

By His grace I am redeemed, By His blood I am made clean; And I now can know Him face to face. By His pow'r I have been raised, Hidden now in Christ by faith; I will praise the Glory of His grace. Steve Fry

#### Freely, Freely

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name, I've been born again in Jesus' name; And in Jesus' name I come to you To share His love as He told me to:

> He said freely, freely You have received. "Freely, freely give; Go in My name And, because you believe, Others will know that I live."

All pow'r is giv'n in Jesus' name, In earth and heav'n in Jesus' name; And in Jesus' name I come to you To share His pow'r as He told me to: Chorus Carol Owens

## Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

What gift of grace is Jesus my Redeemer. There is no more for Heaven now to give. He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom, My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.

To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus. For my life is wholly bound to His. Oh, how strange and divine, I can sing, "all is mine!" Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken, For by my side the Savior, He will stay. I labor on in weakness and rejoicing, For in my need, His power is displayed.

To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me. Through the deepest valley He will lead. Oh, the night has been won, and I shall overcome! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven, The future sure, the price it has been paid. For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon, And He was raised to overthrow the grave.

To this I hold: my sin has been defeated! Jesus now, and ever is my plea. Oh, the chains are released, I can sing "I am free!" Yet not I but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus, For He has said that He will bring me home. And day by day, I know He will renew me Until I stand with joy before the throne. To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus. All the glory evermore to Him. When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat: "Yet not I, but through Christ in me!" Jonny Robinson | Michael Farren | Rich Thompson

#### Please stand. Post Communion Hymn Before The Throne Of God Above

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea, A great High Priest whose name is Love, Who ever lives and pleads for me. My name is graven on His hands, My name is written on His heart; I know that while in heav'n He stands, No tongue can bid me thence depart, No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, And tells me of the guilt within, Upward I look and see Him there, Who made an end to all my sin. Because the sinless Saviour died My sinful soul is counted free, For God the Just is satisfied To look on Him and pardon me, To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb, My perfect spotless righteousness, The great unchangeable "I Am", The King of glory and of grace. One with Himself I cannot die, My soul is purchased with His blood; My life is hid with Christ on high, With Christ, my Saviour and my God, With Christ, my Saviour and my God. I bow before the cross of Christ, And marvel at this love divine, God's perfect Son was sacrificed To make me righteous in God's eyes. This river's depths I cannot know, But I can glory in its flood; The Lord Most High has bowed down low, And poured on me His glorious love, And poured on me His glorious love. Charitie Lees Bancroft | Vikki Cook

#### Please stand.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Rev.** Oz God of love, in this eucharist we have heard your truth and shared in your life. May we always walk in your way, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

## People: Amen.

Rev. Oz: Glory to God,

People: whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### THE BLESSING

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Hymn #434 Because He Lives

God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus, He came to love, heal, and forgive; He lived and died to buy my pardon, An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

#### Because He lives I can face tomorrow, Because He lives all fear is gone; Because I know He holds the future. And life is worth the living just because He lives.

How sweet to hold a newborn baby, And feel the pride, and joy He gives; But greater still the calm assurance, This child can face uncertain days because He lives. **[Refrain]** 

And then one day I'll cross that river; I'll fight life's final war with pain. And then, as death gives way to vict'ry, I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He reigns. **[Refrain]** Gloria & Bill Gaither

#### DISMISSAL

Leader: Alleluia. Christ is risen.
All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia.
Leader: Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
All: He has given us new life and hope.
He has raised Jesus from the dead.
Leader: God has claimed us as his own.
All: He has brought us out of darkness.
He has made us light to the world.
Leader: Alleluia. Christ is risen.
All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

## Prayers of the People – May 18th, 2025

James wrote, "The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results." (James 5:16b) This week we pray especially for:

## OUR CHURCH

The Most Reverend Gregory Kerr-Wilson, Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land & Archbishop of the Anglican Diocese of Calgary The Most Reverend Anne Germond, Acting Primate of The Anglican Church of Canada

The Right Reverend Leopold Friday, Bishop of our Companion Diocese of the Windward Islands

## In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer

The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East

## In the Anglican Diocese of Calgary

The Rev. Cpt. Derwyn Costinak The Rev. Margaret Hogarth Indigenous Ministries

## In our Sister Diocese of the Windward Islands

St. Paul, Calliaqua (kal-ee-akwa) with St. John, Belair The Rev. Canon Ashton Francis Mothers' Union Diocesan President Mrs. Hermione St. Bernard

## In the Anglican Church of Canada

The Rt. Rev. William Cliff, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Ontario

## In the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

The Assistant to the Bishop and the staff of the Saskatchewan Synod

## The Moravian Church in Canada

The Rt. Rev. Kay Ward, Bishop of the Unity residing in the Northern Province

## OUR KING AND ALL IN AUTHORITY

King Charles III, Prime Minister Mark Carney, Premier Danielle Smith, Mayor Linnsie Clark Councillor Cris Czember Redcliff

## OUR WORLD

Kelly and Peter with Overseas Missionary Fellowship Persecuted Christians everywhere

## **OUR CITY CHURCHES**

Chinook Village

Lance Duncalfe

## **OUR PARISH**

St. Barnabas Church with The Reverend Oz Lorentzen and his family – Delynne, Soren & Laec.
Reverend John Willems- Blenda & their family.
Nigel & Tobi Pimblett; Dotti Platzer; Bev Price; & their families.
Sunday School Teachers
Compassion Canada & Teguh in Indonesia and Jerusha in Ghana
The GriefShare Program
The Saturday Meal Program
The Medicine Hat Ecumenical Campus Ministry

## **OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN NEED**

Diane; Kelly; Shirley; Tyler; Kaylyn; Tamara; Jimmy; Maggie; Shannon; Connie; Chad & family; Celeste; John C; Mike; Sherry; Deanna; Betty Ann; Kevin; Harvey; Arleen; Chase; Alicia and their families

If you or anyone you know would like prayer, call the Office at (403) 526-7713.



We give thanks for the service of these people this morning:	
Celebrant	Reverend Oz Lorentzen
Co-Celebrant	Reverend John Willems
Prayers of the People	Jill Gloin
Music	Blenda Willems
Reader(s)	Chioma Nwokeali & Grace
	Marshall
<b>Bread/Wine Presenters</b>	Lea Roe & Jay Stokes
Sound Board	Alan Deans
Greeters	Munden & Linda Coates
Lock-up	Munden Coates
Offering Counters	Veronica, Gordon, & Grace
Altar Guild	Darcee & Barb