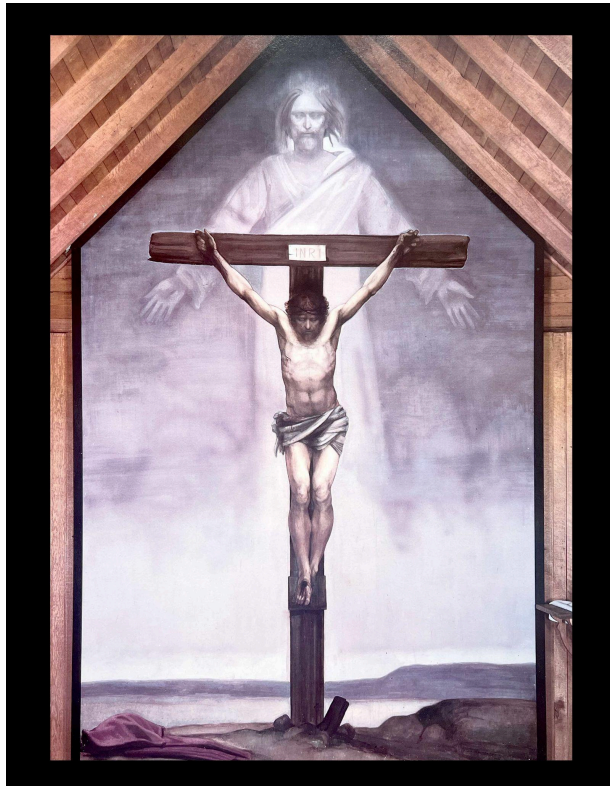


March 17, 2024 Worship Service



Crucifixion Fresco

Prelude

Welcome & Purpose

MWCC strives to grow as a multi-generational, inclusive Christian faith community with Christlike love by developing close, healthy relationships and partnering with community groups such as WINGS and WeCan.

Scripture Reading Matthew 6:19-21

“Stop collecting treasures for your own benefit on earth, where moth and rust eat them and where thieves break in and steal them. Instead, collect treasures for yourselves in heaven, where moth and rust don’t eat them and where thieves don’t break in and steal them. Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

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When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet sorrow and love flow mingled down;
did e’er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine demands my soul, my life, my all.

Scripture Reading Romans 8:31-35, 37-39

So what are we going to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He didn't spare his own Son but gave him up for us all. Won't he also freely give us all things with him?

Who will bring a charge against God's elect people? It is God who acquits them. Who is going to convict them? It is Christ Jesus who died, even more, who was raised, and who also is at God's right side. It is Christ Jesus who also pleads our case for us.

Who will separate us from Christ's love? Will we be separated by trouble, or distress, or harassment, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

But in all these things we win a sweeping victory through the one who loved us. I'm convinced that nothing can separate us from God's love in Christ Jesus our Lord: not death or life, not angels or rulers, not present things or future things, not powers or height or depth, or any other thing that is created.

Sermon - Why the Suffering & Death?

Bliss Beyond Compare

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Bliss beyond compare, which in Christ I share!
He's my only joy and treasure; tasteless is all worldly pleasure,
When in Christ I share bliss beyond compare.

When the Lord appears, this my spirit cheers;
When, his love to me revealing, he, the Sun of grace,
With healing in his beams appears, this my spirit cheers.

Then all grief is drowned; pure delight is found,
Joy and peace in his salvation, heavenly bliss and consolation.
Every grief is drowned where such bliss is found.

Jesus is my joy, therefore blessed am I;
O, his mercy is unbounded, all my hope on him is grounded;
Jesus is my joy, therefore blessed am I.

Blessings and Concerns

Were You There

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Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Ministry Opportunities

Won't You Walk With Me Jesus

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Won't you walk with me, Jesus, down the long road of life?
Won't you walk with me, Jesus, all the way?

Won't you guide me, Jesus, when I don't know the way?
Won't you guide me, Jesus, on my way?

Won't you laugh with me, Jesus, when my heart's full of joy?
Won't you laugh with me, Jesus, in my joy?

Won't you sing with me, Jesus, won't you sing my new song?
Won't you sing with me, Jesus, sing along?

Won't you walk with me, Jesus, down the long road of life?
Won't you walk with me, Jesus, all the way?

***Benediction**

Postlude

Easter Sunrise Service

Our Easter Sunrise Service will be at 7:00am on March 31 and it will be held in our God's Acre at 34 Avenue & 34 Street. After the service we'll get breakfast together at a local restaurant.

Holy Week

Please make plans now to join us for all of our Holy Week service. Katie and Pastor Aaron are working with some of your suggestions to make them more engaging and meaningful. Holy Week Readings will be at 7:00 the week of March 24th on Monday, Tuesday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday.

Wings Mother's Day Tea *We are excited to celebrate together in person!*

Date: Saturday May 11th, 12:30pm to 3pm (Doors open at 11:30am)

Location: Heritage Park (Venue) in Stony Plain, AB! 5100 41 Ave, Stony Plain, AB

Tickets: \$65 each (\$30 Tax Deductible Receipt Issued) **or Table of 8: \$520.00**

This year's event will include:

- Tea and light refreshments from Upper Crust Cafe, and special sweets from The Melting Pot
- Exclusive In-Person Only Raffle Packages, 50/50 Raffle and Door Prizes
- Special Guest Speaker, Photo Booth & more!

Vegetarian and Gluten Free options available upon request - contact Debbie at 780-426-4985

All proceeds support WINGS' programs, which provide hope and healing to women and children who have escaped domestic violence. ***Thank you for your support!***

(Let Pastor Aaron know if you will be attending and he will book a table for MWCC attendees.)

Choir Update

Here are some dates for your calendars. **March 23 - 1-4pm** - Choir/Praise Band Rehearsal, *March 24th - PALM SUNDAY - Choir/Praise Band*, **March 30 - 1-3pm - Choir/Praise Band Rehearsal** ****IF NEEDED, March 31 - Easter Sunday - Choir/Praise Band**

Please let Katie know if you have any questions, and if you wish to attend choir for Easter!

MWCC Food Pantry needs your help!

Our food pantry has helped several families since the middle of December and we're currently low on or out of: **shelf stable fruits and vegetables, cereal, oatmeal, and powdered potatoes.** Our neighbours would greatly appreciate it if you could bring any of these items in for the pantry.

WeCan Food Basket

To place an order please go to [WECAN Food Basket Society](#) to order online. Or, For in-person cash orders, please come to the church on the third Thursday of the month from noon-2:00 (the same as our pick up time).

If you want to help with WeCan please speak with Sonja, Ron, Ken & Sandy G, or Pastor Aaron.

Outdoor Way of the Cross Edmonton's 44th Annual Good Friday

"Journeying Home"

When: Good Friday, March 29, 2024, 10 a.m.

Where: 99 Street and 107 Avenue

What: The 1.5-kilometre walk is reasonable for most ages and ability levels

This year's theme is based on Isaiah 58:6-7: "Is not this the fast that I choose. . .to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless into your house." People of all faith traditions are welcome. Free street parking is available near the start location. Light refreshments will be provided at Hope Mission (106 Avenue and 99 Street) after the final station.

For more information, contact Marguerite Watson at marguerite.watson@telus.net or visit the Way of the Cross website. Search "Good Friday Outdoor Way of the Cross Edmonton"

Worship Volunteer Information	
Today's Service	Next Sunday March 24, 2024
Sound: Sonja	Sound:
Media: Amy	Media: Amy
Greeter/Usher: Tony	Greeter/Usher:
Reader: Sonja	Reader: Tony
Coffee:	Coffee:
Music: Elaine	Music: Lorraine

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Please phone us to make an in office appointment