

Milton Christian Church Vision Statement

We are part of the body of Christ, a community of faithful, caring people. Together we are called by God to care for and serve our neighbours, near and far, with love and compassion.

Milton Christian Church

March 31, 2019 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

Week of Compassion Emphasis Sunday

Minister: Russell Prime - Worship Leader: Lisa Tarr

**Indicates when to stand. If you need to remain seated, please do so.*

Prelude: Ian Anderson, Pianist

Welcome & Words for Thought: Worship Leader

***Call to Worship:** (Responsively) Worship Leader

One: God is our refuge and our strength, a very present help in trouble.

All: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

One: We enlarge our hearts; we offer our prayers; we continue to share our treasure with those siblings in our world who are dealing with tumult and disaster and injustice.

All: We will not be discouraged. We shall remember that God's steadfast love is always with us and the whole world, that God's compassion is for each and all.

One: We will celebrate that love and compassion can do far more than "we can ask or imagine"!

All: May we join our imaginations to God's imagination as we live in hope!

***Hymn of Praise:** "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" On PowerPoint

***Invocation Prayer:** Worship Leader

Be with us in this place; may our worship today strengthen us to do more than we can imagine, that your world might be healed, that your justice might come, that your hope might be spread. May it be so! Amen.

Announcements: Worship Leader

Scripture: Ephesians 3:14-21 **Russell Prime**

Special Music: The Choir

Scripture: Rev. Dr. Marjorie Lewis

Message: Rev. Dr. Marjorie Lewis

***Invitation Hymn:** "Help Us Accept Each Other" (Tune # 272) # 487

Blessings, Joys and Concerns: Russell Prime

Pastoral Prayer & Our Lord's Prayer: Russell Prime

Prayer Response: "Into My Heart" # 304

*Into my heart, into my heart, Come into my heart, Lord Jesus;
Come in to today, come into stay, Come into my heart, Lord Jesus.*

Stewardship Thought: Worship Leader

Receiving of Tithes & Offerings Deacons

***Doxology:** (Tune: # 46)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise God all creatures here below!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host! Creator, Christ & Holy Ghost. Amen*

***Prayer of Dedication:** (Unison) Worship Leader

We offer gifts, O God of all people, in the hope and trust that you will use them to bring healing and hope where there is need. Where natural disaster has befallen, may our gifts help build new life. Where refugees seek safety from violence and fear, may our gifts enable caring and welcoming hearts and hands. Where hatred sullies your hope for your human family, may our gifts be a sign and instrument of reconciliation. Thank you, God, for the privilege of our offerings. May it indeed do more than we can imagine! In the name of Jesus Christ and for the sake of this world which He loves. Amen.

Call to Our Lord's Table: (Responsively)

Russell Prime

One: This is the feast of our Lord Jesus Christ!

All: **As it says in holy scripture, "people will come from east and west, from north and south, and will eat in the kingdom of God."**

One: We come, not because we must but because we may.

All: **We come to be nourished by grace that we might go forth to share the grace, the love, the justice of God with the whole world.**

One: We come with thanksgiving, grateful for who we are and whose we are

All: **For we are God's own people, called, fed, commissioned, and sent!**

Communion Hymn:

"Fill My Cup, Lord"

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Words of Institution:

Russell Prime

Prayers and Participation:

The Elders

(Please hold each element as it is passed and we will partake together.)

***Closing Hymn:**

"They'll Know We Are Christians"

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***Benediction: (Responsively)**

Russell Prime

One: We go from this place, refreshed, renewed, and inspired to be about God's work in the world.

All: **We go, knowing that God goes with us to help, to heal, to hope.**

One: We go, celebrating that God's creation and God's household knows every land and every tongue.

All: **We go, committed to the work of God around the world, sent by the One who can indeed inspire us to do more than we can imagine! Thanks be to God! Amen.**

***Closing Response:** (Responsively)

Russell Prime

One: The Peace of Christ be with you, Sisters and Brothers!

All: **"And also with you!"**

***Threefold Amen**

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**Passing the Peace of Christ:
Postlude**

**The Congregation
Ian Anderson, Pianist**

*Fourth Sunday of Lent
Sunday, March 31, 2019*



**SHARING
BRINGS JOY**
TO US. TO OTHERS. TO GOD.



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WELCOME to our Worship Service this morning. We are glad that you have come to worship at Milton Christian Church! We hope this time together is one of rest, renewal and rejuvenation in God's presence. We invite you to join us again. We also invite visitors to sign our Guest Book on the table at the back as you leave.

CHURCH FAMILY GATHERING: Today we welcome Rev. Dr. Marjorie Lewis who is the Maritime Disciple Board Consultant. She will give our morning message during our service and will lead a session on **"Listening and Visiting"** following Coffee Hour. Good communication skills are key in our church working together efficiently.

PRAYER LIST: Please keep these friends & family in prayer during the week. If you notice that someone is missing from this list, please call the church office at 902-354-4954 and leave a message and they will be added.

Queens Manor: Jean Mansfield

At Home: Charlie Cooke Phyllis Leaman Brian Manthorne

COMMUNION AND PASTORAL VISITS: If you know of a member/adherent who cannot get out to our services and would like to have a visit or someone that would like communion at home, please call the Pastor at 902-354-4950 (284 Highway 8, Milton) and leave a message or contact an Elder of the Church.

DAILY BREAD: We have copies of regular print Our Daily Bread for **March, April & May** and copies of the large print Our Daily Bread for **April, May & June** available on the table in the hallway.

FOOD BANK: The Food Bank always appreciates our donations of non perishable items and monetary funds. Our goal for March was 12 jars of Instant Coffee and as of **Friday we only had 7 jars**. Please help meet our goal. **Our goal for the month of April is 10 jars of coffee whitener**. Please note that items from the refrigerated section of the grocery store cannot be accepted for the Food Bank. **Please accept our thanks for your support to our local Food Bank.**

CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY: Telephone calls are being made by Universal Portraits Studios to make an appointment for you (and your family) to come to the church on April 5 or 6 to have photos taken for our new Church Directory. If you did not receive a call and would like to be included in the Directory, please let Vonna know as soon as possible. You will have an opportunity to purchase photos if you wish but it is not necessary.

COFFEE HOUR THIS MORNING: The Outreach Committee is emphasizing Week of Compassion today at Coffee Hour. The committee will have a basket out to receive a freewill offering designated for Week of Compassion.

MILTON CAFÉ: The Milton Cafè meets tomorrow, April 1 at 1:30 p.m. You are invited to come for fellowship and games.

NATIVE HEALING CIRCLE: The Native Wellness - Traditional Healing Circle facilitated by Crow Eddy continues this Wednesday, April 3 @ 6:30 p.m. at the Milton Christian Church Parsonage, 284 Highway 8.

ALPHA SERIES: The Queens County Ministerial is sponsoring an Alpha Program entitled "Explore - Life - Faith - Meaning". The sessions will be held on Thursdays in March, April & May with supper at 5:30 p.m. and sessions begin at 6:30 p.m. and end at 8:00 p.m. April 4th session will be held at Milton Christian Church. Everyone welcome!

WHO ARE WE? Russell Prime is holding studies on a series entitled "Who Are We?" on Sundays following our morning worship service. There will be no study today but will **continue on April 7th**. You are asked to bring your lunch if you wish. Hope you can join us for all the sessions or just a few of them.

CHURCH YARD SALE ON JUNE 1: Are you doing spring cleaning? Don't forget our Fun, Food & Fellowship Group are holding their annual Yard & Plant Sale on June 1st. They are accepting items for the sale and if you have anything to donate, please contact Kathy Chute at 902-354-3320.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2019: The 2019 General Assembly is being held July 20-24, 2019 in Des Moines, IA Theme: "Abide in Me" - John 15:1-5. For further information visit www.Disciples.org/ga

WEEK OF COMPASSION: The relief, refugee, and development mission fund for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Week of Compassion, works with partners to alleviate suffering throughout the world. Our offerings for Week of Compassion were taken on February 25 of this year. Today we are emphasized Week of Compassion with prayers and litanies. Offerings can be designated to Week of Compassion any time of the year as these offerings are used all year long to help others with emergency needs.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 31	11:00 a.m.	4 th Sunday of Lent Coffee Hour by Outreach Committee
	1:00 p.m.	Church Family Gathering - Listening & Visiting Session
April 1	1:30 p.m.	Milton Cafè
April 3	10:30 a.m.	Crafty Critters
	3:00 p.m.	Youth Gaming
	6:00 p.m.	Junior Youth Group
	6:30 p.m.	Native Healing Circle at the Parsonage
April 4	5:30 p.m.	Adult Alpha Program at Milton Christian Church
	6:00 p.m.	Senior Youth Group - Alpha Program
April 7	11:00 a.m.	35 th Sunday of Lent
	12:30 p.m.	“Who Are We?” Session
April 8	2:00 p.m.	Disciple Women
April 10	10:30 a.m.	Crafty Critters
	1:30 p.m.	Board Meeting
	3:00 p.m.	Youth Gaming
	6:00 p.m.	Junior Youth Group
	6:30 p.m.	Native Healing Circle at the Parsonage
April 11	5:30 p.m.	Adult Alpha Program at Brooklyn Baptist Church
	6:00 p.m.	Senior Youth Group - Alpha Program
	6:00 p.m.	Palm Crosses to be made
April 13	2:00 p.m.	MDB Executive Meeting
April 14	11:00 a.m.	4 th Sunday of Lent - Palm Sunday
April 15	1:30 p.m.	Milton Cafè
April 17	10:30 a.m.	Crafty Critters
	2:00 p.m.	Elders Meeting
	3:00 p.m.	Youth Gaming
	6:00 p.m.	Junior Youth Group
	6:30 p.m.	Native Healing Circle at the Parsonage
April 18	6:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Service
April 19	11:00 a.m.	Good Friday Service at Summerville Christian
	1:30 p.m.	Walk of the Cross begins at Milton Christian
April 21	6:45 a.m.	Easter Sunrise Service in Tupper Park
	11:00 a.m.	Easter Sunday Service
April 23	5:30 p.m.	CWF Supper Meeting