

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
April 28, 2024 - Fifth Sunday after Easter
Minister: Russell Prime*

Prelude: Joy Anthony, Pianist

Welcome: Russell Prime

Welcome to our 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.

Announcements: Russell Prime

Call to Worship: (Responsively) Russell Prime

One: The Lord is my shepherd, I will fear no darkness.

All: We will love one another, as Christ loves us.

One: Christ, the Good Shepherd, has compassion for all.

All: We will love one another, as Christ loves us.

One: Open your hearts to goodness and mercy today.

All: We will love one another, as Christ loves us.

One: Love, not merely in thought and word, but in truth and action.

All: We will love one another, as Christ loves us.

Hymn of Praise: "Praise Him! Praise Him!" # 93

Invocation Prayer: (Unison) Russell Prime

Shepherding God, guardian of our souls, you offer us rest in the safety of green pastures. Shower us with your love, and offer us fullness of life in your name. When our spirits are parched, you lead us beside still waters and quench our thirst for righteousness; you restore our souls and heal our battered spirits. Touch our hearts and minds, that your goodness and mercy may follow us every day of our

lives. May we abide in your love and grace for all eternity. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Scripture: (Responsively) Psalm 23 (KJV) Jean Strum

Scripture: John 10:11-18 Russell Prime

Message: Russell Prime

Invitation Hymn: (a capella) "The Lord is My Shepherd" On PowerPoint

Blessings, Joys and Concerns: Russell Prime

Pastoral Prayer and Our Lord's Prayer: Russell Prime

Prayer Response: "Halle-Halle-Halleluja" # 41

**Halle-Halle-Halleluja. Halle-Halle-Halleluja.
Halle-Halle-Halleluja. Halleluja. Halleluja.**

Stewardship Thought: Russell Prime

The Shepherd cares for us, providing all that we need in abundance. The Shepherd calls us to love one another in truth and action. May our gifts reflect our trust in the Shepherd's care. May our offerings show our willingness to love one another.

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) Russell Prime

As the Good Shepherd lays down his life for his sheep, may we, too, strive to serve our neighbours. Whether next door, across town, or around the world, may God bless our prayers, our gifts, and our ministries. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Call to the Lord's Table:

Communion Hymn: "I Come with Joy" # 420

Words of Institution: Russell Prime

Prayers and Participation: Kathy Chute

(We will partake in communion together as led by the Pastor.)

Communion Closing Prayer: Russell Prime

Closing Hymn: "Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" # 558

Benediction: (Responsively)

Russell Prime

One: Go forth in God's care, taking love wherever you go.

All: **We will abide in God's love.**

One: Go forth in God's name, taking Christ wherever you go.

All: **We will abide in God's love.**

One: Go forth in God's grace, sharing mercy with everyone you meet.

All: **We will abide in God's love.**

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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Postlude:

Joy Anthony, Pianist

CHURCH FAMILY BIRTHDAYS: April 28 - May 4 **Saturday** - Crow Eddy

PRAYER LIST: Please keep these friends & family in prayer during the week. If you notice that someone is missing from this list, or you would like to have someone added to the list, please call the church office at 902-354-4954 and leave a message with your info.

Hillsview Acres: Audrey Wagner

Prayers: Buzz Neilson Noel Dexter Riley Alexander Caleb Anthony

Liz Viols Fern Whynot Shae D'Arcy

Condolences: To the family of Betty Dean who passed away on April 19

CHURCHES IN PRAYER: We remember our local congregations and pastors each week. Today we pray for our minster, **Russell Prime** and our **congregations of Milton and Summerville Christian Churches.** We also remember our Canadian Disciple congregations and pastors across Canada each week. Today we pray for all **active and retired Canadian Pastors and their spouses and families.**

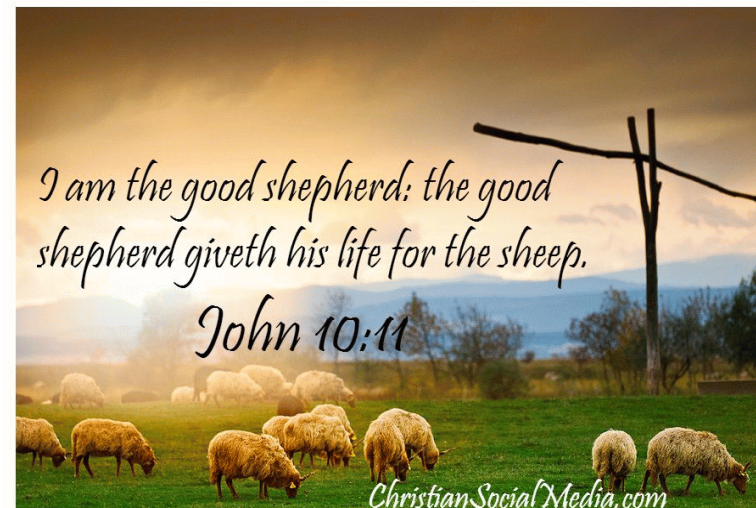
FOOD BANK: **Our Food Bank Goal for April is 20+ boxes of breakfast bars.** As of Friday, we have received **22** boxes. Our Food Bank is in need of our support. They appreciate our donations.

SUNDAY, MAY 5 SCHEDULE REMINDERS: You are reminded that those listed below are scheduled to participate in the service next **Sunday, May 5:**

Greeters/Communion: Marilyn Huskins and Mary Whynot

Elder: Peter Fountain **Scripture:** Peter Fountain

*Fifth Sunday after Easter
Sunday, April 28, 2024*



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JCP CLEAN-UP WEEKEND: Volunteer workers are needed next weekend from 1 p.m. on Friday, May 3 until Saturday afternoon on May 4th at JCP for spring clean-up. Do you have any time to spare in this time frame? See poster on Bulletin Board for other details.

MARITIME CWF RETREAT: Ladies please mark your calendars with the date of June 7-9 for the Maritime CWF Retreat being held at Johnson Christian Park hosted by our Disciples Women. Theme: “When Life Gives You Lemonade”. More details to follow as we get closer to the date.

COFFEE & CHAT: The new schedule for preparing Coffee & Chat is posted on the Bulletin Board. If any changes are needed, please contact Vonna. If you have any concerns regarding supplies, etc., please contact Shirley or Sharon. Copies of the schedule are available on a back table.

COFFEE HOUR: The new schedule with names of those who agreed to arrange Coffee Hour is also posted on the Bulletin Board. Please let Vonna know if any changes are needed.

MILTON BAPTIST: A program of Songs of Faith & Inspiration with Dick Henneberry, Truelove Ways, Tim Whynot and Amy Grant is being held at the Milton Baptist Church this evening at 7 p.m. Free will offering - Everyone welcome.

UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

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| April 28 | 12:15 p.m. | Coffee Hour |
| May 1 | 10:30 a.m. | Crafty Critters |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Native Healing Circle |
| May 2 | 2:00 p.m. | Movie Bible Study |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Elementary School Youth Group |
| May 5 | 11:00 a.m. | 6 th Sunday after Easter Service |
| May 6 | 1:30 p.m. | Milton Café |
| May 7 | 2:00 p.m. | Disciples Women |
| May 8 | 10:30 a.m. | Crafty Critters |
| | 2:00 p.m. | Board Meeting |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Native Healing Circle |
| May 9 | 6:00 p.m. | Elementary School Youth Group |
| May 12 | 11:00 a.m. | 7 th Sunday after Easter Service |
| | 12:15 p.m. | Coffee & Chat |
| May 15 | 10:30 a.m. | Crafty Critters |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Native Healing Circle |