

*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.*

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*Milton Christian Church  
May 5, 2024 - Sixth Sunday after Easter  
Minister: Russell Prime*

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**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

**Centering Words:** (Unison) Russell Prime

**The Holy One's steadfast love and faithfulness are shared with all. We are called to the greatest commandment: to abide in God's love and to love one another as God has loved us—not as servants, but as friends.**

**Call to Worship:** (Responsively) Russell Prime

**One:** Sing to our God a new song,

**All:** for God has done wondrous things.

**One:** The Holy One's might is not found in destruction,

**All:** but in steadfast love and constant faithfulness.

**One:** These gifts are not for us alone,

**All:** they are for one and all.

**One:** Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**All:** Break forth into songs of praise. Let all creation praise the Lord.

**Hymn of Praise:** "I Cannot Dance, O Love" # 290

**Invocation Prayer:** (Unison) Russell Prime

**God of Love, let your Holy Spirit come upon us—into our hearts, into our minds, and into our souls. Let your presence speak within us—in the languages we speak,**

**in the ways we live and have our being. For we long to hear you, Gracious One, and to understand. We pray that you would abide in us, that we may abide in you, this day and all days. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**Scripture:** (Responsively) Psalm 98 Peter Fountain

**Scripture:** John 15:9-17 Russell Prime

**Message:** Friends of Jesus! Russell Prime

**Invitation Hymn:** "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" # 585

**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 Holy Spirit's gifts have been poured into our hearts and our lives. In response, let us share these blessings for the good of God's people.

**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

**O God, our hearts sing with thanksgiving for the many gifts and graces you bring to our lives. We give you thanks for your steadfast love and faithful Spirit. Receive this offering and the gift of our whole selves, that we might give as we have received and love as we have been loved. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**Call to the Lord's Table:**

**Communion Hymn:** "We Believe" A Newsboys Video

**Words of Institution:** Russell Prime

**Prayers and Participation:** Peter Fountain

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

**Communion Closing Prayer:** Russell Prime

**Closing Hymn:** "This is My Father's World" # 59

**Benediction:** (Unison) **Russell Prime**  
**People of God, abide in God's love. May God's love and faithfulness flow through you, even to the ends of the earth. Amen.**

**Closing Response:** (Responsively) **Russell Prime**  
One: The Peace of Christ be with you, Sisters and Brothers.  
All: **"And also with you!"**

**Threefold Amen:** # 312  
**Postlude:** **Joy Anthony, Pianist**

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**CHURCH FAMILY BIRTHDAYS:** May 5 - 11 - Nil

**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

**CHURCHES IN PRAYER:** We remember our local congregations and pastors each week. Today we pray for **Dan Williams** and the **congregation of the Port Mouton Baptist Church.**

We also remember our Canadian Disciple congregations and pastors across Canada each week. Today we pray for the **Lay-led congregation of Sugarbush Christian Church, Guelph, Ontario.**

**FOOD BANK:** Our Food Bank Goal for April was 20+ boxes of breakfast bars and we received 22 boxes. Thanks for your help!! **Our Food Bank goal for May will be 20+ boxes of feminine hygiene products.** Let's continue to assist our Food Bank. They appreciate all our donations.

**SUNDAY, MAY 12 SCHEDULE REMINDERS:** You are reminded that those listed below are scheduled to participate in the service next **Sunday, May 12:**

**Greeters/Communion:** Janet & Peter Fountain  
**Elder:** Peter Fountain **Scripture:** Marilyn Huskins  
**Coffee & Chat Preparation:** Kathy & John Chute

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*Sixth Sunday after Easter*  
*Sunday, May 5, 2024*



**John 15:9-17**

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**PENTECOST SUNDAY:** On Sunday, May 19 we will celebrate the birth of the church. Come join us for worship, stay following the service for a Holy Ghost Wiener Roast which includes salads and Birthday cake for dessert. Don't forget to wear something **red** for the occasion.

**CWF SUPPER:** The CMF have invited our **church family** to a Pancake Supper on May 28 at 5:30 p.m. Come and join your church family for food and fellowship.

**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.

#### UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

<b>May 5</b>	11:00 a.m.	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter Service
<b>May 6</b>	1:30 p.m.	Milton Café
<b>May 7</b>	2:00 p.m.	Disciples Women
<b>May 8</b>	10:30 a.m.	Crafty Critters
	2:00 p.m.	Board Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	Native Healing Circle
<b>May 9</b>	6:00 p.m.	Elementary School Youth Group
<b>May 12</b>	11:00 a.m.	7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter Service
	12:15 p.m.	Coffee & Chat
<b>May 15</b>	10:30 a.m.	Crafty Critters
	6:30 p.m.	Native Healing Circle
<b>May 16</b>	6:00 p.m.	Elementary School Youth Group
<b>May 19</b>	11:00 a.m.	Pentecost Worship Celebration
	12:15 p.m.	Holy Ghost Wiener Roast
<b>May 20</b>		Victoria Holiday
	1:30 p.m.	Milton Café
<b>May 22</b>	10:30 a.m.	Crafty Critters
<b>May 23</b>	6:00 p.m.	Elementary School Youth Group
<b>May 25</b>	11:00 a.m.	Elders Meet for Lunch
<b>May 26</b>	11:00 a.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost
	12:15 p.m.	Coffee & Chat
<b>May 28</b>	5:30 p.m.	CMF Pancake Supper
<b>May 29</b>	10:30 a.m.	Crafty Critters
<b>May 30</b>	6:00 p.m.	Elementary School Youth Group