

*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 12, 2024 - Seventh Sunday after Easter*  
*Mother's Day*  
*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  
**With fullness of heart, soul, and mind, we gather to glorify God and to rejoice in God, our Saviour.**

**Call to Worship:** (Responsively) Russell Prime  
One: Rejoice in the presence and love of Christ.  
**All: We rejoice in the one who lives in our hearts.**  
One: Rejoice, for Christ brings justice and peace to our world.  
**All: We rejoice in the one who calls us to justice and peace.**  
One: Rejoice with faith and hope.  
**All: We rejoice in the one whose promises are true.**

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

**Invocation Prayer:** (Unison) Russell Prime  
God of ancient days and future visions, we come into your presence to celebrate the joy of your Holy Spirit and the blessing of your Son, Christ Jesus. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, as you filled Elizabeth long ago. Sing through our songs of joy, as you sang through Mary. Speak through our words and our thoughts, that we may grow closer to the justice and the peace of Christ Jesus, who calls us here today. In Christ's holy and blessed name, we pray. Amen.

**Special Music:** "I've Got A Mansion" The Choir

**Scripture:** (Responsively) Psalm 100 Marilyn Huskins

**Scripture:** Luke 1:39-45 Russell Prime  
**Message:** Russell Prime

**Invitation Hymn:** "The Ones Who Mother Me" Video

**Blessings, Joys and Concerns:** Russell Prime  
**Pastoral Prayer and Our Lord's Prayer:** Russell Prime

**Prayer Response:** "Weave" # 495  
*Weave, weave, weave us together.*  
*Weave us together in unity and love.*  
*Weave, weave, weave us together.*  
*Weave us together, together in love.*

**Mother's Day Poem:** A Dandelion for My Mother Philip Vitols  
by Jean Nordhaus

**Stewardship Thought:** Russell Prime  
With joy and faith, may we bring our gifts and our love before God in this time of offering.

**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**  
May these gifts glorify your name, Holy One. May the ministries we support bring justice and peace to your world. May they offer faith and hope to your people. In grateful joy, we pray. Amen.

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

**Communion Hymn:** "Near to the Heart of God" # 581

**Words of Institution:** **Russell Prime**

**Prayers and Participation:** **Elder**

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

**Communion Closing Prayer:** **Russell Prime**

**Closing Hymn:** "Faith of Our Mothers" # 635

**Benediction:** (Responsively) **Russell Prime**

One: Go forth with joy. Go forth in faith.

All: **May peace be our way in the world.**

**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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**CONTACT INFO FOR PASTOR:** Our pastor, Russell Prime can be reached at 1-902-354-4950 or 1-902-401-1202. His office hours are Wednesdays from **12 p.m. - 2 p.m.** at the church. His days off are Monday and Tuesdays of each week.

**CHURCH FAMILY BIRTHDAYS:** May 12 - 18 - Nil

**PENTECOST SUNDAY:** Next 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**.

**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 the **World Council of Churches** as they work to inspire the worldwide fellowship of churches to work together for unity, justice and peace.

We also remember our Canadian Disciple congregations and pastors across Canada each week. Today we pray for **Pastors, Ann Stainton and Fred Dizon** and the congregation of **Hillcrest Christian Church**, Toronto, Ontario.

**FOOD BANK:** Our Food Bank goal for May is 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 19:**

**Greeters/Communion:** Charlie Eaton & Jean Strum  
**Elder:** Janet Fountain **Scripture:** Vonna Walker  
**Holy Ghost Wiener Roast Prep:** CMF & Vonna Walker

**A SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE:** On Sunday, May 26 at 11:00 a.m., we will hold a Service of Remembrance to remember church members and adherents who passed away during the years of 2020-present day. Those present may also light a candle in memory of a loved one(s) if they wish, but not necessarily with the years mentioned above.

**CMF 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 Lemons". More details to follow as we get closer to the date.

**MILTON BAPTIST YARD SALE:** Being held on June 1<sup>st</sup> between 8 a.m. and noon. It will include baked goods table. The yard sale will continue the following Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> between 8 a.m. & noon with no baked goodies. These sales will include elephant tables, books, plants, jewellery, and much more. Bring your own bags.

#### UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

<b>May 12</b>	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 Day 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 24</b>	11:00 a.m.	Elders Meet for Lunch
<b>May 26</b>	11:00 a.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Service of Remembrance
	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