

# MILLWOODS COMMUNITY CHURCH

## Communion Sunday April 27, 2025



John Valentine Haidt, *Thomas Doubting*, 1758, oil on canvas, Moravian Historical Society, Nazareth, Pa.

### **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

### **Goodness Of God**

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#### **Verse 1**

I love You Lord  
Oh Your mercy never fails me  
All my days  
I've been held in Your hands  
From the moment that I wake up  
Until I lay my head  
I will sing of the goodness of God

#### **Chorus**

All my life You have been faithful  
All my life You have been so so good  
With every breath that I am able  
I will sing of the goodness of God

**Verse 2**

I love Your voice  
You have led me through the fire  
In darkest night  
You are close like no other  
I've known You as a father  
I've known You as a friend  
I have lived in the goodness of God

**Bridge**

Your goodness is running after  
It's running after me  
Your goodness is running after  
It's running after me  
With my life laid down  
I'm surrendered now  
I give You everything  
Your goodness is running after  
It's running after me

**Reading** Psalm 150

Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament! Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness! Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe! Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals! Let everything that breathes praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!

**Hope Of The Nations**

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**Verse**

Jesus hope of the nations  
Jesus comfort for all who mourn  
You are the source of heaven's hope on earth  
Jesus light in the darkness  
Jesus truth in each circumstance  
You are the source of heaven's light on earth

**Pre-Chorus**

In history You lived and died  
You broke the chains You rose to life

**Chorus**

You are the hope living in us  
You are the Rock in whom we trust  
You are the light shining for all the world to see  
You rose from the dead conquering fear  
Our Prince of Peace drawing us near  
Jesus our hope living for all who will receive (Lord we believe)

### **Tag**

Lord we believe  
Lord we believe  
Lord we believe

### **Ending**

Lord we believe  
(Jesus hope of the nations)  
Lord we believe  
(Jesus hope of the nations)  
Lord we believe  
(Jesus hope of the nations)  
Lord we believe (Jesus)  
Lord we believe

### **Scripture** John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

**Sermon** Everything in between healing & wounds

### **Communion in Celebration of Resurrection**

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Grace, mercy, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, be with you all.

**Amen. Thanks be to God.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

(The Lord's Prayer may be used as a conclusion to this prayer.)

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

(Sitting. As the bread is served, the communicants stand to receive it.)

### ***In Christ Alone***

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#### **Verse 1**

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light my strength my song  
This Cornerstone this solid Ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled when strivings cease  
My Comforter my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

#### **Verse 2**

In Christ alone who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
Till on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live

#### **Verse 3**

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

#### **Verse 4**

No guilt in life no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

(When the bread has been served, the communicants stand.)

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you.

(All partake together.)

Silent prayer

By your divine presence,  
By the holy sacraments,  
By all the merits of your life, sufferings, death, and resurrection,  
**Bless and comfort us, gracious Lord and God. Amen.**

In the same way, after supper our Lord Jesus Christ took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sin. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.

(Sitting. As the cup is served, the communicants stand to receive it.)

**Come Let us Sing the Song of Songs**

Come let us sing the Song of Songs,  
with hearts and voices swell the strain,  
the homage which to Christ belongs:  
“Worthy the Lamb for he was slain!”

To him who suffered on the tree  
Our souls, at his soul’s price, to gain  
Blessing, and praise, and glory be;  
“Worthy the Lamb, for he was slain!”

To him enthroned by filial right,  
All power in heaven and earth proclaim,  
Honour, and majesty, and might;  
“Worthy the Lamb, for he was slain!”

Long as we live, and when we die,  
And while in heaven with him we reign,  
This song, our song of songs shall be:  
“Worthy the Lamb, for he was slain!”

(When the cup has been served, the communicants stand.)

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Drink from this, all of you. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.

(All partake together.)

Silent prayer

Christ, the Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
**Grant to us your peace. Amen.**

Whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death,  
**Until he comes.**

(The congregation gives the right hand of fellowship, signifying renewed dedication and unity of purpose in the service of Christ.)

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you;  
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace;  
Sing: ***In the name of Jesus. Amen.***

**Blessings and Concerns**

**Above All**

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**Verse 1**

Above all powers above all kings Above all nature and all created things  
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man You were here before the world began

## Verse 2

Above all kingdoms above all thrones Above all wonders the world has ever known  
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth There's no way to measure What You're worth

## Chorus

Crucified laid behind the stone You lived to die rejected and alone  
Like a rose trampled on the ground You took the fall and thought of me Above all

## Ministry Opportunities

### ***I Serve a Ris'n Saviour***

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I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today; I know that he is living, whatever others say; I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer, and just the time I need him he's always near.

### **Refrain**

He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today! He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way. He lives, he lives, salvation to impart! You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.

In all the world around me I see his loving care, and though my heart grows weary, I never will despair; I know that he is leading through all the stormy blast, the day of his appearing will come at last. **Refrain**

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing. Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King! The Hope of all who seek Him, the Help of all who find, None other is so loving, so good and kind. **Refrain**

## Benediction

## Postlude

### **Muttart Conservatory Outing**

The church congregation will be taking a trip to the Muttart Conservatory on Tuesday April 29. The Elders are looking at renting a bus so we can travel as a group. We do require you to pre-register and pre-pay for this trip. See the sign up sheet in the Sunday binder. If you would like to pay with cash or cheque you can add your payment to your Sunday offering envelope with a memo of Muttart Outing attn:Melanie & Donna, you may also send an e-Transfer to [office@mcchurch.ca](mailto:office@mcchurch.ca) with the memo Muttart Outing. Admission rates are: Seniors \$13.60, Adults \$15.70 (prices include GST).

### **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).



### **Golf Day Save the Date**

Our annual Golf Day will be June 7. Mark your calendars. More information to come.



**Spring Clean Up: We need help with the inside of the church...**

Mark your calendars for May 3rd starting at 9am we will gather at the church to start spring cleaning of the church building and grounds. Please sign up to help with this important church ministry. Scan the QR code and it will take you directly to the sign up sheet. Click [Here](#) to Sign Up you can just comment on the sheet with your name and the office will see it.

**Continued Funeral Planning**

Last October we had a funeral planning session focused on the church side of things. On May 4th, we'll have a Preplanning and Estate Counsellor from Serenity Funeral Home talk to us about preplanning from their perspective. They'll be able to share what the options are, things to keep in mind, and what you can do to make that time period a little less stressful for your loved ones. Please make plans to attend!

**WINGS Mother's Day Tea**

Indulge in an elegant afternoon of tradition and community. There will be tea, petite sandwiches, and sweets. Enjoy stories, inspiring moments, filled with warmth and support. In-Person raffles, 50/50 raffle and door prizes, photo booth and more!

When: Saturday May 10, 2025 12:30 to 3pm

Where: Heritage Park Banquet Hall, 5100 41 Ave, Stony Plain, AB

How Much: Individual Ticket \$65 Table of 8 \$520

**Mothers Day Tea Volunteers Needed For:**

**Tea set up** - Friday May 9<sup>th</sup> – we would load up at WINGS around 10:15am and make our way to the event hall. We need to be finished setting up by 2pm.

**Event Take-Down & Wrap-Up** - Saturday May 10th from 3:00 PM – 6:30 PM

Includes:

Dishwashing & Packing – Assisting with cleanup and organizing supplies.

Transport Support – Volunteers with vehicles to help bring event supplies back to WINGS.

\*This volunteer role involves carrying bins filled with tea ware and other items, as well as standing and washing dishes, etc. Volunteers must be 16 yrs or older. If interested, let Pastor Aaron know.

And for more details about our Mother's Day Tea [click here](#), or go to [www.wingsofprovidence.ca](http://www.wingsofprovidence.ca)

**Please note that WINGS is in desperate need of feminine products. If you would like to purchase any of these you can drop them off at the church, and they will be delivered to WINGS.**

| Today's Service      |                             |                |               | May 4, 2025 Service  |                  |                |               |
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| <b>Greeters</b>      | <b>Randy &amp; Berniece</b> | <b>Ushers</b>  | <b>Armand</b> | <b>Greeters</b>      | <b>Sharon</b>    | <b>Ushers</b>  | <b>Armand</b> |
| <b>Music</b>         | <b>Elaine</b>               | <b>Reader</b>  | <b>Sonja</b>  | <b>Music</b>         | <b>Lorraine</b>  | <b>Reader</b>  |               |
| <b>Sound</b>         | <b>Larry</b>                | <b>Media</b>   | <b>Donna</b>  | <b>Sound</b>         |                  | <b>Media</b>   |               |
| <b>Coffee</b>        | <b>Linda Lee</b>            | <b>Elder</b>   |               | <b>Coffee</b>        | <b>Linda Lee</b> | <b>Elder</b>   |               |
| <b>Birthday Cake</b> | <b>Carolyn T</b>            | <b>Closing</b> | <b>Pastor</b> | <b>Birthday Cake</b> |                  | <b>Closing</b> | <b>Pastor</b> |

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**Please phone us to make an in office appointment**