

Announcements

Wednesday, **March 13 @ 6:30---**choir practice

The congregation extends its deepest sympathy to the family & friends of Gail Walker. Her funeral will be here at the church this coming Wednesday at 1pm.

Hey Youth! We are excited to let you know that 2 of our youth events are returning for 2024!

PAYS for ages Grade 7 and up will be at Camp Geddie in NS from April 19-21 and UPLIFT (formerly CY) for ages Grade 9 to 25 years of age will be at Brock University in St. Catherine's Ontario from July 2-8. Both events are going to be fun filled with the chance to be with friends, enjoy activities, explore our faith, dine and travel together. Both events are shaping up to be a great experience. See Debbie as she has lots of information to share with you.



Have you signed up to receive emails from the church?
It's a quick and easy way to stay connected with your church family!
Speak to Rev. Brad or our church administrator Cheri for more information.

Mission Moment

"We are brave and strong because we learned important information about rights, feelings and participation." PWS&D supports a human rights program in Guatemala that not only empowers women by ensuring they know their rights but also equips them with essential skills and knowledge about food security and nutrition. Through education on when and how to plant vegetables, grow tree seedlings and how to care for livestock, women have more stable incomes and improve their family's access to nutritious meals. "We are happy for our project. We sell the trees in the town and use the money to buy food," shares one of the participants. This program provides women with the resources and skills they need to lift themselves out of poverty and create a more equitable society.

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*"to know, love and serve God wherever we are and
to inspire others to do the same
by our thoughts, words and deeds"*

SPC Mission Statement

Our Approach to God

Prelude

Call to Worship:

Give thanks to the LORD, for God is good;
God's steadfast love endures forever.

God gathers people from the east and the west, from north and south.
We will thank God for such all-embracing love.

Let us praise God for all God's wonderful works.
We will worship God and tell of God's deeds with songs of praise.

Hymn: **#651 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer**

Opening Prayers

***Our Father who art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our
debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is
the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever, Amen.***

Assurance of God's Love

Welcome & Announcements

Children's Time

& Hymn: **#641 One more step along the world I go**

Listening for God's Word

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Readings: Exodus 14:1-23

Ministry of Music: "Lead me to Calvary"

Message: "The Fourth Week of Lent: Wade in the Water"

Hymn: **#689 Simply trusting every day**

Our Response to God's Word

Stewardship Moment

Reflection / Doxology & The Presentation of Gifts / Prayer

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures high & low
Praise God in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word and Spirit one.***

Seeing God at Work & Pastoral Prayer

Hymn: **#685 How firm a foundation**

Benediction & Dismissal: **Go Now in Peace**

Postlude

As you prepare for this morning's service to begin, you are invited to reflect on the following...



*"As has been the case throughout the exodus narrative, God does not work alone; God works through the instrumentality of both human and nonhuman powers to accomplish the divine purpose."
~ Terence Fretheim*

What action might you take during this fourth week of Lent to bring you closer to the lived experience of marginalized communities? How might you counter the segregation our society currently upholds in which many of us operate in homogenous networks?

It can be tempting to engage marginalized communities on one occasion for a specific purpose. It is much more difficult to create an intentional relationship. How might you commit to an intentional, long-term, and ethical connection to marginalized communities instead of a one-time, surface-level relationship?

Things to pray for this week...

We pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide the Atlantic Mission Society into new and effective ways to share Christ's love and light.

We praise God and pray for the people in our congregations who share the gift of hospitality—from after church fellowship hours to welcoming the stranger, their gifts put faith into action.

We pray those in our church family who have recently lost a loved one. In particular, this week we remember the family of Gail Walker.



Scripture Reading: Exodus 3 & 4 (*selected verses*) (ICB)

Then the Lord said to Moses, ²“Tell the Israelites to turn back and encamp near Pi Hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea. They are to encamp by the sea... ³Pharaoh will think, ‘The Israelites are wandering around the land in confusion, hemmed in by the desert.’ ⁴And I will harden Pharaoh’s heart, and he will pursue them. But I will gain glory for myself through Pharaoh and all his army, and the Egyptians will know that I am the Lord.” So the Israelites did this.

⁵When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, Pharaoh and his officials changed their minds about them and said, “What have we done? We have let the Israelites go and have lost their services!” ⁶So he had his chariot made ready and took his army with him. ⁷He took six hundred of the best chariots, along with all the other chariots of Egypt, with officers over all of them. ⁸The Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, so that he pursued the Israelites, who were marching out boldly. ⁹The Egyptians—all Pharaoh’s horses and chariots, horsemen and troops—pursued the Israelites and overtook them as they camped by the sea near Pi Hahiroth...

¹⁰As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up, and there were the Egyptians, marching after them. They were terrified and cried out to the Lord. ¹¹They said to Moses, “Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt? ¹²Didn’t we say to you in Egypt, ‘Leave us alone; let us serve the Egyptians’? It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert!”

¹³Moses answered the people, “Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. ¹⁴The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still.”

¹⁵Then the Lord said to Moses, “Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on. ¹⁶Raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea to divide the water so that the Israelites can go through the sea on dry ground. ¹⁷I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them. And I will gain glory through Pharaoh and all his army, through his chariots and his horsemen. ¹⁸The Egyptians will know that I am the Lord when I gain glory through Pharaoh, his chariots and his horsemen.”

¹⁹Then the angel of God, who had been traveling in front of Israel’s army, withdrew and went behind them. The pillar of cloud also moved from in front and stood behind them, ²⁰coming between the armies of Egypt and Israel. Throughout the night the cloud brought

darkness to the one side and light to the other side; so neither went near the other all night long.

²¹Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the Lord drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided, ²²and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left.