

Because of the Covid-19 pandemic, we will continue to have worship services online through the Zoom platform, until further notice. You are welcome to worship with us on Sunday at 10:30 a.m. If you need information about how to join with us for worship services, please contact Mr. Vautour, minister. The contact information is at the bottom of the bulletin.

If you have friends or acquaintances who want to join in the worship service, please do not hesitate to share with them the Zoom links to join with us in the worship our great God.

Please note that audio and video sermons and other materials are also available on our local website at www.gcine Brunswick.org;

Offerings:

1. You can make your donation by cheque; Address: Grace Communion International- Canada, Suite 203A, 2121 Airport Dr., Saskatoon, SK 7SL 6W5.
2. You can call 1-306-653-2705 (GCI Canada main phone number) and make credit card donation.
3. E-transfers to khorwood@gcicanada.ca (her full name is Kathleen Horwood). There is no need for a password as the donations are deposited directly into the GCI banking account. In the subject or message line, write the name of your church and your member number. Most banks send an immediate confirmation of successful deposit. If you do not know your member number, please write to Mr. Vautour at the email address below.
4. You can also donate to our GCI Canada website at [Grace Communion International - Canada \(gcicanada.ca\)](http://Grace Communion International - Canada (gcicanada.ca)); click on Donate. In the donation box detail, and under Fund, make sure you click on General. In the message box, make sure that you identify your church and your church member number. If you don't know your church number, please contact Mr. Vautour.

On Thursday April 28, we will have our monthly Bible study continuing in John 14.

For new prayer requests, see our local website www.gciatlantic.org under "Members Only". *If you do not know the password, please contact Mr. Vautour*

The National Canadian conference scheduled for August 4 to August 7th, 2022. Everyone is invited. The theme of this year's conference is **"Welcome Home"**.

"This will be the first national conference of GCI members in a number of years.

It will be a time to collectively celebrate our life in Christ and to discover how the "Hope Avenue" is a way we can share this life with others. As Christians, we have been "welcomed home" into a relationship with our Triune God, and we have been given the blessing of being avenues, to welcome others into this unique relationship.

The underlying scripture passage for the Conference is found in the prayer or benediction of Paul in Ephesians 3:14-21". For more information, please see our Canadian website at

https://www.gcicanada.ca/news_updates.html?NewsID=108 where you will find all the details.

From Mr. Bill Hall April 22, 2022 I had a conversation with Bob Millman (GCI Edmonton) and Fraser Henderson (GCI Ottawa), and they told me of their problems trying to find a location for services where they could meet on Sunday.

As you know we have all dealt with this issue and will continue to deal with it as we seek to find the neighbourhood where God wants us to meet in our individual cities and towns. It has become even more difficult given the fact that some places are not allowing outside renters because of COVID. Currently Edmonton is meeting in another church on Saturday, and they are seeking to find a new location to meet on Sunday where they could reach out to their community.

In Ottawa, the situation is more critical as they have lost their Saturday meeting place because of COVID and are trying to find a Sunday location that would be available for their large new-Canadian membership that is close to transit and central for those coming in from Quebec. They are still meeting online, but it is important that they are able to meet again in person.

I just wanted to bring their requests forward to you so that we could all pray that God would open doors (literally) for them to find new locations.

(Writing to pastors) I know many of you have similar issues, so please let me know your needs so that together we can share this burden and ask God for his intervention.

Thanks so much. Bill

Let us pray according to God's will and as per his instructions: "1 ¶ First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgiving be made for all people, 2 for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. 3 This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth." (1 Ti 2:1-4 ESV).

Let us pray to have the assurance that Jesus is always with us. Jesus said the following: *"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.* Let us pray to have the wisdom and the courage to participate with what God is doing in his church, in our congregations and in our individual lives.

Let us pray to have the heart of God towards others, those who are in the faith and those who are not yet believers. Let us remember the commission God gave to his church, *'Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And he gave the following encouragement when he said, 'And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'*

Let us approach the throne of God with assurance, in worship and in thanksgiving!

Jesus, Place-sharing all the Way to Calvary

(April 20, 2022)



Greg and Susan Williams

Dear GCI Family and Friends,

Many years ago, I read a book that equated Jesus to a chief executive officer (CEO). The gist of the book was to overlay the “How tos” of Jesus onto the role of a modern-day business leader. The book fell woefully short because it failed to establish the “Who” question. If Jesus is just a good person, a good teacher, and a model to imitate, we miss who Jesus is. We relegate him to the list of Mohammed, Buddha, Socrates, and the like.

Jesus, as a member of the Triune God, emptied himself and became human. He lived a perfect life, tempted in every way that we are and yet without sin. He is creator of the universe, and it is in him that we live and move and have

our being. Jesus is the King of Kings, and we shall ever be growing into the comprehension of who he is.

So, what was Christ really like? How did he place-share with his disciples? Consider this list—a 24-hour snapshot—of how Christ interacted with his followers that final day before Calvary.

He gave them detailed preparatory instructions for the gathering in the upper room. Coming together and being together was always a priority of Jesus, and frequently surrounded a meal and festive environment.

Jesus was about serving other people. On this night he girded himself with a towel and took the wash basin, then one by one he knelt and washed the feet of his disciples. He set the tone for how much he valued them.

Continuing with other people in mind, the profound words of instruction he shared with them and the intimate intercessory prayer he prayed for them was for their comfort. Jesus, who is the “Suffering Servant” portrayed in the writings of Isaiah, deeply identified with the suffering and grief that his followers would face, and he attended to this.

Jesus was honest. He warned them of the troubles they would experience in the world and that ministry would be hard. He then assured them that the Holy Spirit would be the guiding presence to see them through.

Jesus gave them hope for a future. He proclaims that he will share in the sacrament of communion with them again in the kingdom to come.

He shared that he would go away, and during this interim he would be preparing a place for them in glory.

Ultimately Jesus willingly went to the cross and laid down his life. The broken bread and wine pointed to the actions that would come the next day.

(Read chapters 13-17 of John’s Gospel and see if you can identify other ways that Jesus demonstrated deep care and friendship for his followers)

In this “one-day” amazing display of love and friendship, descriptors that leap out of the fabric of this event include servanthood, sacrifice, truth, hope, security, purpose, and friendship; all being of the highest order. These authentic qualities of Jesus demonstrate his deep love and care for his followers. This loving, caring, belonging relationship is what Jesus extends to all humanity.

The apostle Paul says to follow him as he follows (emulates) Jesus. More Christlikeness and more of the tangible expressions of Christ’s love is absolutely what the church of today needs.

May the rejuvenation we have experienced on Easter Sunday firmly remind us of how our personal following of Jesus is also about a personal sharing with others. May the season of Eastertide be punctuated by how we place-share with our neighbors, family, and friends.

Compelled by his love! Greg Williams

Devotional—Resurrected for All



Is it any wonder as Jesus walked down the Mount of Olives on his last trip into the city, he stopped and wept? He was going there to die for all of humanity, and most would reject him—and most still do.

But here's the good news! Reject him or not, Jesus is the Lord of All and he was resurrected for all. And that's why we celebrate. Not just because he was resurrected for you and me, but because he was resurrected for every

believer and nonbeliever, for every slave and free, for every Jew and Gentile, for every man and woman. Easter reminds us that Jesus—the Son of God—our Redeemer and Savior—went to the cross for all and was resurrected for all.

The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ shows the profoundness of God's love. Some call it reckless, some call it preposterous, some call it radical, Paul said it comes across to others as foolishness. Why would God die for people who don't even acknowledge his presence? For the same reason he died for all those who do acknowledge his presence—because God loves all his children; Jesus came for all.

The apostle Paul is talking about the resurrection of Jesus when he says:

For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. [1 Corinthians 15:21-22](#)

All will be made alive! Loved ones, what if we lived like it was true? Let's make Easter more than a season of celebration; let's make it a season of change.

Prayer: Thank you, Father, Son, and Spirit, that Easter changed everything! Praise God that here is no longer Jew nor Gentile, slave nor free, male nor female. Jesus, you have made us one. Help us to see this truth more clearly. Help us to respond accordingly—with a bit less judgment, a bit less animosity at times, a bit more compassion, and a lot more understanding. God, help us to follow the new commandment—to love others as you love us. Amen.

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