

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Thank you from RJC!** We are so fortunate to have such a wide community of support at RJC, particularly for our Virtual Choirs & Cakes fundraiser that was held on March 14. Because of **you** we were able to exceed our \$30,000 fundraising goal! Thank you! In case you missed it, the virtual program is still available to watch at [rjc.sk.ca/cakes](http://rjc.sk.ca/cakes).

**MCC Connects:** When a family is forced to flee their home because of a disaster, they are all too likely to face a second crisis: malnutrition. The good news? You can feed displaced families for as little as \$7 a month through Share Your Table, our monthly giving program. In return, you'll receive personal stories and regional recipes from families around the world. Learn more: <https://mccshareyourtable.ca/>

**Conductor and musician, Maria Fuller, wants to offer all church communities an “Easter Gift of Music”:** Together with some of her musical friends from across Canada, and including members of the Thunder Bay Symphony Chorus, Edmonton Symphony, Saskatoon Symphony, and Quebec freelancers, Maria will direct a medley of hymns **“Low in the Grave” and “Crown Him with Many Crowns,”** and a congregational singing number: **“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today.”** Please contact [mariafuller22@gmail.com](mailto:mariafuller22@gmail.com) to receive these videos.

*Nutana Park Mennonite Church welcomes into fellowship and membership all persons who confess faith in Jesus Christ, without regard to their race, ethnic background, gender, age, sexual orientation, income, education, ability, and other factors that give rise to discrimination and marginalization*



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### Gathered to Worship on Treaty 6 Territory

**April 4, 2021**  
**Easter Sunday**

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#### In-Person and Live Stream Worship Service

Worship Leader: Denelda Fast  
Accompanist: Joanne Ewert  
Song Leader: Ron Peters  
Ushers: Geraldine Balzer and Gordon Peters  
Service of Light: Arnold and Lorene Nickel

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Hymn:

**Low In The Grave He Lay**

HWB No. 273

Service of Light

Children's Time

Hymn:

**Christ The Lord Is Risen Today**

HWB No. 280

Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer

Hymn:

**That Easter Morn, At Break Of Day**

STS No. 88

Scripture Reading:

**Isaiah 25:6-9**

**Mark 16:1-8**

Sermon:

**Empty Cross, Empty Tomb, Empty Church**

Susanne

Peace Lamp Offering

Hymn:

**Christ Is Alive**

STS No. 89

Spoken Benediction



## Service of Light-Easter Sunday Relighting the Extinguished Candles

1. Persistent God, we together rejoice that neither troubled waters, nor terror, nor the tomb keep you from finding us.
2. Patient God, we give thanks that your care for us extends through the generations.
3. Compassionate God, we give thanks for those giving witness to your living presence among us: the witness of angels, faith filled women, those who have met the risen Christ.
4. Merciful God, we give thanks for the resurrections made real for us in Jesus: renewal in our lives, our homes, our communities. Death has lost its sting.
5. Steadfast God, we give thanks for the new covenants you make with us. In humble gratitude may we live into your hopes for us and our world.
6. Suffering God, you shown us the way to walk. Grant us courage to live as people empowered by the resurrection all the days of our lives.
7. Triumphant God, As Christ burst forth from the tomb, may new life burst forth from us and reveal itself in acts of love and healing. And may that same Christ, who lives forever and is the source of our new life, keep joy and peace within us so that we might faithfully share joy and peace. Amen.

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The next Adult Education Zoom discussion is on Monday, April 5 at 7:30-8:30 pm. Edna Froese will be leading the discussion on Chapter Four of Drew Hart's *Trouble I've Seen*: "Don't Go with Your Gut."

### From the Caring & Visitation, Church Life and Fellowship Committees:

It has been a year of creativity and flexibility and we have learned new ways of staying connected to each other. This Easter will be no different. We will again miss visiting around the beautiful table laden with Easter baking, cheese and fruit; however, this year the Paska will come to you! Some time on the afternoon of **Saturday, April 3**, your doorbell will ring and a little white box will appear on your doorstep. If you are quick, you may be able to catch a glimpse of the NPMC delivery person. The box will contain small Paska buns for each person in your household, lovingly baked by Marlene Froese and Hedio Harder (thank you, ladies!). Our hope is that this little gift will symbolize the enduring love and friendship within the NPMC congregation.

**Easter Sunday, 5:00 p.m. – “Paska Fasha”:** You are invited to join in a Zoom potluck. We will eat our Paska buns together, visit and share in the goodness of the day. Some may want to share stories of Easter traditions or memories. Everyone is welcome! (Christie will send a Zoom link a few days in advance.) If you are unable to attend the Paska Fasha, think of NPMC friends whenever you partake of your Paska bun. We send our sincere wishes to everyone for a Happy and Meaningful Easter!

### **Many of our congregational events have switched to being held on Zoom.**

If Zoom is new to you or you'd like a refresher in how to set it up and sign into a Zoom meeting, see this how-to video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9isp3qPeQ0E> or contact the church office for help. If you are also needing help with access to worship service on Sunday's please also contact the church office for direction. Thanks!

### *Coming Up This Week*

**Friday, April 2 at 7:00 pm: Good Friday Worship on Livestream.**

**Sunday, April 4 at 11:00 am: Easter Sunday Worship on Livestream.**

**Sunday, April 4 at 5:00 pm: Easter Sunday Paska Fasha Potluck on Zoom.**

**Monday, April 5 at 7:30-8:30 pm: Adult Education Meeting on Zoom.**

**Tuesday, April 6 at 10:00 am: Women's Bible Study Visiting on Zoom.**

**Wednesday, April 7 at 7:00 pm: Men's Gathering on Zoom.**

