

# CHRIST COLLIDES

Lent - Easter 2025

Christ calls us at the crossroads of our lives, to draw near, to choose compassion and peace, to disrupt binaries, to pursue wholeness, and to risk restoration.

Three of the six Lent scripture texts are parables that Jesus tells. The stories (parables) of Jesus surprise us. The origin of the word *parable* is two things that collide. In many parables, Jesus throws a surprise beside or in comparison with something else.

Join us in worship during the season of Lent and Easter for praise and prayer, song, story, scripture, confession, assurance, and reflection. Join in fellowship together experiencing the depth of God's mystery and grace.

**Lenten Guided Prayer (LGP)** – A small group experience gathering with BMCers practising contemplative prayer meets weekly during Lent. This LGP small group invites us to notice how God's Spirit is moving within everyday life experience, by listening, pondering, and wondering. If you are interested contact Jean Lehn Epp, Mark Epp or Pastor Eleanor. LGP resources are available on a table in the foyer for personal use during Lent.



#### Ash Wednesday – March 5

Isaiah 58:1-12; Psalm 51:1-17; 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 Lent has begun. With a cross of ashes, we/the wounded are nourished with grace.

# Lent 1 – March 9 Christ Collides with Our Bias

Luke 10:25-42

These are the stories that Jesus imparts, filled with the Spirit, who joins us as one. Born through our voices, our hands, and our hearts, this is a new world where God's will is done. #298 What Is the World Like – Voices Together

#### Lent 2 – March 16 Christ Collides with Our Condemnation

Luke 13:1-9,31-35 *Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.* #141 Create in Me a Clean Heart – *Voices Together* 

#### Lent 3 – March 23 Christ Collides with Our Priorities

Luke 15:1-32 God lights a lamp, and she searches everywhere for the hidden, lonely heart. #299 God Lights a Lamp – Voices Together

#### Lent 4 – March 30 Christ Collides with our Selfishness Luke 16:19-33 *Jesus, be the center, be my source, be my light, Jesus.* #584 Jesus, Be the Center – *Voices Together*

#### Lent 5 – April 6 Christ Collides with Our Blinders

Luke 18:31-19:10 Open my eyes, ears, heart, Lord. Help me to see, hear, love. #732 Open My Eyes – Voices Together

#### Lent 6 – April 13 Christ Collides with Our Expectations Palm / Passion Sunday



Luke 19:29-44 Intergenerational Sunday School Jesus is coming; pave the way with branches. Jesus is coming. Hosanna! #312 Jesus Is Coming – Voices Together

### Maundy Thursday – April 17

Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; I Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31-35 *Stay with me, pray with me, watch with me, weep with me...the night has come.* #319 Stay with Me, the Night Has Come – *Voices Together* 

#### Good Friday – April 18 Worship & Communion Service 10:00 am

Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42 Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all #323 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross – Voices Together



## Easter Resurrection Sunday – April 20 Christ Collides with Death



Isaiah 65:17-25; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Acts 10:34-43; Luke 24:1-12 Christ the Lord is risen today! Alleluia! All creation join to say: Alleluia! Raise your joys and triumphs high: Alleluia! Sing, O heaven, and earth reply: Alleluia! #346 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today – Voices Together

**Easter Potluck Breakfast 8:30 am** – Please bring breads, fruit, and other breakfast foods to share, plus your own dishes. Beverages provided. <u>No nut food items</u> please.



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Easter Resurrection Sunday Potluck Breakfast 8:30 am Worship 9:45 am