

This Week at Faith United

Monday March 30	Pastoral Care Meeting (LR): 10.30am Euchre (S): 1pm Sparks (S): 6:00pm Pathfinders/Rangers (SR): 6:30pm The Porch <i>Light</i> Bible Study (LR): 6:30pm
Tuesday March 31	Quilting & Knitters (SR): 9:30am Tots on Tuesday: 10am Happy Harmony Choir (SR): 7pm
Wednesday April 1	
Thursday April 2	Men's Gathering (LR): 9:30am M&S Meeting (LR): 1pm Maundy Thursday Potluck Supper (S): 5.30pm Choir (S): 7pm
Friday April 3	Good Friday Office is closed Worship Service (S): 10.30am
Saturday April 4	
Sunday April 5	Easter Sunday Sunrise Service w/ Communion (Upper Garden): 7am Hybrid Worship (S): 10:30 am Joyful Noise: 10:30am Private Rental (S): 7pm

Faith United is a scent-free environment.
Our accessible washroom is on the main floor.
Please share your bulletins, then recycle them.

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Next Week's Reading

The scripture reading for April 5th is Matthew 28: 1-10 (NRSV) and our reader is Dan Hanewich.

Souper Sundaes

Save the date of April 12th, following worship! \$10 gets you a variety of soups, bread roll, and a 'make-your-own-sundae' station. Hot/cold drinks included. Children eat for free

Faith United Mission Statement

We believe in a loving and forgiving God, shown to us through Jesus Christ, creation, the bible, and the community of believers.

Therefore, we will:

strive to provide a spiritual home that is openly welcoming, nurturing and safe whatever a person's gifts, age, ethnicity, exceptionality, disability, gender identity, sexual orientation, or social or economic circumstance may be.
seek to become disciples of Christ growing in faith through worship, study and prayer;
risk sharing our resources with local and global neighbours in response to God's call;
be committed to the responsible use and care of all that God has entrusted to us;
encourage all who gather here to participate freely in the life and work of this church.

Let our actions reflect our faith.

As an act of respect and reconciliation we at Faith United acknowledge that our church is on the unceded land of the (Ah-nish-nah-bay) Anishinaabe, the (HO-den-o-SHO-nee) Haudenosaunee Confederacy, and the Huron-Wendat. We are treaty people living in the region of the Williams Treaty.

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**March 29th, 2026
Palm Sunday/Start of Holy Week**



Text in **bold** indicates speaking in unison.
This symbol ** indicates we will stand if able
Hearing amplification devices available at the sound booth
This service is being livestreamed on YouTube

WE GATHER

Blessing of the Palms: In the Atrium, Rev. Ned will bless the palm fronds with any who wish to take part. Then all will be invited to join in a procession into the sanctuary.

Procession of the Palms: Those who wish to take part may leave their seats to join in handing out palms, waving them, and shouting Hosanna!

Call to Worship

"Prayer by Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org."
Adapted by Rev. Ned

One: Will you follow? Will you lay down your coat?
Will you lay down something important? Will you shout "Hosanna"? Will you join the parade? Will you sing, even if your throat is hoarse? Will you cut down a palm branch? Will you wave it in the air? Will you follow the one riding on a donkey? Will you let this good news inspire you to act?

**All: We will. We will sing.
We will pay close attention.
We will worship. We will follow.**

One: Hosanna!
All: Hosanna!
One: Hosanna!
All: Hosanna!
One: Blessed is the one
who comes in the name of the Lord!

All: Amen!

**** Praise Song:** 'Desert Road' by Casting Crowns

Welcome and Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

"Prayer by Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org."

Jesus of Nazareth,
we know that you spent your days teaching and healing.
You marched through the streets and walked on water.
You laid hands on the sick
and broke bread at crowded dinner tables.
Your good news was not confined to conversation.
It was not confined to the Temple.
Your good news was an act of love, alive in the world.
Holy God, we long for a faith like that.
Forgive us for the times when we confine our faith
to something we think about,
as opposed to something we act upon.
Inspire us to love as you loved.
Inspire us to act.
With hope for tomorrow we pray, amen.

Words of Forgiveness

Prayer by Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org."

One: Church family,
whether or not you wave your palm branch,
whether or not you live out your faith,
whether or not you allow this good news to inspire
your actions,
God will never stop loving you.
Jesus will never stop marching for you.
The Spirit will never stop listening to you.
All: We are claimed, loved, and held in grace.
What good, good news. Amen!

Children's Hymn - Entrance:

"This Little Light of Mine" (v1)

Time For Young & Young at Heart

Communion

One: ... we join with all creation and the faithful of every
time and place in proclaiming the song of creation:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

One: ... we proclaim the mystery of our faith:
All: Christ has died. Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Prayer of Jesus (The Lord's Prayer)

We offer our prayers to the one God, Mother of us all,
as we join in the prayer of Jesus:

Sharing of the Elements

Prayer After Communion

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Mark 11: 1-11
(read by Sajid Amaya via video)

Music Ministry: "Where Have they Taken My Lord"
By B. Stevens

Message: "The Good News is Inspiring Us to Act"

WE RESPOND

** Hymn: "Ride On, Ride On, the Time is Right" VU 126

Life and Work of the Congregation

Offering

Offertory Prayer (unison)

Loving God, we give these gifts with thankful hearts.
Use them to share your love, your mercy,
and your hope with the world.

Hymn: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" VU 149 v.1,4

WE GO OUT TO BE THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

** **Benediction & Commissioning**

** **Closing:** Three Fold Amen

VU 967

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East Central Ontario Prayer Cycle
Bridgenorth United Church – Bridgenorth, ON

Annual Easter Memorial Butterfly Tree
Forms and donation envelopes are on the table, or send
an e-transfer. All donations go to the chancel budget.
Names for butterflies must be received by Sunday
March 29th.

The Porch *Light* Bible Study, Monday 6:30-8pm
In-person in the Living Room and on Zoom. The Zoom
link will be sent out on Monday.

The Seasons of Lent and Easter

Maundy Thursday Potluck Supper: potluck
commemorating the Last Supper; April 2nd at 5:30pm.

Good Friday service: April 3rd at 10:30am.

Easter Sunrise Service with Communion: April 5th at
7am here at Faith United, with Ebenezer joining.

Easter Sunday Service: April 5th at 10:30am.

Our Sympathies – To The Sylvestervich Family
Please hold Gail's family in your prayers; she passed
away on March 23rd. Funeral details to follow.

April Food Drive

Our next food drive is on April 7th, for Simcoe Hall
Settlement House. Please see the poster on the bulletin
board or on the website for items needed.