

# THE UNION CHURCH IN WABAN



April 17, 2016  
The Fourth Sunday after Easter

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*“Welcome to worship at the Union Church in Waban. This morning, Sunday school-aged children are with us for the first part of worship before departing for a one room school house. Lisa Barry, our professional nursery staff person, is pleased to care for our infants and toddlers in the Rainbow Room. An usher will be happy to help you locate the Rainbow Room.”*

*-Rev. Stacy Swain*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

“This Is the Day”

*verse 1*

This is the day, this is the day  
that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made:  
we will re-joice, we will re-joice  
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
This is the day that the Lord has made,  
we will re-joice and be glad in it;  
This is the day, this is the day  
that the Lord has made.

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

Rev. Stacy Swain

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You”

*#4, verses 1, 2 &3*

**PRAYER FOR GOD’S GRACE (Together)**

Sandra DaDalt

**Creator, Redeemer, Sustaining God. We ask your grace be upon us this day. We want to love you with our whole hearts and love our neighbors as ourselves, but sometimes find it hard to do so.**

**So shine the light of your love into our lives, we pray. Guide us and renew us. Help us to more fully experience your grace so that we may be beacons of hope, sources of comfort, founts of inspiration, and ambassadors of your love, in this beautiful but wounded world. We pray all of this in the name of Love. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE**

**\*THE GREETING OF PEACE**

Leader: May God’s Peace be with you

People: **And also with you.**

## CHILDREN'S TIME

Rev. Stacy Swain

### **The Lord's Prayer (Trespases)**

*(Children are invited to stand. Congregation may remain seated)*

**All: 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 trespases,  
As we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
The power, and the glory,  
For ever and ever.  
Amen**

## READINGS

James MacDonald

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;<sup>[a]</sup>  
he restores my soul.<sup>[b]</sup>  
He leads me in right paths<sup>[c]</sup>  
for his name's sake.  
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil;  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff—  
they comfort me.  
You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.  
Surely goodness and mercy<sup>[d]</sup> shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD  
my whole life long.

## **John 21: 1-19**

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

**SERMON**

"Breakfast of Champions or a Slice of Humble Pie"

Rev. Stacy Swain

**TIME OF PRAYER**

*(You will be invited to speak your prayers aloud during this time. Additionally, you may write a prayer in the prayer book that resides at the entrance of the sanctuary to be lifted up as we pray. You may also write your prayer on the pew card and place it in the offering plates to be prayed during our Wednesday morning prayer group.)*

**Leader:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And with thy spirit.

**Leader:** Let us begin our prayer in silence.

**Pastoral Prayer**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

“O Lord Hear My Prayer”

*Taize Community, verse 1*

♩ = 72

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call an - swer me. O  
The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: All my hope comes from God. The

Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me. O  
Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well - spring of life. The

**SERVICE OF SHARING**

Sandra DaDalt

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

“Follow Me!” (Fisherman Peter)

*South Carolina Spiritual*

**\*DOXOLOGY (Together)**

All people who on Earth do dwell, sing out to God with cheerful voice,  
serve God with mirth, whose praise you tell, whose presence calls you to rejoice. Amen

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Together)**

Lord, richly bless and multiply these offerings of gratitude, so that all  
whose lives they touch may know the grace and power of your love. Amen.

**SHARING OF THE LIFE AND MINISTRY**

Rev. Stacy Swain

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

“I’m So Glad, Jesus Lifted Me”

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**\*BENEDICTION**

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**POSTLUDE**

“Ain-a That Good News!”

*Traditional Spiritual, arr. by John Carter*

**\*Please stand as you are able.**

**All are welcome to a time of fellowship and refreshments  
following the service. Just follow the crowd!**

## A SEASON OF STEWARDSHIP

It is the wonderful time of year when we embark on our annual stewardship campaign. The theme for this year's retreat was finding rest and renewal and building resiliency. This also seems perfect for the stewardship campaign. My family has been attending the church since 2004 and I think our leadership, congregation and overall state of the church are as strong as they have ever been. This was not always the case and our current circumstances certainly help me find rest.

As far as renewal, I experience this in so many ways but a few examples are listening to Stacy's sermons, attending special services (e.g. Christmas, Easter and Mother's Day) hearing about mission and the wonderful work they are doing and simply finding time to sit for an hour and listen. In our house, it is often a rush to get to church and we often arrive a little bit late, but when we make it, I always appreciate the time I spend in the pew and talking to fellow congregants.

Finally, I'd like to talk about building resiliency. As mentioned earlier, our church is on solid footing. Nevertheless there will be challenges ahead. Issues like continuing to service our debt, a new roof or other unforeseen capital expenses make it important for us all to give what we can to the stewardship campaign. Our investment account is in good shape, but we rely on the generosity of our congregation to fund annual operations and save the investment account for these unforeseen challenges.

I hope you will join me in giving to this year's stewardship campaign.

Grant Gund, Co-chair, Stewardship Committee

### Calendar

Sun., April 17	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday Service
Tues., 19	12:00 p.m.	Lunch Bunch
Wed., April 20	7:30 a.m.	Prayer Group
	9– 9:30 a.m.	Coffee with Stacy (Starbucks)
	10:30 a.m.	Waban Health
Sun., April 24	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:30 a.m.	Youth Task Force
	11:30 a.m.	Creating a Food System in Sync with Creation.

## Our Covenant

We, the members of The Union Church in Waban, true to our founding principle of being an inclusive church, covenant together to nourish and to sustain in our common life and practice a fully welcoming and affirming church for all persons. Welcoming all persons who seek to join with us in a commitment to love God and our neighbors, affirming the inclusive love of Jesus, we are open to all, without regard to race, gender, sexual orientation, nationality, ability or economic circumstance. We invite all to full participation in our worship, membership, leadership and life of this church.

## The Council of UCW

**Co-Moderators:** Anne Gatewood and Karen Weisgerber  
Liz Caronna                      Jim MacDonald                      Karen O'Beirne  
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## The Union Church Staff

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