

HOW WE SERVE AT ESSEX CRC

Nursery

Today

Usher

Today

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Coffee Clean Up

Today

Scripture Readers

Today

Children's Moment

Elevator

Little Lambs

Today

Sunday School

Offerings

Today Benevolence

Apr 2 Essex Food Bank (Good Friday)

Apr 4 Resonate Global Mission

Apr 11 World Renew – Refugee Sunday

Pastoral Prayer

Today

Preacher

Pastor Steve Vandyk



ESSEX CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

519-776-5071

www.essexcrc.ca



Our Church facility is equipped with an Induction Loop Assistive Listening System. See an Usher or a member of the Sound team for assistance



Find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/EssexCRC Like us and keep informed with what is happening here!

Pastor's Office Hours

Monday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Tuesday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Wednesday – Day off

Thursday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Church Office Hours

Tuesday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Thursday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Friday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

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Sunday March 28, 2021

Morning Worship 10:00 am

The April 2021 Banner and March/April Today booklets are ready for pick up on the back table.

SUNDAY MARCH 28, 2021

Welcome to everyone either here in-person or online to our worship service this morning, especially if you are a guest with us.

SYMBOLS OF LENT

The sixth Sunday of Lent is known as Palm or Passion Sunday. The palm branch is the symbol for this celebration and when celebrating the kingship of Christ.

Our Church Family

Ginny K, sister-in-law to **Geri H** is doing so much better. She is able to walk on the sidewalk with only a cane now! Just amazing – God is good. We want to thank everyone for all their prayers and well wishes during her recovery. It was very much appreciated. Praise God for His healing hand! Keep those family members and friends in prayer as they endure with various health issues **Chris B, Lea H, Ed M, John O, Wilma W** along with those who are in various nursing and retirement homes (**Pete & Betty A, Cory B, Diny K, Nick Sr, and Anna P**).

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Congratulations to Jason M (today), Tena D & Electa B (Wed), Calvin D (Thurs) and Matthew V (Fri). May the Lord bless you!

What is Happening This Week

10:00 am – Palm Sunday Morning Worship with Pastor Steve Vandyk in-person and online at Facebook/Essex CRC.

The Mat'ters – Monday at 1:30 – 3:30 pm

Cadets – Monday at 6:30 pm on Zoom

Catechism – Tuesday at 7:00 pm on Zoom

Good Friday Service – Friday at 10:00 am in-person or online at Facebook/EssexCRC.

Next Sunday April 4, 2021

10:00 am – Easter Sunday Morning Worship with Pastor Steve Vandyk in-person and online at Facebook/EssexCRC.

At-home Faith Formation Tip - The Practice of Listening: Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote, “Just as love to God begins with listening to His Word, so love for the brethren is learning to listen to them.” Who might you show this kind of “listening love” to in the coming week? For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit www.crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices

Weekly Offerings

Today's offerings are for the **FINANCIAL MINISTRY PLAN AND BENEVOLENCE**

This offering helps those with needs in our church and in the community.

Good Friday April 2 offering is for Essex Food Bank.

Easter Sunday April 4 offering is for Resonate Global Mission

Resonate continues the work of Home Missions and World Missions in partnering with churches to do campus ministry, plant churches, train and equip pastors and develop future leaders. Additionally, it means sending missionaries overseas, proclaiming the Gospel and forging lasting partnerships. With your prayers and financial support Resonate Global Mission will be able to equip all our churches for ministry and join together with what God is already doing around the world.

WORLD RENEW

Share God's Hope with Refugee Families on April 11

In two weeks, let us join World Renew in celebrating the lives that have been transformed thanks to sponsors who stepped in to welcome and offer support to refugee families escaping war, persecution and injustice. Discover how through our gifts or through sponsorship we can support men, women, and children in rebuilding their lives in Canada and finding unfailing love in Jesus Christ. For more information go to: www.worldrenew.ca/refugeesunday

CANADA-WIDE ONLINE WOMEN'S RETREAT - APRIL 16 & 17, 2021

Ladies, you're invited to a weekend retreat from the comfort of your home. Many of us have struggled in this year of living through a pandemic. Our theme is Blessed is the one whose Hope is in the Lord. - Jer. 17:7-8 Join us for a weekend of three keynote sessions, and a great variety of breakouts! Register this week to be sure to get your Retreat Gift Box in the mail in time. Or feel free to register without the gift box option. To register and find all the details, go to www.inspirationalwomen.ca Sponsored by Global Coffee Break and Resonate Global Mission.

THE ANNUAL BANNER APPEAL IS UNDERWAY!

The 2021 appeal for The Banner, the CRC's award-winning monthly magazine, has started. The Banner is delivered free in print and online, and this annual donation appeal makes it possible. To help keep this community conversation going please give online now at: www.thebanner.org/donate

PALM SUNDAY MARCH 28, 2021
MORNING WORSHIP – 10:00 AM

PASTOR STEVE VANDYK
MUSIC – ASHLEY ALLEN, PRAISE TEAM

OFFICE OF SOCIAL JUSTICE

Movie Discussion: There's Something in the Water - Do you love discussing movies with other folks? Don't miss the opportunity to discuss "There's Something in the Water" in our different regional discussion groups. Groups will also discuss ways we can care for creation as believers! www.eventbrite.com/o/crc-climate-witness-project-17315538204

GROUNDWORK: FATHER, INTO YOUR HANDS

In the finality of Jesus Christ's dying words we discover hope. Join our Groundwork conversation on Luke 23:26-31, 44-49 to understand Jesus' experience and see how he teaches us about our relationship with God and life after death in one simple dying sentence. Listen now at www.GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

JESUS IS MY LIFELINE

As we prepare for Easter, check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net Jesus knew that saving us meant he had to die on the cross. But he did it. He loved you so much that he even gave his own life in order to save you. Listen now at kidscorner.net and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for all the new content.

ON THE ROAD TO WITNESS

Are you ready to reimagine evangelism and discipleship in a world changed by COVID? Do you feel the need to reignite your congregation's passion for mission? Are you passionate about sharing your faith? Then Resonate Global Mission's Glocal Mission Summit is for you! Join us Thursday, May 13, 2021 through Saturday, May 15, 2021 for this VIRTUAL conference. It's free to attend. Learn more and register at www.ResonateGlobalMission.org/Glocal

OPEN HOUSE APPOINTMENTS

UMEI is hosting an in-person open house event on Tuesday, April 6th. Come and meet the teachers, discover classes and extracurricular, and so much more! Please note **this open house is by appointment only!** Please call Megan in the office at 519-326-7448 or email her at office@umei.ca to book a time slot!

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Registration is open for the 2021-22 School Year and we still have spots available in Grades 9-12! For more information or to request an application package, please email office@umei.ca

THE GATHERING

Prelude		
Welcome & Opening		
† Song	"Psalm 23"	on screen
† Call to Worship		
† Gathering Song	"Hosanna, Praise Is Rising"	on screen
† God's Greeting		
† Song of Praise	"Crown Him with Many Crowns"	LUYH 223
	"Hosanna Loud Hosannas"	LUYH 145

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Prayer of Confession
Assurance of Pardon
Preparatory for Lord's Supper

THE PROCLAMATION

Children's Song	"Hosanna"	on screen
Children's Moment		
The Prayers of God's People		
Prayer of Illumination		
Scripture Reading	Matthew 26: 57 – 75	
Message	The Way of the Cross: Trial and Denial	
† Song of Response	"The Wonderful Cross"	LUYH 176

THE SENDING

† Benediction		
† Doxology	"May the Mind of Christ My Saviour"	LUYH 334: 1,3,5
† Postlude		

OFFERINGS AND PRAYERS

Offering	Financial Ministry Plan – <i>budget box on the wall</i> Benevolence – <i>plate on the back table</i>
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† Indicates Congregation standing if able