

**The United Church of Canada:  
Mount Forest-Woodland Pastoral Charge  
Woodland – 9:15 a.m. Mount Forest United – 11 a.m.  
Mount Forest United Church**

Praise Band (MF) *during opening processional from the fire.*

Lighting of the Christ Candle

\* Hymn: Jesus Christ is Risen Today (VU 155)

Passing of the Peace

*Share in the ancient Christian practice of sharing peace & reconciliation.*

*Within our sanctuary, and out into the wider world.*

Welcome

\* We Prepare our Hearts:

We believe, before birds begin to sing,  
dawn shouts:

**Alleluia!**

We believe, when resurrection comes,  
God shouts:

**Alleluia!**

We believe, when the gardener speaks  
Mary shouts:

**Alleluia!**

We believe, when angels fold away the grave-clothes,  
Peter shouts:

**Alleluia!**

We believe, when there are no other words to use,  
Heaven shouts:

**Alleluia!**

\* Hymn: This is the Day That God Has Made (VU 175)

Opening Prayer (unison):

**God,  
we are hardly awake,  
the dawn has hardly begun,  
the sky has hardly brightened,  
and already you have changed things.**

**Alleluia!**

**Mary has hardly arrived,  
the dust has hardly settled,  
dawn chorus has hardly begun,  
and everything is now somehow different.**

**Alleluia!**

**We hardly understand,  
we hardly dare,  
we hardly believe it,  
but you have transformed everything.**

**Alleluia!**

**We Listen for God's Word**

\* Hymn (MF): Child of Blessing, Child of Promise (VU 444)

*If you brought water for the font,*

*please come forward and add it to the font during the hymn.*

CELEBRATION OF HOLY BAPTISM (see insert)

*(Children will depart for Sunday School following baptisms)*

Prayer for Illumination:

**Holy One,**

**all over the world, people are gathering to hear the same story.**

**All over the world, people are gathering to hear how death lost its sting.**

**All over the world, people are gathering together, praying for a glimpse of you.**

**So like our neighbors all over the world, we pray, be here.**

**Speak to us today.**

**Soften the calloused parts of our hearts until we can sense your Holy Spirit in our midst once more.**

**With eagerness and hope, we run to the tomb. We sing alleluia. We bow our heads. We listen for you.**

**Amen.**

Reading: Matthew 28:1-10

These words are offered as wisdom for our journey.

**May we walk together in their truth.**

Ministry of Music/Choir

Sermon: Inside Out & Upside Down, Alleluia!

\* Hymn: Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks (VU 179)

## We Respond to God's Word

Invitation to the Offering for the Work and Witness of the Church  
Offertory

\* Offering Response: (VU 538)

***For the gift of creation, the gift of your love,  
and the gift of the Spirit by which we live,  
we thank you and give you the fruit of our hands.  
May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give.***

\* Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People  
A New Creed: VU p 918

## We Go Out to Love & Serve God's World

\* Hymn: Thine is the Glory (VU 173)

\* Sending Forth

Lord Jesus, in your risen splendor  
you have broken the power of sin  
and burst the bonds of death.

**Let joy abound in us; let joy assail the sadness of the world.**

Let all creation rejoice;

**Let the saints in heaven rejoice; let the angelic choirs rejoice!**

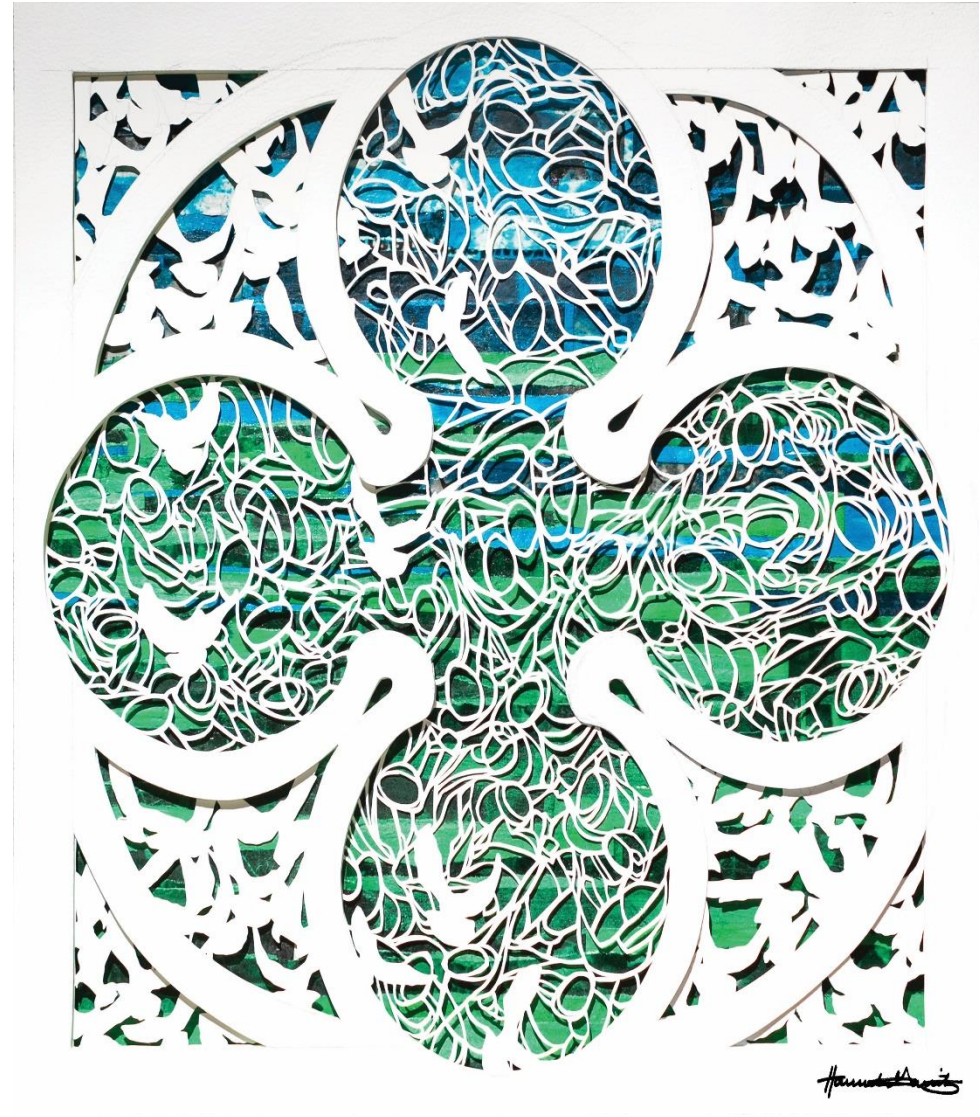
May joy abound, ascend, resound.

**Glory Alleluia! AMEN.**

\*Sung Benediction: VU p 958

***Halle, Halle, Halle-lujah!  
Halle, Halle, Halle-lujah!  
Halle, Halle, Halle-lujah!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!***

**April 5, 2026**



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