

APOLLO UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

3rd Sunday of Easter
April 19, 2026 11:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

PRELUDE "The Glory of the Spirit" L. Smith

WORDS of WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS and BIRTHDAYS

JOYS and CONCERNS

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord.

All: I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,

One: in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem.

All: Praise the Lord!

*** HYMN #232 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"**

CALL TO CONFESSION Joyce Wildi

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*unison*)

Merciful God, even as we proclaim Jesus Christ, we miss him living in our own midst. We find ourselves preoccupied with our own well-being and success, often forgetting your command to love our neighbor as ourselves. We turn away from what challenges our way of thinking and seek the easier way. Show us again how to live a resurrection faith, a faith that sees life and hope in the midst of death and destruction. Transform our hearts so that they may once again be filled with love and moved to actions of grace and mercy. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

*** DECLARATION OF PARDON**

***GLORIA PATRI #581**

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

We Listen to God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 2:14a, 36-41 CEB NT p. 119

MOMENT OF WORD AND WONDER

EPISTLE LESSON 1 Peter 1:17-23 CEB NT p.232

PREACHING OF THE WORD "Liberation"

We Respond to God's Word

*** HYMN #485 "We Know That Christ Is Raised"**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*from the Confession of Belhar*)
We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain. That this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory "There is a Balm in Gilead" C. B. Putnam

*Doxology #606

*Prayer of Gratitude for God's Abundance (unison)

Lord, we know that every good and perfect gift comes from you. We pray that the gifts of time, talent and treasure we have offered today will work for the good of the world, so that your love will be known not just in word but in action. In the name of the risen Christ, we pray.

We Go Forth to Serve

*HYMN #482 "Baptized in Water"

* CHARGE & BLESSING

POSTLUDE "Hallelujah, What a Savior!" P. P. Bliss

**Please stand in body or spirit*

Wrapping our community in God's love, one person at a time.

We believe that we are all ministers supported by:

Rev. Niki Atkinson – Office Hours Tues. & Wed. 9:30-4:00

Please call for appointments.

E-mail pastor@aupc.comcastbiz.net

Amy Shupe, Organist; Joel Varga, Assistant Organist

Zach Bush, Trumpeter Sam Mullooly, Trombonist

Linda Truffa, Office Administrator

Jerrilyn Mollick, Custodian

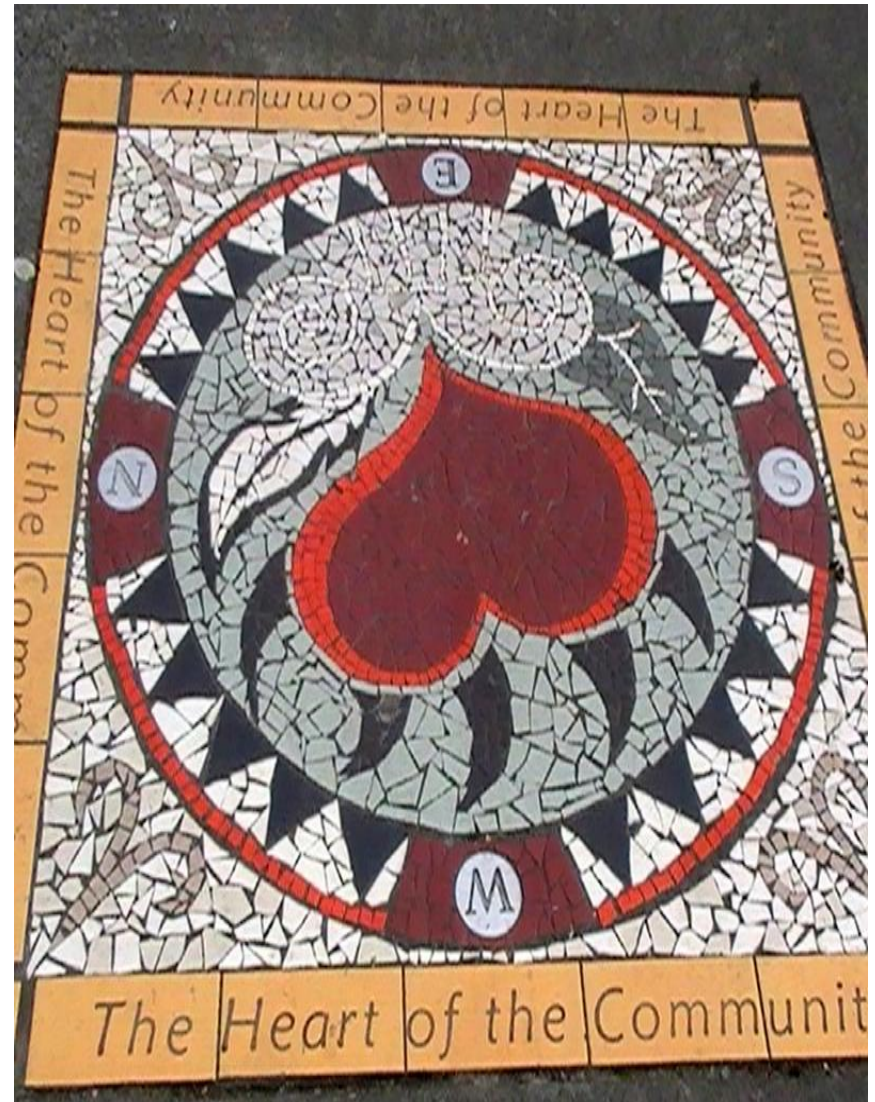
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Office Hours: Monday through Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Today's Acolyte ~ *Knox Kanish*



"The Heart of the Community"

Mosaic artwork

One of 31 mosaics embedded on sidewalks throughout Vancouver's Downtown Eastside
Corner of Hastings St. at Main St.
Vancouver, BC, Canada

WEEKLY PRAYER CONCERNS

Household: Deana Waters
 Joyce Wildi
 Faith Friends: Lani Knox
 Our Church: Session
 The Churches of the Kiskiminetas Presbytery
 Presbytery: The Palisades (Synod of Northeast)
 Denomination: Presbyterian Church (USA)
 Nation: India – New Delhi

IMMEDIATE Mary Kaufmann, Lydia, Steve ☺, Shelly ☺, Pat, Butch, Viviana's birth Derek & Shelly's new granddaughter, Missy & Buddy traveling mercies, Eric, sympathy to Kathleen Fouse on loss of her son, Jeff, Jeff R., Chris, Jess & family, Ann, Kayley, Laura's nieces, Christine, our behind-the-scene church workers, Kelly's 40th!!, Lydia, Carole Kennedy, Pastor Niki's mom, Joey at Pinewood Derby, Michelle, Loretta ☺, Chris' car accident, Shirley Jackson, Yough students, Anne Cloonan, Scott Hubbard, The family of Carl Zukas, Sr., Jeff Kirkman home, Cathy, Chris Martin.

CONTINUING Adam, Cate & baby Rosalind ☺, Mel Sylvis, Doris Ann 90th Birthday, Nancy Campitella, Rodger. Shirley Coy, Cate Liska, SueEllen, Joanie, Laurie, family of Larry W., Liam, Kathy Wilson ☺, Grant, Thanks Kaminski, Gizzler & Hollabaughs for shoveling.

ONGOING

Nora, Eric Ribar, Missy, Katie, Eddie, Donnie Riggle, Gary Harkcom, Bill & Linda Crabtree, Frank Kovak, Josh Hanus, Shannon Pruss, Chris Hilker, Carol Gallagher, Linda Gould, Snedecor family, Alan Shockey, Bonnie Machak, Lani Knox, Nick Arnoldy, Benjamin Mumaw, Sean George.

MINISTRY All those affected by the Coronavirus, flu, and RSV and those working in the health care field, first responders, research, and government. Food 4 Kids, AUPC Deacon's Emergency Fund, Support for our church, EPR Mugombwa; Victims of violence and natural disasters; President Donald Trump, our country, other world leaders, our church and its leaders, the war & military personnel, wounded military at home and in hospitals, terrorist victims, Kiskiminetas' Rwanda Partnership



Currently, in the vestibule near the ramp door, there is a box just waiting for donations for our Emergency Food Pantry. You may donate as you wish or see Nancy Russo for a list of "most needed" items. She can also provide you with a list of what is normally stocked. **Thanks for your donations!**

April 19, 2026 CHURCH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS		
<u>SUNDAY</u>	Sunday School	10:00 AM
	Worship	11:00 AM
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	SESSION	7:00 PM
<u>SUNDAY</u>	Sunday School	10:00 AM
	Worship	11:00 AM

HELP THE NEXT FAMILY ENJOY OUR PRAYGROUND! PLEASE TIDY-UP AFTER YOUR CHILDREN ATTEND THAT AREA. THANK YOU!

*In the vestibule you will find:
APRIL Newsletter
 Places to go & things to do on the bulletin board!*

SUNDAY MORNING COUNTERS, OPENERS & CLOSERS
 April 19 ~ Laura Uncapher & Nancy Russo

KID'S BAKE SALE TODAY!
 Proceeds will be used to bolster the Church Camper's Fund!

**2026 GRADUATION DAY IS ALMOST HERE!
IT IS AN AUPC TRADITION TO RECOGNIZE
AND HONOR ALL GRADUATES WHO HAVE ANY
CONNECTION WITH OUR CHURCH. WE ARE ASKING
YOUR ASSISTANCE IN IDENTIFYING THOSE
GRADUATING FROM COLLEGE, TRADE SCHOOL, HIGH
SCHOOL, ETC. SO THEY MAY BE INCLUDED IN
"GRADUATION SUNDAY" ON JUNE 14, DURING WORSHIP.
A RECEPTION WILL FOLLOW. PLEASE CALL THE
OFFICE WITH THE GRADUATES INFO. THANKS!**



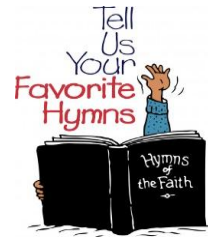
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SUMMER CHURCH CAMPS ARE REGISTERING CAMPERS!



Pine Springs Camp information is available online. Camps Lutherlyn and Lambec have information in our vestibule. If you have any questions or need more information, contact Amy Zukas @ 724-681-4044. If you're a perspective camper and have questions, speak with Miss Amy or to one of our kids who have already enjoyed church camp. Parents: There are several sources of funding available to get your kids to camp! See Miss Amy. **HAPPY CAMPING!**

**We Need Your Help!** It has been brought to the attention of the Administration Team that pew etiquette needs some revival. Before you leave your pew and our beautiful sanctuary, please make sure you survey your area and leave it just as you found it! Particularly be aware of food crumbs, wrappers, bulletins, etc. Our staff will take care of the rest: sweeping, polishing, etc. Together we'll be a **CLEAN TEAM! Thank You!**



## "Hymns of Our Hearts"

Lots of us have favorite hymns...Pastor Niki wants to know **YOURS!** This summer, we will have a sermon series to focus on some of your favorite hymns, the scriptures they bring to mind, and what God is teaching us through them. Here's how to submit your favorite hymns to Pastor Niki for consideration:

**1. Write your favorite hymns on the back of the yellow cards in the pew rack, or on a piece of paper, then put them into the offering plate for her to get later.**

**2. Write a list of your favorite hymns and send via email to [pastor@aupc.comcastbiz.net](mailto:pastor@aupc.comcastbiz.net).**

**3. Write your list and leave it in her mailbox next to the office.**

Your favorites don't have to be in our current hymnal. They don't have to be in the English language (but a translation is helpful!) Pastor Niki will tally up the submissions and choose the top 6 for our series. Thank you for your help!

