



Sunday, April 7th, 2024

Join us for Sunday worship in person at 10:30 a.m. or online. [Click here](#) for the live-streamed service.

Worship with us at Riverbend United Church

April 5, 2024

Dear friends:

This week Matthew Schoenhardt will lead us in worship. Here is what Matthew has to say about this week's worship service:

Rated #175 of the 500 Greatest Songs of All time is, "I Fought the Law (and the Law Won)" which is also the title of this Sunday's homily.

What is the difference between a sermon and a homily? Until a few years ago, I didn't know either! After one of my earlier services, a member of our congregation enlightened me.

A homily is directly tied to scripture and its interpretation, while a sermon is for religious direction or prompting moral behaviour. This homily will share some insights into this week's scripture prompted by one of Valerie's sermons.

In contrast with Lectio Divina a few Sundays ago - where we focused on brief passages - this homily will focus on the larger story occurring within Matthew 22: 1-45 (yes the whole chapter!) and its sister passages in Mark 12: 1-34 and Luke 20: 9-47. All three parallel readings include a wonderful set of parables, the "Render unto Ceaser" dialogue, and ends with Jesus giving direction on the greatest Old Testament commandments (hidden in the depths of Deuteronomy and Leviticus of all places!).

Don't worry, there will be word play and pictures too!

If that doesn't entice, Matthew picked all the hymns for this Sunday: so while we will not be singing, "I Fought the Law (and the Law won), we will be singing all the classics we didn't get to sing at last Sunday's wonderful Easter Cantata.

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NOTE

If you want to be included in our new church directory, you need to fill out the contact card either [online here](#) or in the narthex. Being in an old directory doesn't count! The directory will be given to those listed in it. Thank you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please [click here](#) for this week's Order of Service
- Click [here](#) for this week's Announcements
- Click [here](#) for the **2023 Annual Report** which will be presented at the Riverbend United Church Annual General Meeting to be held on April 14th following Sunday morning worship.
- Click [here](#) for the Spring edition of **The Front Pew**, our quarterly newsletter. Hard copies are also available at Church.