

**Thursday** We lift up Darren and Crista Lof as they lead **Gather Church Steveston in Richmond**. We pray for them as they pursue their mission "to glorify God by building up and equipping the church to go and make disciples of Jesus".

**Friday** We pray for our whole church community; our elders, deacons, staff, congregation, and ministries. May we trust in Christ and know the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we anticipate being able to open up more programs and ministries.

**Saturday** We pray for those who are sick, shut-in or bereaved. We especially remember: Elsie Baum, Agnes Becker, Russ and Rita Crossley, Kurt Gottschling, John Hait, Lavina Hait, Linda and Tor Hoen, Diane Reichert, Jose and Elena Ronsano, Jean Tsui, and Pearl Weiss. We lift up Carol Townsend, Crista Lof, Michelle Kahlon, and their families after the passing of Rick. May they find healing, wholeness, comfort and peace in Christ.

If you would like prayer for any person or reason, please contact Sharon Iseli (604-244-1636), Freda Ross (604-326-5123) or the church office. We can pray during the Pastoral Prayer and/or list them in the Sunday bulletin, as well as through the Prayer Chain.

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## Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022



### 10:30am Worship Celebration

### Sermon: "Embracing the New"

### John 13:18-35

### Pastor Jerry Ritskes

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## WELCOME TO EBENEZER!

We continue to worship in person at Ebenezer or online.

**We are still requesting that you wear a mask at all times (especially while singing) and maintain physical distance while you are in the building in order to help everyone stay safe and well.**

Please remember to stay home if you are not feeling well and we encourage you to join us online if you are not yet fully vaccinated.

May God bless you richly today and every other day!

## WORSHIP SERVICE

**Welcome & Call to Worship**

**Prayer**

**Opening Hymn: #28 "O Worship the King"**

**Songs of Praise and Worship**

**Psalm 23**

**Announcements**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Scripture Reading: John 13:18-35**

**Sermon: "Embracing the New" (Pastor Jerry Ritskes)**

**Song of Response**

**Closing Song: #16 "How Great Thou Art"**

**Benediction**

## THIS WEEK

**Worship Celebration at 10:30am** Pastor Jerry Ritskes will continue leading us through John 13-17 "Roots - rediscovering passionate faith" throughout this season of Lent.

## MID-WEEK PROGRAMS & NEWS

**CHALLENGERS Bible Study and Fellowship** Everyone is welcome! Meets every **Wednesday at 11am in the Lower Auditorium**. This Wednesday, the speaker is Pastor Tony Tremblett. **Please do not bring any food as a full lunch will be served this week!**

**Fellowship Group meets Friday evenings at 6:45pm (now until April 8th). All are welcome. This week, we will be meeting in the Parlour** for a time of fellowship, celebrating God's work in our lives, music, prayer, scripture, and getting to know others. (Enter the Parlour through the East 52nd office entrance).

**Celebration of Life for Rick Townsend** We are deeply saddened to announce that Rick Townsend passed away on March 1st. **There will be a celebration of life on March 19th at 1:30pm at Ebenezer with a tea to follow.** Masks and proof of vaccination will be required. Please visit [dignitymemorial.ca](http://dignitymemorial.ca) to see his obituary or leave condolences for the family. Thank you all for your prayers.

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

**Monday We pray for our NAB missionary, Elsie**

**Lewandowski, in Romania.** For more than two decades, Elsie assisted dozens of families in Cameroon by homeschooling their children, educating hundreds of children from many different backgrounds. In 2020, she signed on to join the team at Camp Falcon Rock in Romania to help homeschool the Bergman children. **Pray for Elsie's transition to Romania to go smoothly.**



**Tuesday We lift up Ukraine:** "We pray that you would be merciful on the people of Ukraine and Russia and end this war. Grant wisdom to world leaders to effectively stop evil. Allow for the truth to be known, for lies to be shown for what they are, and for evil-doers to be thwarted. Lord, we pray for those who have lost loved ones, homes, and livelihoods. Comfort and provide for the needs of those who have been displaced and seek refuge. Lord, we ask for mercy and we seek justice. We pray that you would be at work in both."  
*(Prayer written by a Resonate missionary in Ukraine, Rev. George de Vuyst)*

**Wednesday We pray for our neighbourhood:** for those needing hope, for those struggling to make ends meet, for those overwhelmed with the challenges of life. Help us to see the need, the courage to respond, and the witness to Your goodness and loving kindness.