

WELCOME to WORSHIP

St. Paul's United Church

(Kindersley, Saskatchewan)

Worship Leader: Rev. Piotr Strzelecki

Musician: Clayton Braybrook

April 12th, 2026

WELCOME TO THIS COMMUNITY OF FAITH for SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

GREETING:

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ,
the love of God and the presence
of the Holy Spirit be with you all

And also with you

CALL TO WORSHIP:

We come today as we are.

God welcomes all

into the realm of love and acceptance.

We come with questions, doubts, and fears.

**Jesus, resurrected, meets us where we are
and offers us peace and the assurance
of his continued presence in our lives.**

Let us worship God, together sharing
in the spirit of love and peace,
gifted to us through Jesus,
the resurrected Christ.

*Stephanie Richmond, Kedron U.C., Oshawa, Ont.
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WE SING:

“This Is the Day That God Has Made” (VU# 175)

WE ARE NOT ALONE:

The lighting of the Christ Candle ((Matthew 18:20/John 8:12)

The light of a lone candle
can be seen a long way off.

May our light shine in the shadows of life.

The light of a lone campfire
can be a beacon of hope.

**May our light give hope
to any who feel lost.**

The lights of even the smallest house
can signal a warm welcome
and abundant hospitality.

May our welcome mirror that of Christ.

May this light of Christ
shine through us and into the world.

Amen.

*Beth W Johnston, while at Bridging Waters P.C., Nipawin, Sask.
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-- the candle is lit --

OPENING PRAYER:

Creator God, in this time of worship,
help us again to experience your voice.

Ready us to follow your lead.

**Sometimes, especially when we are
confused, saddened, or upset,
as the disciples were
after you had left them,
we find it hard to notice a new way,
to choose a different path.**

Remind us that you are always with us
and there is always a way through,
**if we keep our minds open
and our hearts connected with yours.**
Amen.

*Catherine Tovell, Kilworth U.C., London, Ont.
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MUSICAL REFLECTION

WE LEARN TOGETHER

(time with our younger brothers and sisters)

WE SING: “I Can Feel You Near Me God” (MV# 48)

WE READ FROM OUR SACRED STORY

John 20:19-31

*Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the church.
May our hearts and ears be opened.*

REFLECTION

WE SING: “We Meet You, o Christ” (VU# 183)

WE DEDICATE WHAT WE BRING:

God...

We may have pondered the amount we decided upon for our offering for today and have many reasons for the final choice. Yet, there is no question that we want you, our God, to receive and bless it and us. In this way, may our personal discipleship and the life of our community of faith grow as an image of Jesus in action. Amen.

*Bill Perry, Belleville, Ont.
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OUR PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE SING: "May God's Sheltering Wings" (MV# 214)

PASTORAL BLESSING

... and may the blessing of God,
The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
Be with you now and always
Amen!

PASSING OF THE PEACE:

As you go from here, to share
the Good News
with all those you will encounter,
as you go from here ...
may the Peace of the Lord
be with you all.
And also with you.