

Carlisle/Kilbride United Church
April 19, 2026 – Easter 2
Kilbride 9:30 am, Carlisle 11:00 am



*Those who wish to do so are invited to stand for the Hymns and the Sending Forth/Benediction. Likewise, those who wish to do so are invited to respond aloud where indicated by **bold print**.*

Welcome & Acknowledgement of the Land:

As we worship God, we acknowledge that we are on the traditional lands of (Kilbride: the Huron-Wendat, Petun, Seneca, Neutral, Anishinaabe, and most recently the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation), (Carlisle: the Neutral, Haudenosaunee, Anishinabek, and Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation), who continue to cry out for justice. As treaty people, we commit to listen, learn, and work to right the wrongs of the past and present.

The Life and Work of the Church

Lighting of the Christ Candle: *(mgm)*

The Spirit in me greets the Spirit in you.

The Spirit of Christ is with us.

The light in me recognizes the light in you.

The Light of Christ is in our midst.

Centring Music: MV 7 – Gather Us In (x2)

Accompanied by Susan Reininger on piano, Rev. Lefneski and Debbie Roy from Emmanuel United in Cowansville, Québec, sing David Hann's 2005 hymn.

Gather Us In - Hymn

Gather us in, ground us in you.

Gather us in, ground us in you.

Gather us in, gather us in,

ground us, ground us in you.

Call to Worship: *(Celebrate God's Presence)*

Greetings, brothers and sisters in the faith.

We come to celebrate God's presence

and God's love expressed through Jesus Christ.

We come remembering Christ's life and ministry

and the life we are called to live.

We come as a pilgrim people

searching for ways to live out our faith.

We come seeking the strength to carry on our journey.

Let us rejoice in God's gift to us!

Prayer of Approach: *(Celebrate God's Presence)*

God of new beginnings,

we long to hear your holy Word in fresh ways.

Open our ears to the call of your voice.

Open our eyes to the dawning of a new day.

Fill us with anticipation for your future. Amen.

Hymn: VU 661 – Come to My Heart

Words & Music: Joe Pinson 1979

Joe Pinson's hymn is performed as a vocal duet accompanied by guitar in this lyric video, which has been shared by the online administrator for Dunville Grace United in Newfoundland.

661 VU Come to my heart Lord Jesus

teach me to walk in your way.
Come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
come to my heart today.

*Give me the peace and joy
that only you can bring.
Come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
give me a song to sing.*

2 Fill me with love, Lord Jesus;
teach me to walk in your way.
Fill me with love, Lord Jesus;
fill me with love today.

*Give me the peace and joy
that only you can bring.
Fill me with love, Lord Jesus;
give me a song to sing.*

3 Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus;
teach me to walk in your way.
Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus;
answer my prayer today.

*Give me the peace and joy
that only you can bring.
Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus;
give me a song to sing.*

Prayer for Grace: (*inspired by Psalm 23*) (mgm)

Tender shepherd, we turn to you with open hearts and confess those times when we have been slow to trust in your leading; those times when we have been too busy to pay attention to your leading; those times when we were too distracted by other voices, other concerns to hear your voice calling to us in the midst of the din of this world. Quiet our hearts and our minds, that we may hear what it is you are saying to us and to the church in this time and this place. Forgive us if we, like sheep, have gone astray.
(*silence for personal prayers*)

Lead us, God of love, in paths of righteousness for your name's sake. Amen.

Assurance of Grace:

God is with us even in life's dark valleys.
God desires only to guide and protect.
When we turn to follow the Good Shepherd,
goodness and mercy will follow us.

Thanks to be God. Amen.

Sung Response: MV 7 – Gather Us In (x2)

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Gather Us In - Hymn

Gather us in, ground us in you.
Gather us in, ground us in you.
Gather us in, gather us in,
ground us, ground us in you.

Prayer for Illumination: *(Celebrate God's Presence)*

O God, open our hearts and minds
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that as the scriptures are read
and your Word is proclaimed,
we may hear what you are saying to us today. Amen.

Readings from Our Christian Tradition

Responsive Psalm 23: VU 749, refrain 1

Gospel: John 10:1-10

10:1 "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit.

10:2 The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep.

10:3 The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

10:4 When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice.

10:5 They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers."

10:6 Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

10:7 So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep.

10:8 All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them.

10:9 I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture.

10:10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."

Response: For the words spoken among us, thanks be to God.

Reflection

Music Recording: Psalm 23 Harmony for Weary Souls by Holy Spirit Sound
[Psalm 23 Harmony for Weary Souls – Relaxing Gospel Blues for Comfort](#)

Prayers of the People:

Sing into prayer: O Lord, Hear My Prayer (v. 1)

In this 2013 audio recording, Jacques Berthier's sung prayer is performed by the London Fox Taizé Choir.

[O Lord, Hear My Prayer](#)

O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer.
When I call, answer me.
O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer.
Come and listen to me.

Prayer of Jesus: VU 960 (sung)

Music: adapt. from a chant by R. Langdon

Musicians of Golden Ears United perform R. Langdon's adaptation in this lyric video.

[The Lord's Prayer \(Langdon\) \(Instrumental Version\)](#)

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil:
for thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

Offering Prayer: (mgm)

We bring to you, God of Love, the work of our hands, the prayers of our hearts, and the willingness of our spirits. Bless these gifts, we pray, that through them and us, the light of your love might grow in the world. Amen.

Offertory: MV 191 – What Can I Do?

Musicians of St Paul's United in Golden Valley, Ontario, perform a spirited arrangement of Paul Rumbolt and Michele McCarthy's 2005 offertory. Pianist Christopher Moore certainly has fun at the keys!

[What Can I Do](#)

What can I do? What can I bring?

What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.

Hymn: VU 567 (vv. 1, 2, 4, & 5) – Will You Come and Follow Me

Words: The Iona Community 1987; Music: Scottish Traditional, arr. The Iona Community 1987

Elliana Meier, Tim Graf, Pastor Matthew Fleming, and Will Sigsbee of St Andrew Lutheran Church in Eden Prairie, Minnesota, give a heartfelt performance of this beloved Iona Community hymn with close-knit vocal harmonies. You may also come across this hymn titled "The Summons" and credited to Iona Community composers John L. Bell and Graham A. Maule.

Will You Come and Follow Me I St. Andrew Lutheran Church

- 1 Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?
- 2 Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?
- 4 Will you love the "you" you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?
- 5 Christ, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you

and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

Commissioning & Benediction

Sung Sending Forth: Go Now in Peace

Words: Don Besig and Nancy Price; Music: Don Besig

The Waterford Congregational Church Choir in Maine use this perennial favourite as a choral benediction for an outdoor service, with birds providing a lovely descant in the background! Although you may know the piece by heart, do you know how long-time music collaborators Don Besig and Nancy Price met? Their website tells the story:

When we first met – many years ago – the thought of our ever writing music together would have been absurd. As a third grader, Nancy was cast in a school production of 'The Sound of Music' which Don was directing at Hornell (NY) High School. Throughout her school years, Nancy continued to sing in various ensembles and plays under Don's direction, but it wasn't until she was a senior music education major at Ithaca College that she asked if he might be willing to compose a melody for a lyric she had written. That first piece – 'All That I Can Be' – was successfully published and became the start of a collaboration that now includes over four hundred compositions for school and church choirs.

Go Now in Peace

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true.
Know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen, amen, amen.

Online Postlude: The Lord Is My Shepherd by John Rutter

Sir John Milford Rutter (b. 1945) is a highly regarded English choral composer and conductor who also founded the Cambridge Singers. His setting of Psalm 23 is from *Requiem* (1985), consisting of seven movements scored for mixed choir and orchestra or chamber ensemble. Rutter included "The Lord Is My Shepherd," which he had actually written as an anthem in 1976, as the penultimate movement. It is performed by Chorus Angelicus, Gaudeamus, and the St Patrick-St Anthony Combined Choirs in a 2015 concert in Hartford, Connecticut.

[John Rutter concert 3.29.15 - 11. PSALM 23: THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD](#)