

# Kingston Road United Church

A Congregation of the United Church of Canada

*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Easter*

*April 14, 2024*



*Creation rings with resurrection's song!*

*Responses and Prayers in bold type are for congregational participation.*

*\* Please stand if you are able.*

## **WE GATHER**

**GATHERING MUSIC**

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

Danna Finnie

**Acknowledging the Territory**

Maddy Taylor

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Darla Cameron

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Debra

**\*HYMN**

*Come and Find the Quiet Centre*

VU 374

**OPENING WORDS**

Danna Finnie & MaddyTaylor

Holy One,  
You take us seriously.

**You Listen to our questions.**

You walk alongside us.  
**You share in our journeys.**

You surprise us and bless us.  
**You fill us with wonder.**

You call us together.  
**You call us to life.**

**LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE AND INVOCATION**

Danna Finnie & Maddie Taylor

**PASSING THE PEACE** (*acknowledge those on line*)

Danna Finnie & Maddie Taylor

May the peace of Christ be with you!  
**And also with you!**  
Please share with one another  
signs of friendship and words of peace.

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**MV 156**



**Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin',  
walk with the Spirit through-out the long day.  
Work and hope for the new life a-born-in',  
listen to the Spirit to show you the way.**

**THEME CONVERSATION**

*The Tale of the Three Trees  
Retold by Angela Elwell Hunt*

Willow Kemp

**ANTHEM**

*All in the April Evening*

Hugh S. Robertson

**INVITATION TO THE WORD**

**MV 97**



Listen,  
**Listen God is calling, through the Word inviting,  
Offering forgiveness, comfort, and joy (repeat)**

**GOSPEL READING**

*Luke 24: 13-27*

Sitara de Gagné

**MEDITATION**

*Heartbreak*

**MV 114**

**RESPONSE**



**Behold the face of Christ. O Jesus Christ,  
O Living Christ, you rise among your people.**

**GOSPEL READING**

*Luke 24: 28-35*

Sitara de Gagné

**MEDITATION**

*Pilgrim*

**MV 114**

**RESPONSE**



**Behold the face of Christ. O Jesus Christ,  
O Living Christ, you rise among your people.**

**GOSPEL READING**  
**MEDITATION**

*Luke 24: 36-48*  
*Vulnerability & Forgiveness*

Sitara de Gagné

**RESPONSE**

**MV 114**



**Behold the face of Christ. O Jesus Christ,  
O Living Christ, you rise among your people.**

**RESPONSE**

Sitara de Gagné

For the Word of God in scripture,  
For the Word of God among us,  
For the Word of God within us  
**Thanks be to God!**

**OFFERING INVITATION**

**OFFERTORY MUSIC**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**Holy God, we offer to you what we have and who we are. Receive our financial offerings whether given through PAR, e-transfer, credit card or in an envelope on the plate, and transform them and us into sacred gifts. On this day we remember the poor amongst us, the disenfranchised, the lost and lonely, the refugee. May our offerings bring blessing to all who are touched by them. In our generosity, may others recognize your generosity and your tender grace. In the name of the risen Christ, we pray. Amen**

**\* HYMN**

*The Risen Christ*

**VU 168**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Open our eyes  
**We long to see you.**

We wonder at your resurrection,  
At the hope you have given us,  
We remember  
The appearances you made to those close to you,  
And we pray that our eyes, too  
May be opened to our presence.

Open our eyes.  
**We long to see you.**

We think of Thomas,  
so full of doubt.  
Yet you recognized his need  
to be reassured by your presence.  
We offer you our concerns for our world.  
Sometimes it is hard to see your presence  
in events that unfold.

Comfort us and take away our doubt  
as we pray for reconciliation  
and hope in the world in which we live.

Open our eyes.

**We long to see you.**

We think of Peter,  
The rock on which you built your Church,  
so full of assurance and commitment  
and then so afraid and upset to have betrayed you.  
Yet you appeared  
to reassure him of your love  
and commanded him to feed your lambs.  
We pray for the Church worldwide.  
And our church here at 975 Kingston Road.  
Give us reassurance  
and openness to your guiding direction.

Open our eyes.

**We long to see you.**

We think of the women who went to your tomb,  
so sad and wanting to be near you,  
even in their disillusionment.  
You appeared to them in the form of angels  
proclaiming the good news of your resurrection;  
and the women, full of joy, rushed back to tell the good news.  
We offer ourselves and ask for your reassurance.  
Help us reach out to the communities in which we live and work.  
We pray that we will make a difference to other people's lives  
By sharing all that you have given us;  
That, through grace,  
Lives may be changed by your presence.

Open our eyes.

**We long to see you.**

We think of Mary,  
who loved you so much  
and took such risks to be close to you.  
We think of how you recognized her need to see you—  
how you wiped away her tears  
simply by speaking her name.  
We name before you  
those we know to be in special need at this time—  
those who are sick, lonely and afraid...  
Enfold them with your love and presence.  
Be close to each of them, and to others not known to us  
But known to you.

Open our eyes,  
**We long to see you.**

We think of Cleopas and his friend,  
Who walked their lonely road to Emmaus,  
a journey of sadness  
after all the events of Holy Week  
Yet you walked beside them  
and shared with them—opening their eyes to your presence  
in the breaking of the bread at supper.  
Journey alongside all those who are bereaved at this time,  
Especially...

Open our eyes,  
**We long to see you.**

In silence  
We remember those who journeyed with us  
and have moved on into your eternal presence  
Where their eyes are fully opened  
To your love and glory.

We thank you for your presence  
With us...Now...And...Always  
Amen.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gracious God, we thank you that you hear our prayers and answer,  
as a mother who loves us and as:

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kin-dom 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 those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kin-dom, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

★HYMN *May the God of Hope Go with Us*

VU 424

#### ★CLOSING WORDS

Open our eyes to see you amongst us  
**Burn in our hearts and fill us with joy**  
Open our minds to the truth of your story  
**Dance with us the ceildh of life**

#### ★ BLESSING

#### ★SUNG RESPONSE

MV 219

 **Ameni, ameni,  
amen, amen, amen, ameni. (repeat)**

## Postlude

*Credits: Liturgy Drawn from Fire and Bread, Resources for Easter Day to Trinity Sunday, Ruth Burgess, Wild Good Publications, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Savoy House, Glasgow. Publishing, division of Iona Community. Opening and Closing Words, Ruth Burgess (pp120-121), Prayer of Intercession, Ruth Bowen.*



We are glad you have come! If you are a visitor, please sign our Guest Register and make yourself known to our minister, Rev. Debra. We welcome you to join with us for a time of refreshments and conversation.

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## Life and Work of Our Church April 14, 2024

**Welcome to worship. Greetings from Rev. Debra,**

This Sunday is the 3rd Sunday in what is known as Eastertide-- the 50 days between Easter and Pentecost. We will continue to explore resurrection, this time reading and pondering the story of Cleopas and another disciple meeting the risen Christ along the

Emmaus Road, inviting him to come home with them, and the meal which opened their eyes to and understanding of his risen presence. We will consider how heartbreak and disappointment might serve to deepen our compassion, and further our transformation into a people who are ready and willing to serve others—a people blessed, broken, and shared for the life of the world.

Ahead of Sunday, in preparation for worship, I invite you to ponder these questions: When has your heart been broken? When have you known deep disappointment? Were you challenged, changed, and after a time, did you see yourself somehow 'blessed' by the experience? Did you see... do you see the Spirit at work in your life as you struggle to make sense of these things? Was your faith challenged, changed, strengthened, broken... relevant... irrelevant?

Blessings & Peace ~  
Rev. Debra

**Kingston Road Village Spring Fest June 1, 2024 11 – 3** KRU would again like to showcase KRUC, who we are and what we do. If you as an individual or a member of a group wish to participate please contact me. [ruth.mcdonald280@gmail.com](mailto:ruth.mcdonald280@gmail.com)

**Good News Under Our Roof! Worship Committee** is delighted to announce that we have three new members! Scott Wood, Danna Finnie, and Maddy Taylor have all signed on! Our next meeting is next Sunday, April 14 following worship. If you have an interest in participating in the committee or have a particular interest in some aspect of supporting Sunday Worship (ie. sanctuary decor: flowers, symbols, etc), talk to Rev. Debra. If you have something regarding worship... an idea, a suggestion, joy or a concern that you would like to take to the committee, please let us know. If you are curious about what we do, ask! We are at your service!! The members of the committee are: James McLeish, Danna Finnie (new), Maddy Taylor (new), Chris Smelt, Barb Whitney, and Scott Wood (new), Rev. Debra and Eric MacKeracher,

**Greetings to KRU!** Doug McMillan sends his greetings to all of his friends at KRU. Doug and his wife Jill have moved to Uxbridge. (my apologies, Doug's wife's name is Jill not Paula, as I said last week)

**Mindful Meditation with Kim Dunlop** from 7 to 8 pm Mondays until April 29<sup>th</sup> in the sanctuary.

### **Gaza Ceasefire Pilgrimage: Canadian Churches for Just Peace**

<https://www.kairoscanada.org/gaza-ceasefire-pilgrimage> A global movement is walking in prayerful solidarity with the people of Gaza. The cry for peace continues. The pilgrimage continues. This May, come, walk with us. This invitation (*see above link*) is for everyone, church leaders, people of faith, companions who yearn for peace! Walk or roll together in your own community before May 13. Pray for a ceasefire; pray for more than a cease-

fire, for a just peace for all in Palestine and Israel. Then, if you can, join national church leaders for the final leg of their pilgrimage, converging on Parliament Hill on May 22.

**Our Space Sharing Coordinator, Lois Maxwell** reported to the congregation at the AGM last Sunday that the Beaches Coop Playschool will no longer be in Bessie's Gym after June 2024. As a result we are looking for a new tenant(s) for this space as it will be a significant hit to our rental income. Here is the ad we are sharing in the community:  
**Space Available:** Kingston Road United Church (975 Kingston Road in the Beach) has 2800 sq. ft of accessible space available. This can include a kitchen and private bathroom. Rates to negotiated. Please contact: [kruspace@gmail.com](mailto:kruspace@gmail.com) Please post the ad on your social media platform and help spread the word!

**Rivkah Unland:** As many of you know, Rivkah Unland, our former KRU minister, was diagnosed with cancer in early 2023 and is now undergoing further treatment. She would enjoy hearing from KRU friends through cards or email:  
[rivkahunland@hotmail.com](mailto:rivkahunland@hotmail.com) or 455704 45th Line RR5, Embro ON N0J 1J0

**Please Keep Us In "Mind!** KRUC has ongoing collection programs all year long. Every Sunday we welcome **non-perishable food donations** for our local food bank, Grace Pasco at Calvary Baptist Church on Main St. You will find a labelled container for each of the following items in the hall by the church office; **used stamps for the Leprosy Mission; used printer cartridges are recycled to Staples; used eye glasses** are greatly appreciated by our Friday lunch guests; and **used batteries** are recycled to Staples, **aluminum can tabs** are recycled to the March of Dimes, and **toiletries** are collected (shampoo, soap, toothpaste, etc.) and shared with our Friday lunch guests

