

2nd Sunday of Easter

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

WE GATHER BEFORE GOD

Call to Worship

In life, in death, and in life beyond death,
The Risen Christ is Lord.

In success and discouragement, in fear and in hope,
The Risen Christ is Lord.

Of the poor and broken, of the sinner and the sinned against,
The Risen Christ is Lord.

In Church and community, in our hearts and our homes,
The Risen Christ is Lord,
and so we gather to worship in His name.

HYMN *VU 217 All Creatures of Our God and King*

Opening Prayer

In our doubts and in our fears, in our loss and in our tears, in our hope and in our living, in our receiving and in our giving, in our questions and in our query, in our excitement and when we're weary, we know that You are with all creation. As we open our hearts to Your presence, as we open our hearts to each other, help us to open our hearts to Your world, that we might reach out, touch, and know, that Your love lives, now and always. In Your name we pray – Amen.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

SERVICE OF THE WORD TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

1 Peter 1:3-9

NRSV

A Living Hope

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy He has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen Him, you love Him; and even though you do not see Him now, you believe in Him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

1 John 20:19-31

NRSV

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After He said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in His hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in His side, I will not believe."

A week later His disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in His name.

This is the word of God for the people of God.
ALL; Thanks be to God.

HYMN VU 168 *The Risen Christ*

Anthem

A Resurrection Declaration

AS WE REFLECT UPON THE WORD OF GOD

Sermon Message

To Touch an Open Wound

Christine Way Skinner

Ministry Of Music

We Can Only Imagine

Prayers of the People

We give thanks to You, O God, for You are good,
Your steadfast love endures forever.

We thank You, God, for the many ways You provide for our needs:
for air and water, for food and shelter, for work to do and rest to
sustain us.

We pray for Your creation, too often at risk
because of the choices we've made.

Help us care for the earth and all its creatures and relationships.
Show us how to cherish the gifts You have given
and protect them for future generations.

We give thanks to You, O God, for You are good,
Your steadfast love endures forever.

We thank You, God, for family:
the families we were born or adopted into,
the families we married into,
and other families who welcomed us into their midst
as friends and neighbours.

We pray for those who have lost family members and relationships,
and for any who know abuse and pain within the family circle.

Keep a brief silence

God, we also thank You for friendship,
and for those who bring us joy and wise counsel.

Help us extend the gift of friendship
to those who are experiencing isolation, loneliness or grief.

We give thanks to You, O God, for You are good,
Your steadfast love endures forever.

We thank You, God, for the peace and freedom we enjoy in Canada,
and pray that the conflict over what these gifts mean
will be soothed with deeper understanding among us all.
We pray for those who know neither freedom nor peace:
those living under oppressive regimes or in conflict zones,
and those who have fled their homelands, in search of safety.

Give us courage to stand up for people who cannot stand up for themselves,
so that they too will know peace and freedom.

We give thanks to You, O God, for You are good,
Your steadfast love endures forever.

We thank You, God, for Your Church,
for our congregation and its leaders,
and for all who volunteer time, talent and energy
to the work we undertake in Jesus' name.

By Your Spirit, guide us and inspire us with new insight into mission
and ministry.

We pray for other churches in our community and in our presbytery,
and the sense of mission that guides each one into service.

Fill us with a deeper sense of unity
so that we can model relationships that transcend differences
in this divided world.

We give thanks to You, O God, for You are good,
Your steadfast love endures forever.

O God, thank You for the gift of Your Son,
whose resurrection empowers us to look to the future with hope.

Thank You for the gift of Your Spirit
who draws us into unity with You and one another.

Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Creator, Christ and Spirit,

Remind us each day to live according to Your will and purpose in all
our relationships for we want to bear witness to the love we met in
Jesus who taught us to pray together:

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.
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 kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever,
Amen

Passing of Christ's Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you now and forevermore.
And also with you

*Please share a gesture of peace
in whichever way you are comfortable.*

WE GO FORTH AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Invitation to the Offering

We offer our first fruits, the best we have,
to the service of God and others.

DOXOLOGY VU 541 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Offering Dedication

Generous God,

Along with our gifts we offer You our thanks for Your steadfast love,
our foundation when things around us seem uncertain. Bless these
gifts and the ministry of our congregation. May what we offer spread
the blessings we know to others, in the name of Jesus Christ, our

Risen Lord.

Amen

HYMN VU179 Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks

COMMISSIONING AND SENDING FORTH

Go as witnesses to our risen Lord Jesus and bear His love and mercy wherever you go. Trust that the Holy Spirit is your companion. And may the God of our Lord Jesus Christ give you a spirit of wisdom and peace, and fill you with the hope to which you are called as God's beloved.

AMEN.

Thanks be to God

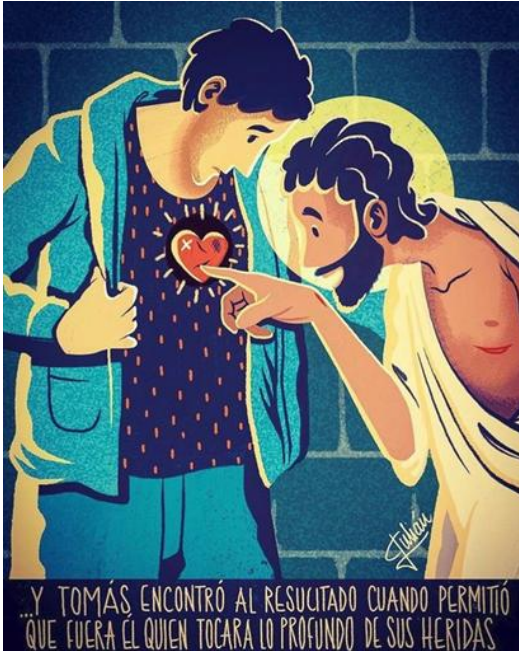
HYMN MV 215 Peace Be With You

Postlude



Reverend Lisa will be on sabbatical
from Sunday, April 12 to Sunday September 6, 2026

We welcome Christine Way Skinner today and on Sunday, April 19. Christine Way Skinner is a doctoral candidate at Regis St. Michael's College in Toronto. Her scholarship explores abuses of power in church contexts. Prior to entering the PhD program, Christine worked in parish ministry for over thirty years. She is a committed ecumenist and now ministers in a variety of denominational contexts which include nursing home chaplaincy, presiding at funerals, offering retreats and providing pulpit supply. She received her Bachelor of Arts in Theology from St. Francis Xavier University and Masters of Divinity from Harvard Divinity School. She has a keen interest in art and beauty, in sacraments and liturgy, ecumenism and in social and ecclesial justice. She has written several books for both children and adults.



Leading Worship:

Christine Way Skinner, B.A., M.Div., Ph.D. cand.

Music Director

Craig Garnham

Sunday April 12th 2026

Thank you!

Bonnie Caplan Stroeder & Greg Hotchkiss for refreshments

Bonnie Caplan Stroeder for reading the Scripture

Paul Sawatsky for providing guitar accompaniment

Philip Armstrong for Slides and Audio

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VU 217 – All Creatures of Our God and King

- 1 All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing:
hallelujah, hallelujah!
Bright burning sun with golden beam,
soft shining moon with silver gleam,
sing praises, sing praises,
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

- 2 O rushing winds and breezes soft,
O clouds that ride the winds aloft,
sing praises, hallelujah!
O rising morn, in praise rejoice;
O lights of evening, find a voice:
sing praises, sing praises,
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

- 3 Earth, ever fertile, day by day
brings forth rich blessings on our way:
sing praises, hallelujah!
The flowers and fruits that verdant grow,
let them God's glory also show:
sing praises, hallelujah!
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

- 4 And everyone of tender heart,
forgiving others, take your part:
sing praises, hallelujah!
All who long pain and sorrow bear,
praise God and yield up all your care:
sing praises, hallelujah!
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

- 5 Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship God in humbleness:
sing praises, hallelujah!
Praise God eternal, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, three in one:
sing praises, hallelujah!
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

VU 168 – The Risen Christ

- 1 The risen Christ, who walks on wounded feet
from garden tomb through darkened city street,
unlocks the door of grief, despair, and fear,
and speaks a word of peace to all who hear.
- 2 The risen Christ, who stands with wounded side,
breathes out his Spirit on them to abide
whose faith still wavers, who dare not believe,
new grace, new strength, new purpose they receive.
- 3 The risen Christ, who breaks with wounded hand
the bread for those who fail to understand,
reveals himself, despite their lingering tears,
enflames their hearts, then quickly disappears.
- 4 May we, Christ's body, walk and serve and stand
with the oppressed in this and every land,
till all are blessed and can a blessing be,
restored in Christ to true humanity.

VU 179 – Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks

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Refrain

Hallelujah, hallelujah.

Give thanks to the risen Christ;

hallelujah, hallelujah!

Give praise to God's name.

- 1 Jesus is Lord of all the earth,
firstborn of all creation. R
- 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
Jesus has died and is risen. R
- 3 We have been crucified with Christ,
now we shall live for ever. R
- 4 Come let us praise the living God,
joyfully sing to our Saviour. R

VU541 *Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

MV215 *Peace Be With You*

Peace be with you, Peace forever,
Peace be with you, My friends.
Till we meet again, May God be with you. Peace, peace, peace

Hymns