

# 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

## Prelude

### Welcome & Announcements

#### WE GATHER BEFORE GOD

##### Call to Worship

Let us see You this day, O God;

**Come to us as light.**

Let us hear You this day, O God;

**Come to us as truth.**

Let us sense Your presence, O God;

**Come to us as love.**

Come and let us worship, God.

**We have come to rejoice in God, our Saviour.**

*HYMN VU 389 God is Here*

##### Opening Prayer

God of life,

we praise You this day for all the ways

You show us we are treasured through the gift of our lives,  
and for all the people who have encouraged us along the way  
including our friends and families.

We are grateful for the love You bless us with  
in our homes and families.

Yet You know family life is not always easy.

Our love for each other gets strained some days.

Forgive us if we have taken our family for granted.

Give us grace to repair relationships where strain is showing.

**Amen.**

## WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

### SERVICE OF THE WORD TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

1 Peter 3.15-18

NRSV

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Beloved: In your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.

John 14.15-21

NRSV

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Jesus said to His disciples: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. You know Him, because He abides with you, and He will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. The one who has my commandments and keeps them is the one who loves me; and the one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

This is the word of God for the people of God.

**ALL; Thanks be to God.**

## **AS WE REFLECT UPON THE WORD OF GOD**

*Anthem – As a Family, We Thank You*

Sermon Message

*I Am Not Orphaned – Michael Way Skinner*

### **Ministry Of Music**

*Be Still for the Presence of the Lord*

## **WE GO FORTH AS GOD’S PEOPLE**

### **Invitation to Generosity**

The Apostle Paul declared that in God, we live and move and have our being. We offer our gifts to God in thanksgiving for all we enjoy in life, praying that our generosity will become a blessing throughout all God’s precious creation.

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

### **Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving**

God our Creator and Redeemer, You made us in love to share that love with neighbour and stranger as Jesus commanded. Take our gifts and make them tokens of Your love that we can share throughout our community and in the world You love, in Jesus’ name. Amen.

### **Prayers of the People**

God of homes and families,  
this Sunday we give You thanks for our families,  
especially remembering mothers, grandmothers,  
great grandmothers.

We are grateful for their love and attention,  
their hard work  
and the deep hope they have cherished for each one of us.

We honour before You each one who has mothered us  
and now lives with You in Your eternal care.

And we ask Your blessing on each one in our family  
who continues to care for us, cook for us and worry about us.

**God with a loving heart, Hear our prayer.**

God of connections and compassion,  
 today we thank You for our friends and relations,  
 for the neighbours  
 and fellow citizens who help to make our lives complete.  
 We thank You for glad times shared, helping hands offered,  
 commitments honoured.

And we pray for those around us  
 facing particular challenges this day.

**(Keep silence for 15 seconds.)**

**God with a loving heart, Hear our prayer.**

God of courage and new possibility,  
 today we pray for all those who feel life or love slipping through  
 their fingers, for all who feel orphaned,  
 For those who face the loss of good health,  
 and for those who face the loss of good times.  
 We pray for communities facing upheaval through natural disaster  
 and human misjudgement, and for countries facing economic  
 turbulence and environmental collapse.

**(Keep silence for 15 seconds.)**

**God with a loving heart, Hear our prayer.**

God of forgiveness and renewal,  
 today we pray for those caught up in relationships  
 in need of repair  
 and for all who seek peace and seek to make peace.  
 We pray for families, churches, communities, and countries  
 caught up in division.

**(Keep silence for 15 seconds.)**

Send Your Spirit to bring peace to troubled lives.

**God with a loving heart, Hear our prayer.**

As those who seek peace in Jesus' name,  
 we pray together the words He taught us:

## The Lord's Prayer

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

## Words of Grace

Chosen of God, receive the mercy of God, who calls you from despair into hope, from suffering into repair, from hopelessness into resolve. God has given you capacity for strength and compassion. The Holy One journeys with you. Grace is available for you. Know that your prayers are met and amplified by the Spirit, and Christ will lead the way to life and love everlasting on earth as in heaven.

*HYMN VU 577 I've Got Peace Like a River*

## COMMISSIONING BENEDICTION

Walk in the love of the Lord, as Jesus taught us, showing that love to all whom you meet. Be a signpost leading all to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

And may grace, mercy and peace from God, our Creator,  
 Redeemer, and  
 Sanctifier, be with you, now and evermore. **Amen.**

*HYMN MV 215 Peace Be with You*

**Postlude**



*Leading Worship:*  
**Michael Way Skinner**  
*Music Director*  
**Craig Garnham**  
Sunday May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026

***Thank you!***

Michael Way Skinner for leading worship  
Bonnie Caplan-Stroeder for reading the Scripture  
Greg Hotchkiss for the refreshments  
Paul Sawatsky for guitar accompaniment  
Philip Armstrong for Slides and Audio

**Mayfield United Church welcomes all to join us.**

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# Welcome!



## Michael Way Skinner

Michael was born in Newfoundland as the 9th of 10 children of Mi'kmaq & Irish heritage. He holds a Bachelor of Arts (Philosophy) from St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, N.S. He has a Masters of Divinity from Harvard University, and completed the PRSE (Program in Religion and Secondary Education) with the Harvard Graduate School of Education. He is an author, curriculum writer and international speaker. In March 2020, he and his wife published a book with Novalis Publishing Canada - "There Must be a Pony in Here Somewhere: Everyday Stories of God's Goodness". With his wife, Christine, he has parented 6 children. Retired from his role in education, he is currently part-time chaplain at a long term care home. He is particularly delighting in his new role as grandfather to Aliyah!

## *Please welcome our guests:*

May 10	Michael Way Skinner
May 17	Dust off your Bible Trivia!
May 24	Michael Way Skinner
May 31	Kathy Elliott
June 7	Fraser Henderson
Jun 14 & 21	Andrew Zeidman



# 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual CHICKEN BBQ!

**Thursday, June 18, 2026  
4:30 – 7:00 pm  
Brampton Fairgrounds**

12942 Heart Lake Road,  
Caledon  
(Heart Lake Rd & Old School Rd)

## **Eat in or Take out**

1/2 Chicken,  
Coleslaw, Potato Salad, Dinner Roll  
Slice of Pie  
\$25.00

Order online April 30 – June 6: [www.mayfieldunitedchurch.org](http://www.mayfieldunitedchurch.org)

or call for tickets:

Linda Livingston: 416-409-0236

Joe Gray: 647-887-9419

## **Missed the Photo Day for the Mayfield Directory?**

Families/households who were not photographed by IPC but would like to be in the directory **can submit a photo for a fee of \$20.00 plus applicable taxes**. This charge covers inclusion in the directory and provides the family with a copy of the directory. All submitted photos are subject to this fee whether they want a copy of the directory or not.

**Please e-mail your photos by **May 14, 2026** to**  
[dardowney@hotmail.com](mailto:dardowney@hotmail.com)

## VU 389 – God Is Here

- 1 God is here! As we your people  
meet to offer praise and prayer,  
may we find in fuller measure  
what it is in Christ we share.  
Here, as in the world around us,  
all our varied skills and arts  
wait the coming of the Spirit  
into open minds and hearts.
  
- 2 Here are symbols to remind us  
of our lifelong need of grace;  
here are table, font, and pulpit;  
here the cross has central place.  
Here in honesty of preaching,  
here in silence, as in speech,  
here, in newness and renewal,  
God the Spirit comes to each.
  
- 3 Here our children find a welcome  
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;  
here as bread and wine are taken,  
Christ sustains us, as of old.  
Here the servants of the Servant  
seek in worship to explore  
what it means in daily living  
to believe and to adore.
  
- 4 God of all, of church and kingdom,  
in an age of change and doubt  
keep us faithful to the gospel;  
help us work your purpose out.  
Here, in this day's dedication,  
all we have to give, receive;  
we, who cannot live without you,  
we adore you! We believe!

## **VU 644 – I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry**

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- 1 I was there to hear your borning cry,  
I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,  
to see your life unfold.
  
- 2 I was there when you were but a child,  
with a faith to suit you well;  
in a blaze of light you wandered off  
to find where demons dwell.
  
- 3 When you heard the wonder of the word,  
I was there to cheer you on;  
you were raised to praise the living Lord,  
to whom you now belong.
  
- 4 If you find someone to share your time  
and you join your hearts as one,  
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme  
from dusk till rising sun.
  
- 5 In the middle ages of your life,  
not too old, no longer young.  
I'll be there to guide you through the night,  
complete what I've begun.
  
- 6 When the evening gently closes in  
and you shut your weary eyes,  
I'll be there as I have always been  
with just one more surprise.
  
- 7 I was there to hear your borning cry,  
I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,  
to see your life unfold.

**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.

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**VU 577 – I've Got Peace Like a River**

- 1 I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river in-a my soul.  
I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river in-a my soul.
  
- 2 I've got joy like a fountain,  
I've got joy like a fountain,  
I've got joy like a fountain in-a my soul.  
I've got joy like a fountain,  
I've got joy like a fountain,  
I've got joy like a fountain in-a my soul.
  
- 3 I've got love like an ocean,  
I've got love like an ocean,  
I've got love like an ocean in-a my soul.  
I've got love like an ocean,  
I've got love like an ocean,  
I've got love like an ocean in-a my soul.

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**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

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*Hymns*