



The United Church of Canada
Prairie Spirit Pastoral Charge
Coaldale United and St. Andrew's UC
Trinity and First United
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Second Sunday of Easter

Musical Prelude:

Announcements:

Land Acknowledgement:

Call to Worship:

Opening Prayer:

We Light Our Christ Candles:

Hymn: VU 224

Sing a Happy Hallelujah

Children's Time:

Prayer of Reconciliation/Prayer of Confession:

Words of Freedom/Words of Assurance:

Hymn: VU 185

You Tell Me That the Lord Is Risen

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 16: Message Translation

Keep me safe, O God,
I've run for dear life to you.
I say to God, "Be my Lord!"
Without you, nothing makes sense.

And these God-chosen lives all around—
what splendid friends they make!

Don't just go shopping for a god.
Gods are not for sale.
I swear I'll never treat god-names
like brand-names.

My choice is you, God, first and only.
And now I find I'm *your* choice!
You set me up with a house and yard.
And then you made me your heir!

The wise counsel God gives when I'm awake
is confirmed by my sleeping heart.
Day and night I'll stick with God;
I've got a good thing going and I'm not letting go.

I'm happy from the inside out,
and from the outside in, I'm firmly formed.
You canceled my ticket to hell—
that's not my destination!

Now you've got my feet on the life path,
all radiant from the shining of your face.
Ever since you took my hand,
I'm on the right way.

1 Peter 1: 3-9 The Message Translation

What a God we have! And how fortunate we are to have him, this Father of our Master Jesus! Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we've been given a brand-new life and have everything to live for, including a future in heaven—and the future starts now! God is keeping careful watch over us and the future. The Day is coming when you'll have it all—life healed and whole.

I know how great this makes you feel, even though you have to put up with every kind of aggravation in the meantime. Pure gold put in the fire comes out of it *proved* pure; genuine faith put through this suffering comes out *proved* genuine. When Jesus wraps this all up, it's your faith, not your gold, that God will have on display as evidence of his victory.

You never saw him, yet you love him. You still don't see him, yet you trust him—with laughter and singing. Because you kept on believing, you'll get what you're looking forward to: total salvation.

Message:

Hymn: VU 624

Give To Us Laughter

Mission Story: Anchored in Every Season:

In Tobermory, Ontario, the town pulses with the seasons. Summer brings busy roads, kayaks on the harbour, and lively streets. Winter brings quiet and long stretches of stillness. Through it all, Tobermory United Church remains a steady, welcoming presence at the northern edge of the Bruce Peninsula.

The building is more than a church. It hosts drumming circles, Tai Chi, bridge games, and poetry gatherings. Worship is shared with St. Thomas the Apostle Mission. Outside, the annual thrift shop turns donations into care, offering affordable items to the community and giving freely to those in need. Hospitality here is intentional, welcoming 2S and LGBTQ+ people with courage and care. Even the building reflects this spirit, with cedar-lined walls and clear windows framing the surrounding forest.

Through Mission and Service, Tobermory United Church is connected to a wider movement of faith, creativity, and resilience.

We can keep this welcome strong. When we give to Mission and Service, we help ensure that churches like Tobermory stay open, connected, and full of care for everyone. Give today and be part of sustaining this vital community.

Mission Prayer: from Song of Faith

God is creative and self-giving, generously moving in all the near and distant corners of the universe. Nothing exists that does not find its source in God. Our first response to God's providence is gratitude. We sing thanksgiving. Amen

Invitation to Offering:

Offering: MV 191

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!

Doxology:

Offering Prayer:

Prayers of Our Heart and the Prayer of Jesus:

Hymn: VU 187

The Spring Has Come

Commissioning and Benediction:

Sung Blessing: MV 122

This is the Day

**This is the day that God has made;
we will rejoice and be glad!**

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Singing hallelu, singing hallelu, singing hallelu!

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