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April 21st, 2019 11 am
EASTER SUNDAY: Celebrating the Resurrection of Our Lord!

Welcome and thank you for joining in our worship this holy morning! We hope you feel at home in our midst. Grace and alleluia to you all!

Thought for Meditation:

The same children who can never find their homework, the over due library books, or their mitts, prove themselves excellent at finding all the chocolate eggs on Easter morning!

A mother and father who wish to remain anonymous

THE GATHERING

*Please rise in body or in spirit for sections marked with an asterisk.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (spoken from the back of the church)

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed!

Leader: Alleluia!

People: Alleluia and Amen!!

*HYMN #157 VU Christ the Lord is Risen Today (add "Hallelujah" after each line)

*ENTRANCE OF THE CHRIST LIGHT & THE EASTER CROSS

THE GATHERING & WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

On this day of joy, O God, on this day of Resurrection and new life, we gather as your Easter people. Fill us with your Spirit, with your life, with your hope, and with your love. This we pray in the name of the Risen Christ saying:

**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 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.**

**CHILDREN'S HYMN #121 MV Hey Now! Singing Hallelujah! Ch/v.1/ch
TIME WITH THE CHILDREN
CHILDREN'S HYMN #121 MV Hey Now! Singing Hallelujah! Ch/v.5/ch**

T H E R E S P O N S E

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING: *Crown Him Lord This Easter Day!* D. Besig/N. Price

OFFERTORY (#179 VU, chorus/v.2/ chorus)

**Hallelujah, hallelujah, give thanks to the Risen Christ,
Hallelujah, hallelujah, give praise to God's name.
Spread the good news o'er all the earth, Jesus has died and is risen!
Hallelujah, hallelujah, give thanks to the Risen Christ,
Hallelujah, hallelujah, give praise to God's name.**

T H E W O R D O F G O D

***THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 20: 1-18**

SERMON: *What Easter Looks Like*

ANTHEM: *Bread of Life*

Joel Raney

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THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (sung responses 203-205 MV)

THE INVITATION

***HYMN #468 VU Let Us Talents And Tongues Employ**

*** A NEW CREED**

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.**

We believe in God:

**who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

**to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

**The Lord be with you!
And also with you!**

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Gracious God, we raise voices hoarse from shouting alleluias.

We sing praises for the wonder of an empty tomb,
for the gift of life that breaks the bonds of death.

We give thanks for the wonder of the earth, for days and nights rippled
with beauty. All of this was from you, Holy One, gifts for us, who are
created in your image.

**And yet from time to time, we lost our way, O God. And so you sent
us prophets and teachers, to remind us of your love. And finally
you sent us your holy self, in the person of Jesus, to lead us from
death to the very celebration of life!**

And so, with the beloved and the betrayer, with the saints and the
sinners, the just and the unjust, with the faithful and the forgiven of all
time and place, we sing:

Oh, holy, holy, holy God, O God of time and space.

All earth and sea and sky above bear witness to your grace.

Hosanna in the highest heaven, creation sings your praise,

And blessed is the One who comes and bears your name always!

Holy are you, O God, and blessed is Jesus Christ, the One on whom our
hearts rely. Calling us in from our labours, he offers us the meal of new
life. At this table he shares the gifts of forgiveness and grace. And so
with gratitude and awe we sing:

Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen,

Christ will come again!

Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen,

Christ will come again

God of Life, send your Spirit upon us as we gather to share this meal; infuse this bread and this cup with the Spirit's joy. May alleluias fill our souls: for Christ who died is now alive! And so our hearts sing:

Amen, amen, O Holy One! Hosanna and Amen!

Amen, amen, O Holy One! Hosanna and Amen!

~~~~~*We Share the Feast*~~~~~

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** (unison):

**We give thanks that bread broken brings wholeness; that wine poured out replenishes; that time spent with the Risen Christ and one another is both gift and grace. Alleluia and Amen!**

**\*HYMN #164 VU The Day of Resurrection**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL BLESSING #223 MV We Will Go With God (x2)**

**We will go with God! Alleluia! We will go with God!**

**We will go with God! Alleluia! We will go with God!**

**On this day of great joy, we will go with God!**

**On this day of great joy, we will go with God!**

*The bulletin today is dedicated in loving memory of Paul Lister (1939-2014) by his wife Kaye.*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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*If you know of someone in hospital please notify the Church. Please forward items of prayer and celebration to the Minister. For emergencies, you may call Rev. Dr. Kelly Burke at 470-9634.*

**Greeter This Week:** The Wight Family

**Trustees On Duty (Apr):** David Ward and Ann Urquhart

**Tellers On Duty:** Lloyd Penney and Meg Simms

**Sunday School Teachers:** Deborah Knorr and Amy Nelson

## LOOKING AHEAD:

**Sun., Apr. 21<sup>st</sup> - 11:00 am - Easter Sunday + Holy Communion**

**Sat., Apr. 27<sup>th</sup> - 8:30 am - Outreach – F'ton Community Kitchen**

## **GREENER VILLAGE COMMUNITY FOOD CENTRE –**

For the month of **April**, we will focus on **canned tomatoes**. However, as always, everything is deeply appreciated. We are always looking for plastic grocery bags as well as we use them for packing our food hampers.

**YARD SALE – The Men's Club** would like to let the congregation know that they are planning a "Yard Sale" on **Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> - 8 am – 1 pm**. Bring your items you no longer need and would like to get rid of ie. household items, novels and children's toys and much more (*excluding* electronics and clothing). *Remember that items you no longer need are welcomed by others!* Canteen available by Sunday School. Enjoy BQ sausages and hot dogs, coffee and muffins, etc. Proceeds go to M. & S.

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to everyone who supported our Easter Plant project.**

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