

April 27th, 2025 Second Sunday of Easter

Thought to ponder: "Hope is putting faith to work when doubting would be easier." Thomas S Monson

Welcome**Announcements, Life & Work of the Church****Prelude: Open the Eyes of My Heart**

Open the eyes of my heart Lord,
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see you, I want to see you.
Open the eyes of my heart Lord,
Open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see you, I want to see you.

To see you high and lifted up,
Shining in the light of your glory
Pour out your power and love
As we sing Holy, Holy, Holy.

Open the eyes of my heart Lord,
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see you, I want to see you.
Open the eyes of my heart Lord,
Open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see you, I want to see you.

To see you high and lifted up,
Shining in the light of your glory
Pour out your power and love
As we sing Holy, Holy, Holy.

**Holy, holy holy,
 You are holy, holy, holy,
 Holy, holy, holy, I want to see you,
 Holy, holy holy,
 You are holy, holy, holy,
 Holy, holy, holy, I want to see you.**

**Open the eyes of my heart Lord,
 Open the eyes of my heart
 I want to see you, I want to see you.
 Open the eyes of my heart Lord,
 Open the eyes of my heart.
 I want to see you, I want to see you.
 I want to see you, I want to see you.**

Paul Baloché CCLI

Passing the Peace:

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you

Acknowledgement of the Territories:

Lighting of the Christ Candle:

Call to Worship:

One: In life, in death, and in life beyond death,

All: The Risen Christ is Lord.

One: In success and discouragement, in fear and in hope,

All: The Risen Christ is Lord.

One: Of the poor and broken, of the sinner and the sinned against,

All: The Risen Christ is Lord.

One: In Church and community, in our hearts and our homes,

**All: The Risen Christ is Lord, and so we
gather to worship in his name.**

Hymn: VU #245

Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet

Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet,
Praise the Lord with the harp and lute,
Praise the Lord with the gentle-sounding flute
Praise the Lord in the field and forest,
Praise the Lord in the city square,
Praise the Lord anytime and anywhere.
Praise the Lord in the wind and sunshine,
Praise the Lord in the dark of night,
Praise the Lord in the rain or snow
or in the morning light.
Praise the Lord in the deepest valley,
Praise the Lord on the highest hill,
Praise the Lord, never let your voice be still.

Praise the Lord with the crashing cymbal,
Praise the Lord with the pipe and string,
Praise the Lord with the joyful songs you sing.
Praise the Lord on a weekday morning,
Praise the Lord on a Sunday noon,
Praise the Lord by the light of sun or moon.
Praise the Lord in the time of sorrow,
Praise the Lord in the time of joy,
Praise the Lord every moment,
nothing let your praise destroy.
Praise the Lord in the peace and quiet,
Praise the Lord in your work or play,
Praise the Lord everywhere in every way!

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Gathering Prayer:

God of all good blessings, we are here today with hearts filled with gratitude. There is a lot for us to be grateful for, but we also bring our concerns to you as well. In this time of worship, open our hearts to receive you and to allow you to guide us this day. Amen.

Children's time: The Blindfolded Puzzle**Hymn: MV #122 This Is The Day x2**

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

**Singing hal-le-lu,
singing hal-le-lu,
Singing hal-le-lu,
we will rejoice and be glad!
Singing hal-le-lu,
singing hal-le-lu,
Singing hal-le-lu,
we will rejoice and be glad!**

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

Refrain

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Prayer of Illumination:

Scripture:**Acts 5:27-32** Peter speaks before the Sanhedrin.**Psalms 150** Praise God with the sound of trumpet!**John 20:19-31** Thomas doubts until he sees
Jesus for himself.**Ministry of Music: Let Your Light Shine****Reflection: Why do we doubt?****Hymn: VU #185 You Tell Me That the Lord Is Risen**

You tell me that the Lord is risen
 That you have seen his face.
 Then tell me why you crouch in fear
 And hide within this place.
 You say that he spoke words of peace
 And stood just as before.
 But 'til I touch his very flesh
 I will not trust your joy.

You claim a resurrection here,
 That God has broken death.
 No easy words like these will soothe
 The pain that tears my breath.
 How well do I recall his face,
 Compassion, strength in fear.
 How deep my grief that he should die.
 Spare me your words of cheer.

"Now peace be with you.
 Come my friend
 My wounded body see.

**Let the rich courage of your doubt
Bring you to fresh belief.
Fear not to wonder at the Word,
To search the depths of grace.
Reach out and touch, here is my hand.
Receive the gift of faith."**

**"How blest are they, how fortunate
Who know without the sight.
But Thomas, you are favoured too,
Searching yields its light."
So may each pilgrim in the Way,
Each road to Christ be blest,
'til lips declare, "My Lord and God!"
Christ's body one at last.**

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Prayers of the People

One: We give thanks to you, O God, for you
are good,

**All: Your steadfast love endures
forever.**

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

Invitation to Generosity:

Prayer of Dedication:

Generous God, along with our gifts we offer you our thanks for your steadfast love, and for our foundation when things around us seem uncertain. Bless these gifts and the ministry of our congregation; and bless the mission we undertake as part of the United Church of Canada. May what we offer spread the blessings we know to others, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen

Hymn: Forever

Chris Tomlin

**Give thanks to the Lord,
our God and King
His love endures forever.
For he is good,
he is above all things
His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise.**

**With a mighty hand
and outstretched arm
His love endures forever.
For the life that's been reborn
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise,
sing praise, sing praise.**

**Forever God is faithful,
forever God is strong
Forever God is with us forever.
Forever God is faithful,**

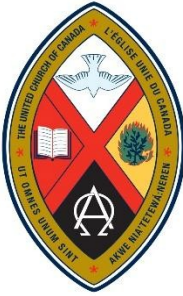
**forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
forever, forever.**

**From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever.
And by the grace of God
we will carry on
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise,
sing praise, sing praise.**

**Forever God is faithful,
forever God is strong
Forever God is with us forever.
Forever God is faithful,
forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
forever, forever, forever.**

Benediction:

**Sung Benediction: Celtic Alleluia
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia**



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Announcements

April 27, 2025 Second Sunday of Easter.

A donation to the benevolent fund was received in loving memory of Velma, Harold and Bev Earle from Mary Lea and Beth.

Reader for this week: Gord Phippen

Reader for next week: Elaine McLaughlan

Greeter this week: Bob and Sue

Greeter next week: Donna Adair

Tellers this week: Brenda and Doug

Tellers next week: Harley and Linda

A/V this week: Lloyd

A/V next week: John

Sunday 9:30 Coffee Time via Zoom
 10:00 Sunday Service
 Coffee and conversation after the service.
Wednesday 6:00 Choir Rehearsal
Thursday 2:00 Circle of Friendship
Next Sunday 9:30 Coffee Time via Zoom
 10:00 Sunday Service in sanctuary
 via Facebook and Zoom

Interested in joining the membership of St. Paul's either through confirmation or transfer of membership? Please contact Rev. Jenn.

The Plant sale will be coming soon. We are looking for some pots. If you have any 6" 8" or ½ gallon pots, please drop them off at the church over the next 3 weeks or so, thanks.

Women of the bible Do you have a favourite woman of the Bible? Write her name on the white board. This summer we will be talking about the incredible women of the bible.

Grad Sunday June 15. Please let us know if you have a family member graduating from high school, college or university. Let Lisa know or sign the sheet in the Narthex.

Good News and Caring Corner: If you have some good news you want shared with the congregation, let us know and we'll pass it on. If there is someone you think should have a card from the caring corner for whatever reason, please see the attendant in the corner, or call the office.

Offering Envelopes are available at the office or on the table in the entryway. If you are using them for the first time, be sure to have your name and address on the first one so we can get you your tax receipt at the end of the year.

Grocery Cards: It's an easy fundraiser as we all buy groceries so why not do it via grocery cards as it results in income for the church. We will be available (as we are able) before and after church for you to purchase cards. As well, cards are available for purchase in the office during regular business hours.

Contact information: Please keep your contact information and addresses updated so we can get information out to you. An inaccurate address may lead to delays for tax receipts. Thanks.

The Gardens Would you like to take care of one of the garden beds? Bob Ness doesn't want to be a box pig. So, if you want one, please let him know or else he will do it.

A reminder that you may be on our video presentation as we are broadcasting our services on Facebook.

Join in or listen to any of the Zoom calls via Internet using the link:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/179750852?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/179750852?pwd=7IAYtPHcGTE)

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If you know of anyone needing help, please contact the office or Rev. Jenn Brown