

## **April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Easter Sunday**

**Thought to ponder:** *Christ is Risen!*

*Christ is Risen Indeed! Hallelujah!*

### **Welcome**

### **Announcements, Life & Work of the Church**

### **Prelude:**

### **Passing the Peace:**

One: The peace of the risen Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

### **Acknowledgement of the Territories:**

### **Lighting of the Christ Candle:**

### **Call to Worship:**

One: Christ is risen!

**All: Christ is risen, indeed!**

One: The bread of life has broken the power of death! Let no one go hungry again!

**All: Alleluia! Jesus is alive! Let all creation rejoice!**

One: Christ is risen, conquering hate and violence! Let the people of God find wholeness and healing.

**All: Alleluia! Let restoration begin! The kin(g)dom of God is at hand!**

One: Let us join in the eternal feast, where hope overflows and the despair of this life is vanquished by love.

**All: The bread of life is risen and alive.  
Let us worship the one who leads us  
now in compassion and justice!**

**Hymn: VU #155**

***Jesus Christ Is risen Today vs 1,2,4***

**Jesus Christ is risen today,  
hallelujah!  
our triumphant holy day,  
hallelujah!  
who did once, upon the cross,  
hallelujah!  
suffer to redeem our loss.  
Hallelujah!**

**Hymns of praise then let us sing  
hallelujah!  
unto Christ, our heavenly King,  
hallelujah!  
who endured the cross and grave,  
hallelujah!  
sinners to redeem and save.  
Hallelujah!**

**But the pains which he endured,  
hallelujah!  
our salvation have procured;  
hallelujah!  
now above the sky he's King,  
hallelujah!  
where the angels ever sing.  
Hallelujah!**

**Sing we to our God above,  
 hallelujah!  
 praise eternal as God's love;  
 hallelujah!  
 praise our God, ye heavenly host,  
 hallelujah!  
 praise the Son and Holy Ghost.  
 Hallelujah!**

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**Gathering Prayer:**

**Spirit of the risen Christ, you dwell  
 among us as we sing, pray, and rejoice  
 in your victory. Because you have  
 conquered death, nothing can  
 separate us from your presence. So,  
 with full hearts and nourished souls,  
 we celebrate this day of extravagant  
 love. Let our worship be a reflection of  
 the feast you have prepared, where no  
 one is left hungry, and all are made  
 whole. May our work in this world  
 bring the table of heaven to earth. We  
 pray this in the name of the bread of  
 life, who was born in a town called  
 House of Bread. Alleluia! Amen!**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION and ASSURANCE  
 OF PARDON:**

**One:** Often ... we have limited God's work in  
 this world.

**All:** Resurrected Christ, you faced the  
 depths of death and suffering and emerged  
 victorious. You were broken yet made whole,

**for the love of God's good world. Yet, we confess that we forget love has the final victory. You prove your love for us by taking our small efforts and magnifying them into dramatic change. You challenge our limited potential and expand our reach into new horizons of love and justice. You are a good teacher, showing us how to take what little we have and trust in your abundance. Yet we cling to our scarcity, doubting that what we offer could ever be enough. Forgive us when we think too small, failing to believe you can use our efforts for the good of your world. Forgive us, bread of life, for underestimating your power and ignoring the call to join in your work. Inspire us to dream boldly, give generously, and act faithfully, trusting that your love can transform even the smallest offering into a feast of justice and grace.**

*-silence-*

**The Grace of God**

**Children's time: Come and Have Breakfast**

**Hymn: MV #121**

***Hey Now Singing Alleluia Vs 1,2,5***

**Hey now! Singing hallelujah**

**Hey now! The morning has come!**

**Hey now! Singing hallelujah**

**The tomb was empty at the rising sun.**

Jesus loved people  
 and he made them friends  
 Hey now, the tomb was empty  
 He called to the children  
 and the women and men.  
 Hey now, the tomb was empty

**Refrain**

Jesus healed people and  
 he helped them be well.  
 Hey now, the tomb was empty.  
 He taught about God  
 in the stories he'd tell.  
 Hey now, the tomb was empty.

**Refrain**

Jesus loves people and he lives a-gain!  
 Hey now, the tomb was empty  
 Calls us disciples and  
 he calls us his friends.  
 Hey now, the tomb was empty

**Refrain**

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**Prayer of Illumination:**

**Scripture:**

**John 20:11-18, 21: 1-17**

**Easter Prayers of the People**

One: Alleluia!

**All: Let creation be healed by the  
 bread of life.**

One: ...together we pray.

**All: Alleluia! Amen.**

## **Ministry of Music: Sing A Joyous Alleluia**

### **Reflection: Bread for Feasting**

#### **Hymn: MV #48 Jump For Joy**

I can feel you near me God,  
I can feel you near  
Yes I know you're with me God,  
I feel you here  
I can feel you near me God,  
I can feel you near  
Yes I know you're with me God  
Heaven is here.

**And I'll jump for joy**

**I'm singing Al-le-lu-ia**

**Jump for joy for you**

**I will jump for joy**

**I'm singing Al-le-lu-ia**

**Jump for joy for you.**

I can feel you loving me,  
Yes I know you care God  
I know you're loving me  
Always everywhere  
I can feel you loving me,  
Yes I know you care God  
I know you're loving me  
I know you're there.

#### **Refrain**

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## COMMUNION

### The Great Thanksgiving

One: God be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to God.**

One: Let us give thanks to God.

**All: It is good to give God thanks and praise.**

One: Risen Christ, bread of life ... we are all nourished and made whole. Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died, Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

One: Holy God ... Amen.

**Ministry of Music: The Lord's Prayer** solo by  
Claire Turner

### Words of Remembrance

**Distribution of the Communion Elements:**

**Hymn: VU #466 *Eat This Bread***

**Eat this bread, drink this cup;**

**Come to me and never be hungry.**

**Eat this bread, drink this cup;**

**Trust in me and you will not thirst.**

**Hymn: VU #467 *One Bread One Body*** Refrain

**One bread, one body, one Lord of all,**

**One cup of blessing which we bless;**

**And we, through many,**

**throughout the earth,**

**We are one body in this one Lord.**

**PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION:**

**Loving and faithful God, we thank you for this sacred meal that reminds us of the bread of life, broken for the whole world. You have fed us and filled us with the hope of resurrection. Alleluia! As we leave this table, may we carry the bread of life into the world, bringing comfort to the hurting, food to the hungry, and hope to the hopeless. Strengthen us to serve as your faithful disciples, proclaiming justice, mercy, and peace to every soul we encounter. Amen**

**Invitation to Generosity:****Prayer of Dedication:**

**Holy God, we bring to you our gifts and offerings with the same spirit of abandon that inspired Peter to jump into the sea to greet Jesus. Let our generosity flow from the joy of knowing that the bread of life has come to heal us and restore us to wholeness. Use our gifts to nourish our communities and satisfy the hunger of our world. Amen.**

**Hymn: VU #175**

***This is the Day That God Has Made***  
**This is the day that God has made!**  
**Rejoice! Rejoice,**  
**and be exceeding glad!**  
**This is the day that God has made!**  
**Rejoice! Rejoice! Hallelujah!**



Christ has conquered death at last,  
 left the tomb that held him fast!  
 Gone the sorrow, gone the night,  
 dawns the morning clear and bright!

**Refrain**

Jesus lives who once was dead,  
 lives forever, as he said!  
 Risen now our Saviour, King;  
 songs of gladness let us sing!

**Refrain**

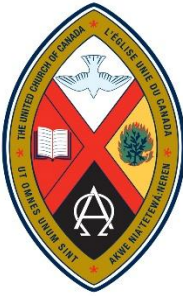
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**Affirmation of Faith:**

**From the manger in a town called  
 House of Bread, Jesus came to show us God's  
 love. We believe Jesus lived a fully human  
 life. He chose to take on our weakness and  
 remained faithful until the very end. We  
 believe Jesus was and is the bread of life,  
 broken for all, and made whole in  
 resurrection. We believe the table is set for  
 all people, and there will always be enough.  
 We believe the bread of life compels us to  
 seek justice so all might have the spiritual,  
 emotional, and physical nourishment they  
 need. We believe Christ is risen, death is  
 defeated, and no one can separate us from  
 the love and joy that surround us today and  
 every day. We believe in the renewal of all  
 things. Even now, the bread of life is at work,  
 healing and restoring all that was broken.  
 We believe one day we will all gather around  
 God's table, united in peace, joy, and justice  
 for all people. Alleluia! Amen.**

**Benediction:****Sung Benediction: VU #958 *Halle Halle Halle*****Halle, halle, halle – lujah****Halle, halle, halle – lujah****Halle, halle, halle – lujah****Hallelujah, hallelujah**

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## **Announcements**

**April 20, 2025 Easter Sunday.**

**Reader for this week: Lee McBride**

**Reader for next week: Gord Phippen**

**Greeter this week: Al and Lee**

**Greeter next week: Bob and Sue**

**Tellers this week: Bob and Paul**

**Tellers next week: Brenda and Doug**

**A/V this week: Al**

**A/V next week: Lloyd**

<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	7:30 Sunrise service 8:00 Breakfast 9:30 Egg hunt. 9:30 Coffee Time via Zoom 10:00 Sunday Service
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	6:00 Choir Rehearsal
<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	6:00 Maundy Thursday
<b><u>Friday</u></b>	10:00am Good Friday
<b><u>Next Sunday</u></b>	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.

**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.

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

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