

**TRINITY UNITED CHURCH**

April 19, 2020

**First Sunday after Easter**

*Welcome to all. May this time of worship touch our hearts and minds and offer hope and promise for the days to come*

**PRELUDES:** Piano Impression on "O Filii et Filiae" Robert Lind  
Meditation on "O Filii et Filiae" Denis Bédard

**WELCOME  
LIFE and ACTION of the COMMUNITY OF FAITH  
CENTRING TIME  
CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Come to us this day, Gracious God. As we sing our songs and celebrate Easter's joy, may we feel your presence with us. Each spring we recall again the mystery and wonder in your gift of resurrection. Each spring we ponder what it means to believe, to be faithful and to live in hope. And in our pondering we become aware of the continuing need for resurrection in our own lives and in this world.**

**OPENING HYMN: VU170<sup>1</sup>**

**O sons and daughters, let us sing!  
The King of heaven, the glorious King,  
o'er death and hell rose triumphing.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

**When Thomas first the tidings heard,  
how they had seen the risen Lord,  
he doubted the disciples' word.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

**'My pierced side, O Thomas, see;  
my hands, my feet, I show to thee;  
not faithless, but believing be.'  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

**No longer Thomas then denied,  
he saw the feet, the hands, the side;  
'Thou art my Lord and God,' he cried.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

**How blest are they who have not seen,  
and yet whose faith has constant been,  
for they eternal life shall win.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**PSALM 16: VU737<sup>2</sup>**

Protect me, God: I trust in you.  
I tell you now, 'You are my God;  
on you my happiness depends.'

**Refrain: (ALL) Protect me God, I trust in you.**

Your people are a chosen race,  
and I delight in faithful friends,  
but pagan ways I will not share. **R**

O God, you are my food and drink;  
my work for you is joy indeed;  
glad is this heritage of mine. **R**

Thank you, my God, for warning me;  
by night and day you guide my thoughts.  
With you before me, I stand firm. **R**

So now I'm glad in heart and soul,  
for I have found security;  
among the dead I shall not end. **R**

Not death, but life, shall be my path;  
abundant joy your presence grants,  
an honoured place, and happiness. **R**

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Acts 2: 14a; 22-32

**HYMN: VU185<sup>3</sup>**

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,  
for 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.

**SCRIPTURE READING:** John 20: 19-31

**REFLECTION:** "Gathering"

**ANTHEM:** "We Walk By Faith"

Anne Krentz Organ

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:** Based on a Fransiscan Benediction  
- Gord Dunbar, Kincardine, Ontario

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**HYMN: VU173<sup>4</sup>**

*Refrain:* Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son:  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes where the body lay.  
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son:  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won. *R*

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb!  
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.  
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
for the Lord now liveth: death hath lost its sting. *R*

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;  
life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. *R*

**COMMISSIONING: VU174<sup>5</sup>**

God of resurrection,  
you have rolled the stone away  
and the tomb of our world has been opened wide.  
With the dawn has come a new creation.  
Let our celebration today  
empty our tombs,  
renew our lives,  
and release your power;  
through the risen Christ we pray. Amen.

**BENEDICTION: VU429<sup>6</sup>**

May the blessing of God be upon you.  
May God's love light all your way.  
May the grace of Christ enfold you  
and peace around you stay.  
May the Spirit of God dwell within you.  
May you live in joy each day.

**POSTLUDE:** Paraphrase on a Hymn from Handel's "Judas Maccabaeus" Alexandre Guilmant

Leading in worship today are Jane Darling; Robert Grandy, Minister of Music; Chris Freeman, Choir, Worship Leader; Laurel Robinson Lachance, Choir and Dave Freeman, Choir, Technical Production.

**Credits:**

<sup>1</sup> Tune: French melody, 15th c.; Airs sur les hymnes sacrez, 1623 Text: Attr. Jean

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<sup>6</sup> Tune © 1995 William H.M. Wright, Toronto ON; Text: © 1995 R. Gordon Nodwell, North York, ON.

**TODAY'S ORGAN MUSIC**

**PRELUDES:** "O Sons and Daughters of the King" is a 15<sup>th</sup> Century French Easter hymn by Jean Tisserand. The first prelude, on the piano, by American composer Richard Lind sets this tune in a style reminiscent of composers of Tisserand's day. Later in the piece Lind changes to a more contemporary style with lots of running left-hand passages. The second prelude, on the organ, is by Canadian organist and composer Denis Bédard is a slow meditation, based on snippets of the tune. Bédard's beautiful and colourful harmonies abound in this piece.

**ANTHEM:** "We Walk By Faith" is a quiet and confident little anthem by Anne Krentz Organ, using a text by Henry Alford, perfect for this Second Sunday of Easter when we hear the Doubting Thomas story.

*We walk by faith and not by sight; with gracious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here." We may not touch your hands and side, nor follow where you trod; but in your promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!" Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound to call on you when you are near and seek where you are found: For you, O resurrected Lord, are found in means divine: beneath the water and the word, beneath the bread and wine. And when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light may we behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.*

**POSTLUDE:** Off to 19<sup>th</sup> Century France and the music of organist Alexandre Guilmant - his Paraphrase on a Hymn from Handel's "Judas Maccabaeus". The familiar hymn is heard at the outset, following which Guilmant wrote a fugue on

the first phrase of the hymn. The piece ends with two grand statements of the tune.

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The image shows the words "Christ is Risen!" written in a flowing, cursive script. The text is rendered in a golden-yellow color against a plain white background. The word "Christ" is on the top line, "is" is smaller and positioned between "Christ" and "Risen!", and "Risen!" is on the bottom line with a large exclamation point.