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on the traditional territories of the
Mississauga Anishinaabe People.**

**We give thanks for their care for the land
over thousands of years and
for their deep spirituality and
honouring of the Creator and the creation.**

**May we live with respect in God's creation
and in harmony with our neighbours.**



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EASTER V

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

PRELUDES: Two Preludes on Psalm 31

Flor Peters; Douglas Wagner

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

WELCOME

LIFE and ACTION of the COMMUNITY OF FAITH

HYMN: VU580¹ "Faith of our Fathers"

Faith of our fathers, living still
in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword;
O how our hearts beat high with joy,
whene'er we hear that glorious word:
faith of our fathers, holy faith,
we will be true to you till death.

Faith of our mothers, daring faith,
your work for Christ is love revealed,
spreading God's word from pole to pole,
making love known and freedom real:
faith of our mothers, holy faith,
we will be true to you till death.

Faith of our sisters, brothers too,
who still must bear oppression's might,
raising on high, in prisons dark,
the cross of Christ still burning bright:
faith for today, O living faith,
we will be true to you till death.

Faith born of God, O call us yet;
bind us with all who follow you,
sharing the struggle of your cross
until the world is made anew.

Faith born of God, O living faith,
we will be true to you till death.

CENTRING

PRAYER OF APPROACH

LORD'S PRAYER

CHOIR ANTHEM: "Alleluia: All the Ages"

Monica Bonasso

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

HYMN: VU307² "Touch the Earth Lightly"

Touch the earth lightly, use the earth gently,
nourish the life of the world in our care:
gift of great wonder, ours to surrender,
trust for the children tomorrow will bear.

We who endanger, who create hunger,
agents of death for all creatures that live,
we who would foster clouds of disaster,
God of our planet, forestall and forgive!

Let there be greening, birth from the burning,
water that blesses and air that is sweet,
health in God's garden, hope in God's children,
regeneration that peace will complete.

God of all living, God of all loving,
God of the seedling, the snow and the sun,
teach us, deflect us, Christ reconnect us,
using us gently and making us one.

CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURE READINGS

John 15: 1-8
Acts 8: 26-40

HYMN: "Hold On, Just a Little While Longer"

Jim Strathdee

REFLECTION: "Considering Clinging"

HYMN: VU619³ “Healer of Our Every Ill”

Refrain: Healer of our every ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow.

You who know our fears and sadness,
grace us with your peace and gladness.
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. R

In the pain and joy beholding,
how your grace is still unfolding.
Give us all your vision, God of love. R

Give us strength to love each other,
every sister, every brother.
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. R

You who know each thought and feeling,
teach us all your way of healing.
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. R

BENEDICTION

SUNG BLESSING: VU586⁴

“We Shall Go Out With Hope of Resurrection”

POSTLUDE: “Toccata” and “Chorale” from
Variations on “Aurelia”

- John Vandertuin

Leading in worship today are Rev. Joanna MacQuarrie; Robert Grandy, Minister of Music; Covid Choir; Scott McMichael, Worship Leader and Dave Freeman, Technical Production.

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TODAY'S ORGAN MUSIC

PRELUDES: Psalm 31 is a lament of David to the Lord. David is experiencing an enemy invasion, led by his own son, bent on killing him. In verse 5 of the Psalm, David says to the Lord, “Into thy hands, I commend my spirit”, trusting that God will save him from his own son. Belgian organist and composer based his Prelude on that verse, using an old plainsong chant “In Manus Tuas, Domine”. Peeters’ music flows along quietly, with the tune stretched out on top. American composer Douglas Wagner based his prelude on verse 11: “The Lord will bless his people with peace”. His prelude, called “Arioso”, is a slow-moving piece, with a beautiful melody supported by a lush harmonic accompaniment

ANTHEM: Monica Bonasso, the composer of “Alleluia: All the Ages”, sets this piece up with an original tune on the text “Alleluia! Alleluia! Cantata Jesu Christe”. The tune is then repeated overlaid with “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus to the tune of Hyfrydol. The third time through these two melodies and texts are joined by a third: “Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord”, to the tune of Alleluia #1, all with extremely great effect.

POSTLUDE: The composer of today’s postlude excerpts, organist John Vandertuin, is blind. He gave his first organ recital at the age of 14. His Variations on “Aurelia” (The Church’s One Foundation”) was written in 2007 in celebration of Douglas Haas’ 40 years of music ministry at St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church in Kitchener. The “Toccata” and “Chorale” are the fifth and last variations respectively. The Toccata contains rapid manual passages over the strong tune in the pedals, while the Chorale is a majestic and harmonically varied treatment of the familiar tune.

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