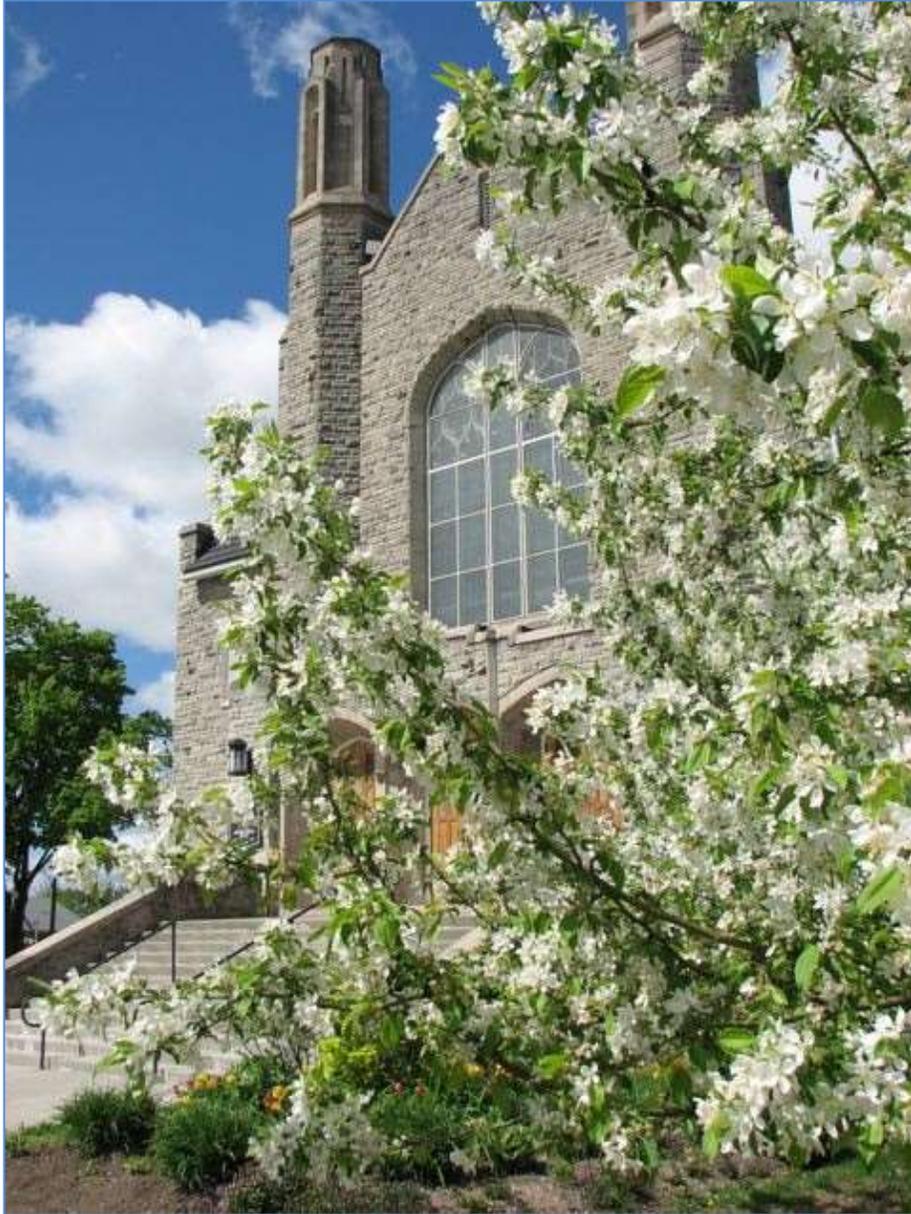


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**TRINITY UNITED CHURCH
PETERBOROUGH, ONTARIO**

**We acknowledge that we meet and live
on the traditional territories of the
Mississauga Anishnaabeg 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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May 24, 2020

Easter 7

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

(VU denotes Voices United: MV denotes More Voices)

PRELUDES: "Ascension" from Eight Episodes in the Life of Our Lord
Hymn Prelude on "In Babilone" Peter Pindar Stearns

WELCOME
LIFE and ACTION of the COMMUNITY OF FAITH
CENTRING TIME

PRAYER OF APPROACH

HYMN: VU213¹ "Rejoice the Lord is King"

Rejoice the Lord is King!
Your risen Lord adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing
and triumph evermore.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:
rejoice; again I say, rejoice!

Jesus the Saviour reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our sins,
he took his seat above.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:
rejoice; again I say, rejoice!

God's kingdom cannot fail;
Christ rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:
rejoice; again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope,
for Christ, the judge, shall come
to glorify the saints
for their eternal home.

We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;
the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALM 42: VU766²

As the deer pants for the water,
so my soul longs after you;
you alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship you.

Peter Pindar Stearns

Refrain: You alone are my strength, my shield
to you alone may my spirit yield;
you alone are my heart's desire,
and I long to worship you.

Day and night I cry, my heart is breaking,
Tears my only food,
While my enemies jeer and taunt me, saying:
"where is now your God?" R

Why am I so sad, so troubled:
why must suffering be so long?
I will hope in you, my God and saviour,
praise you with a song! R

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Ephesians 1: 15-23

HYMN: VU652³ "Be Still My Soul"

Be still, my soul, for God is on your side;
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Trust in your God, your saviour and your guide,
who through all changes faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul, your best, your heavenly friend
through stormy ways leads to a peaceful end.

Be still, my soul, your God will undertake
to guide the future surely as the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul, life's tempests still obey
the voice that once the waves' wild fury stayed.

Be still, my soul, the hour is hastening on
when we shall be forever in God's peace;
when disappointment, grief and fear are gone,
love's joys restored, our strivings all shall cease.
Be still, my soul, when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

CHOIR ANTHEM: "See, the Conqueror Mounts in Triumph"
arr. by Walter Ehret

SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 1: 1-9

REFLECTION: "Creative Absence" Rev. Dr. Donovan Brown

HYMN: VU327³ "All Praise to Thee"

All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine,
didst yield the glory that of right was thine,
that in our troubled hearts thy grace might shine:
hallelujah; hallelujah!

Thou cam'st to us in lowliness of thought;
by thee the outcast and the poor were sought,
and by thy death was God's salvation wrought:
hallelujah; hallelujah!

Let this mind be in us which was in thee,
who wast a servant that we might be free,
humbling thyself to death on Calvary:
hallelujah; hallelujah!

Wherefore, by God's eternal purpose, thou
art high exalted o'er all creatures now,
and given the name to which all knees shall bow:
hallelujah; hallelujah!

Let every tongue confess with one accord
in heaven and earth that Jesus Christ is Lord;
and God eternal be by all adored:
hallelujah; hallelujah!

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: VU189⁴ "Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise"

Hail the day that sees him rise, hallelujah!
taken from our wondering eyes, hallelujah!
Christ, awhile to mortals given, hallelujah!
re-ascends his native heaven. Hallelujah!

There the glorious triumph waits; hallelujah!
lift your heads, eternal gates; hallelujah!
Christ has conquered death and sin; hallelujah!
take the King of Glory in. Hallelujah!

Though returning to his throne, hallelujah!
still he calls the world his own; hallelujah!
him though highest heaven receives, hallelujah!
still he loves the world he leaves. Hallelujah!

See, he lifts his hands above, hallelujah!
see, he shows the prints of love, hallelujah!
hark, his gracious lips bestow, hallelujah!
blessing on his church below. Hallelujah!

Still for us he intercedes, hallelujah!
his prevailing death he pleads, hallelujah!
near himself prepares our place, hallelujah!
first-fruits of our human race. Hallelujah!

BENEDICTION

SUNG BLESSING: VU429⁵

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: Study on "Darwall's 148th"

C. Charlton Palmer

Leading in worship today are Rev. Dr. Donovan Brown; Robert Grandy, Minister of Music; Peter Darling, Worship Leader; Chris Freeman, Choir, Worship Leader; Laurel Robinson Lachance, Choir; Karla Buckborough, Choir and Dave Freeman, Choir, Technical Production.

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TODAY'S MUSIC

PRELUDES: Peter Pindar Stearns (1931-2016), the composer of today's two preludes, was a teacher and organist for many years in California and in the New England area. "Ascension" from his *Eight Episodes in the Life of Our Lord* is a quiet and slow-moving interpretation of Jesus' ascension into heaven. His Prelude on the hymn tune "In Babilone" is a gentle setting of this traditional Dutch melody – a melody also heard in today's anthem.

ANTHEM: Walter Ehret (1918-2009), the arranger of today's anthem, was a music teacher and professor in New Jersey and New York for over 40 years. His compositions and arrangements number over 2000. "See, the Conqueror Mounts in Triumph" is a three-part setting of the Dutch melody "In Babilone". The words by Christopher Wordsworth describe the sense of splendour and majesty to Christ ascending to heaven after the Resurrection.

See, the conqueror mounts in triumph, see the King in royal state, riding on the clouds, his chariot, to his heavenly palace gate! Hark! the choirs of angel voices joyful alleluias sing, and the portals high are lifted to receive their heavenly King. Who is this that comes in glory with the trump of jubilee? Lord of battles, God of armies, He hath gained the victory! He who on the cross did suffer, He who from

the grave arose, He has vanquished sin and Satan, He by death has spoiled his foes.

Glory be to God the Father, glory be to God the Son. Dying, risen, ascending for us, who the heavenly realm has won. Glory to the Holy Spirit; to one God, in persons Three, glory both in earth and heaven, glory, endless glory be. Amen.

POSTLUDE: C. Charlton Palmer (1871-1944) was Organist of Canterbury Cathedral from 1908 to 1936. His best-known organ works are his three sets of studies on hymn-tunes. His setting of "Darwall's 148th" (Rejoice, the Lord is King), captures the essence of this majestic hymn. The tune appears mainly in the pedals, with a few strains heard on the manuals.

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