

MARK STREET UNITED CHURCH  
The House of Friendship



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## EASTER FAMILY WORSHIP

APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2017

God loves each of us as if there were only one of us.  
Saint Augustine

“I am the resurrection and the life.  
Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying.  
Everyone who lives in me and believes in me  
will never ever die.”  
John 11:25-26

Deep thanks to Worship Leaders, Liz Sine, Kristy McLaren, Jim Boothby and Flutists, Drumming Circle, Betty Derry, Karen Mooney, Shelly Joyes, and Mark Street Choir for sharing their gifts of Music and all who participated in bringing together this service.

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(\* PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE &  
CONGREGATION RESPOND IN **BOLD**)

**MUSIC:** Panis Angelicus – Shelly Joyes.

### **COLOSSIANS 3.1-4**

You have been raised with Christ, now seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated with God. Set your mind on things that are above, not on things that are here on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed.

HE HAS RISEN!  
**WE HAVE RISEN!**  
 HE IS RISEN INDEED!  
**HALLELUJAH!**

### **HONOURING THE LAND**

As we gather together in this faith filled worshipping community, we celebrate the shining waters which run through the ancestral lands of our First Nations sisters and brothers in the area. Those waters shimmer with the Great Spirit of all Creation and the spirits of the mothers and fathers that come ahead of us. In our time together, let the ground on which we congregate as Mark Street United Church be sacred ground.

**GATHERING SONG:** Jesus Christ Is Risen Today VU 155

### **INVOCATION TO WORSHIP**

Gracious God, the curtains that have kept life dark have been parted. Light, in a glorious parade of color—white and yellow, blue and green, red and pink —streams over my soul and brightens my heart. Everything that could create the illusion of despair has been brushed aside.

**All is fresh. All is new. Hope, that most buoyant of companions, has lifted my soul. Resurrection has destroyed the darkness of death, and I am free to live in Easter joy once more. I thank you and rejoice in your love.**

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**THE STONES ARE REMOVED AND LIGHT SHINES ETERNAL!**

**\*GREETING ONE ANOTHER**

**LIFE AND WORK OF THE CONGREGATION**

**PAUSE AND PREPARE TO HEAR SCRIPTURE**

Matthew 28.1-10 (p. 33-34 NRSV pew bible)

This is the word of our lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GIVING THANKS**

**OFFERING MUSIC:** Christ Arose – Drummers and piano

**OFFERING SONG:** This Is the Day VU 412 vs. 1

**This is the day, this is the day that our God has made, that our God has made, we will rejoice, we will rejoice, and be glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day that our God has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it. This is the day, this is the day that our God has made.**

**\*DEDICATING OUR GIFTS**

Thank-you.

**Thank-you.**

For what?

**For life.**

And,

**For love.**

And,

**For today.**

**For we are newly alive in the light of God!**

**ANTHEM:** The Strife is O'r

## THE SAME SPIRIT IN EACH OF US

**COMMUNION SONG:** This Is the Day MV 122

## GATHERING TO CELEBRATE EASTER COMMUNION

What are we to make of this day? When graves are opened...When the dead awaken...When life refuses to be contained...

**Then nothing is impossible! Hope is never extinguished and love is never conquered.**

We celebrate You today, Jesus, because You have made it clear that death does not have the last word. Because You have filled us again with hope and faith. Because You have given us a vision of new possibilities, new realities, and new ways of being.

**Open our minds to believe what we cannot explain.**

**Open our hearts to hope for what we cannot see.**

**Open our lives to live and to love in the midst of death and despair.**

**Let resurrection happen again in us today. Amen.**

## WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR NEED

God, resurrection is not what we expect in our world. On the face of things, life seems to be under threat... our earth is grieving, our families are fracturing, our nations are at war, and the light of our hope is growing dim.

**We need the stone to be rolled away again.**

Forgive us and all who have failed to honour and preserve life in all its diversity and glory. Forgive us and all who have allowed relationships to become less important than riches

or recognition. Forgive us and all who continue to exalt our needs and desires over those of others, and who are prepared to kill to prove it. Forgive us and all who have grown blind to all the signs of resurrection that beckon us still.

**We need the stone to be rolled away again.**

**We need life to break out within us again.**

**We need love to consume us again.**

**Resurrect us today, O Lord, and make us agents of Your life wherever dying and grief hold sway.**

**For Jesus sake. Amen.**

## **WE FEAST AT THE LORD'S TABLE**

Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed!**

Let's celebrate this irrepressible life; let's open our hearts to the joy and wonder of infinite possibility, of unquenched hope, of eternal resurrection.

**We celebrate, we raise our voices and our hearts in worship and thanksgiving to the God who lives.**

Resurrection happened because Christ was first prepared to die. Defying death, He refused to release His hold on life and love. So now, as He encouraged us, we choose to remember so that we too can truly live. At supper on the night before He died Jesus took bread and blessed it. Then He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying:

**This is my body, broken so that you may know life.**

**Eat it and remember Me.**

After the meal Jesus took wine and blessed it. Then He gave it to His disciples saying:

**This is my blood, shed so that you may know life.**

**Drink it and remember Me.**

So, now, Lord of Life, we share in this meal, we celebrate together, and we remember You. And we will continue to do this until resurrection has flooded the whole creation.

**Amen.**

May this bread and this wine become for us in this moment your life-giving body and blood, and may we who share this meal, be joined with you and with one another, as one body united in resurrection life, and sharing with all of creation in your eternal salvation.

**In all our diversity, in all our individuality, as we share this one loaf, we are one. Amen.**

## **SHARING THE CUP AND THE WINE**

### **WE GIVE THANKS**

We thank You, O God, for Your life, pulsing in creation revealed in Jesus renewed in resurrection and available to us now.

**Thank You for touching us again with Your life through bread and wine; For joining our lives with Yours through Jesus; and for renewing resurrection in our hearts through your Holy Spirit.**

Filled with life, we now offer ourselves to be life-bringers in the world. Filled with hope we embrace the promise of eternity, and the call to make it known at every opportunity.

**Through the power of resurrected love, may hearts continue to be opened and may all continue to be awakened to new life. In Jesus Name. Amen.**

*Adapted from liturgy written by John van de Laar © 2009. With thanks.*

## **A SPECIAL VISITOR**

**HYMN:** May the God of Hope God with us VU 424

## **EASTER'S BLESSING**

How beautiful is the blossom spilling from the tree, the hidden primrose and the bluebell ringing out the news. He is risen, he is alive, we shall live for evermore.

**The dark winter is past, the slow, cold, foggy days are over.**

May the warmth of your resurrection touch our hearts and minds as the warmth of the sun blesses our bodies.

*Kate McIlhagga.*

**CHORAL BLESSING:** This is the Day MV 122

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Honouring the Land**

#### **Why Acknowledge the Traditional Territory?**

Acknowledging the territory where we gather and the people who have traditionally called it home for thousands of years is a way to continue to live out the church's apologies to the First Peoples of North America.

The acknowledgement supports our calls to others to pay respect to Indigenous peoples. It is also one way the



church can work toward right relations—by repudiating the Doctrine of Discovery that assumed the land was empty when European explorers, traders, and settlers first came. In order to promote mutual respect, peace, and friendship, the 40th General Council 2009 encouraged the recognition of Traditional Territory of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples at the gatherings of the courts and pastoral charges of The United Church of Canada. A proposal has been brought to the General Council Executive to encourage Parliament to include a similar acknowledgement in its opening address.

**Bay of Quinte Prayer Cycle:** St. John's UC. Brockville, Four Rivers.

**Conference personal minister David Timpson is contact for congregation for Ministry and Personal concerns. Call Bay of Quinte Conference at 1-888-759-2444.**

**Both The Mark Street Congregation and The Reverend Patti Armstrong's Review report is being processed by Presbytery.**

**Rev. Patti Armstrong contact:**

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**Vacation:** April 17<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>

**Emergency Pastoral Care:**

Rev. Julie van Haaften 705-742-2222

**Mark Street United Affirm Group:** April 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in the Library

**Please note there will be no refreshments after the service on Easter Sunday. Refreshments will resume next Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Happy Easter from Outreach!**

**Attention Easter Plant Deliverers:**

Thank you for volunteering to deliver plants to those who are unable to attend services. Following today's service, please meet with Jane McClenaghan in front of the communion table to receive cards to be delivered with each plant.

**Wanted: Yarn for Prayer Shawls**

If you have any yarn that you don't need, please consider donating it to the prayer shawl group. We would love to have any donations since our supply is very low. Please contact Mary Smith at 705-742-1042.

**Re: Youth Softball Registration**

We are still accepting registrations for Youth Softball in the Church Office. Office hours are Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 1:00pm.

**Re: Church Office Hours**

Please note the Church Office will be closed on Easter Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup>.

## *What's Happening this Week*

### **Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**

Trex – CEC 6:30pm

Pathfinders – Friendship Hall 7:00pm – 9:00pm

### **Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**

Snacks – Friendship Hall Kitchen 9:00am – 10:30am

Quilters – Friendship Hall 9:00am

Chronic Pain Workshop – Friendship Hall 1:30pm – 4:00pm

Yoga – Friendship Hall 5:30pm – 7:00pm

### **Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**

Tai Chi – CEC 10:00am – 12:00pm

Lovesick Lake Native Women – CEC 12:00pm – 2:00pm

Brownies – Friendship Hall 6:30pm

GA – Church Parlour 7:00pm

### **Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**

VON – Church Parlour 9:00am – 2:00pm

Bowlers – Friendship Hall 2:00pm – 3:30pm

Drumming – Church Parlour 5:30pm

Sparks – CEC 6:30pm – 8:00pm

Ptbo A&C – Friendship Hall 7:00pm – 8:00pm

Choir Practice – Sanctuary 7:00pm

### **Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**

Setup for Spring Rummage Sale – CEC & FH, noon onwards

### **Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Spring Rummage Sale – CEC & FH 8:30am – 11:30am

Private Party – CEC 2:00pm – 4:00pm

### **Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Therapeutic Touch – Church Parlour 2:00pm – 3:00pm

Private Party – Friendship Hall 1:00pm – 4:00pm

Ptbo Spirituality – Friendship Hall 7:00pm

*What's Happening at Mark Street*  
*-some exciting events are coming up-*

*Book Club*

Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the home of Alice McConkey. The book is *Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* by Rachael Joyce.

*Mark Street United Church Spring  
Rummage Sale*

Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 8:30am to 11:30am  
We are in need of clean clothing and household articles that are in good working condition. Please save any items you are willing to donate while doing your spring housecleaning. Articles may be dropped off at the Church from 9:00am to 1:00pm the week of April 17<sup>th</sup>.