

April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Third Sunday of Easter

Congregational responses are in bold.

(\*) Indicates Standing.

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**We Come Together**

**Prelude...** (*this is an opportunity for us to appreciate the gift of music and prepare our hearts for worship*)

**\*Introit** "Joy Comes with the Dawn"

**VU#166**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**Welcome/Land Acknowledgement**

**Announcements**

**Call to Worship:**

One: Jesus said,

**All: "Follow me."**

One: Jesus said,

**All: "Take heart, for it is I, do not be afraid."**

One: Jesus said,

**All: "Forgive seventy times seven."**

One: Jesus said,

**All: "Feed my sheep."**

One: As we worship this day, we say to Jesus:

**All: "Here's my heart. Take and seal it. Make it Your very own."**

**Opening Prayer:** (*unison*)

**Holy One, as we enter this time of worship, we do so as members of Your great family. In this time, with Your Spirit, open our hearts, stir our minds, and make our spirits eager for the work of love to which You call us. Allow Your creative and extravagant light to lead us into seeing one another— neighbours and strangers, ALL, as children of Your grace. We pray this in the name of the one who came in love binding all creation together. Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** "Come And Seek the Ways of Wisdom"

**MV#10**

**Personal Prayer:** "Open Our Hearts" x2"

**MV#21**

**(Concluding with The Lord's Prayer)**

**Children's Learning Time**

## Children's Prayer:

Your love dear God is with us, and Your Spirit leads the way, that love for us is endless both tomorrow and today. As we go about our week, may Your love in us show, each and all Your children Your love for them aglow. Amen.

\*Hymn: "Creator God You Gave Us Life" MV#27

### *We Listen to the Word*

Prayer for Illumination:

Reader: Esther

Scripture Lesson:

Gospel: John 21: 1-19

Response:

One: This is the Word of God moving in our lives,

All: may it guide us in our living. Amen.

Sermon "Beginnings That Have No End"

Anthem "Mercy Tree"

Prayers of the People

\*Hymn: "When Long Before Time" VU#248

### *We Respond to the Word*

Invitation to the Offering:

\*Sung Dedication:

"We Give Thee but Thine Own" VU#543 vs. 1

Offertory Prayer: (*unison*)

God, Your gift to us is life, our gift to You is how we choose to live that life, including the choice of our offering in expanding Your ministry in this world. Accept these gifts from our hands and hearts, along with our prayer that they accomplish not what we will, but rather what You intend. Take and multiply beyond measure, all we offer for Your Kingdom this day. In the loving name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

\*Hymn: "Go to the World" VU#420

**\*Blessing (Unison):**

One: We go out this day,  
**All: loved by God.**  
 One: We go out this day,  
**All: changed by Christ.**  
 One: We go out this day,  
**All: Held by the Spirit.**  
 One: We go out this day,  
**All: with God’s love in our hearts, a gift for all the world. Amen**

**\*The Light of Jesus— Ever Present, Ever Bright**

**\*Choral Benediction** “Blessing”

***Postlude***

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**This Week’s Volunteers**

**Ushers: Apr 14** Kim & Kevin **Apr 21** Eleanor & Ensor  
**Apr 28** Susan Rogers  
**Screens: Apr 14** Tracy **Apr 21** Erik **Apr 28** Kevin

**Calendar: April 15<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>**

<b>Monday</b>	9:30am	<b>Tai Chi</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00am	<b>Craft Group</b>	<b>Kitchen</b>
	7:00pm	<b>Church Council</b>	<b>Boardroom</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:30am	<b>Tai Chi</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>
	7:00pm	<b>Choir</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	12:00pm	<b>Lunch with Friends</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>
<b>Friday</b>	9:30am	<b>Tai Chi</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>

**Announcements:**

**Lunch with Friends:** Our next lunch will be April 18<sup>th</sup> at noon. Please sign up at the back of the sanctuary or by calling the office by April 15<sup>th</sup> at noon.