

MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Interim minister: Rev. Mark Chiang
2nd Sunday of Easter - April 16, 2023

Duty Elder: Harald Magnus

Elder Leading Service: Wendy Wadden

Musician: Sheryl Cale, Rosemary Brown

Scripture Reader: Shirley Tessmer

*When this symbol appears please stand if you are able

Musical Prelude – Time for Quiet Meditation

Welcome: VIDEO

CALL TO WORSHIP:

All things of God, all the heavens,

Worship and praise your Maker.

Sun, moon and stars; wind, rain and thunder,

Worship and praise your Maker.

Mountains and forests, streams and waterfalls,

Worship and praise your Maker.

Creatures beneath the seas, birds throughout the skies, all that leaps or
crawls, all who walk or worry or wonder,

Let us worship and praise our Maker together.

*Hymn: 258: *To Thine be the Glory*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

God our Maker,

we come giving thanks for all the wonder in your creation,

the great theatre of your glory.

We praise you for the detailed perfection revealed in a baby's tiny fingers,

for the wisdom and growth that comes with age,

for the strength to serve you,

or your glory seen in pussy willows greeting the spring,

and in each rock face worn by wind and water.

These details lift our hearts to praise you.

So let the details of the story the Risen Christ lift our hearts this day,

that we too may discover him in our midst,

making all things new with the springtime of your Spirit. Amen

And we now pray our prayer of confession:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

God our Redeemer,

in raising Jesus from the dead, you showed us your power

to defeat all that brings fear and sorrow to our lives.

Yet when things go wrong,

we confess we are sometimes uncertain how to find him.

Like Thomas, we are unsure if we can trust the promise of resurrection.

Forgive us when we struggle with doubt about your presence with us.

Breathe your Spirit upon us and bring us the peace Christ promised.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Friends, the risen Christ is in our midst, speaking words of peace and
forgiveness to us this day. Do not doubt these gifts are for you. Be at peace
with yourself and with one another. Amen

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART: VIDEO

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Hymn 254: *Jesus is Risen from the Grave*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, as we listen to the Scripture, increase our understanding by
the power of your Spirit. Shape our lives with your wisdom and inspire our
love through Christ, your living Word. Amen

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 16

SCRIPTURE: John 20:19-31

ANTHEM: Antiphonal Hosanna

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MEDITATION: VIDEO

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

HYMN 352: *Can it be that I Should Again*

WE RESPOND WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS

WE GIVE TO GOD'S WORK

The Risen Christ invited Thomas to touch the wounds in his hands and his side. When we give our gifts in Jesus' name, we can touch the wounds of the world with his healing power. Give, knowing you will make a difference for Christ's sake.

***PRAISE RESPONSE:** *Praise God from whom all blessings flow #830*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Giver of every good and perfect gift, in Christ we see the power of sacrifice, and trust the hope of resurrection he offers. Receive our gifts given in gratitude for all we have received in him. Bless all that we give so that his healing work in the world may continue.

PRAYER FOR OURSELVES & OTHERS

God of new Life,
The Risen Christ spoke words of peace to his friends.
Thank you for strengthening our faith
and offering us that peace as we live in you day by day.
We are grateful that you give us courage to face our fears and struggles,
patience to endure moments when the way ahead is not clear,
and resilience to meet changing realities.
Make us a source of peace and resilience for Christ's sake.

Loving God,
we pray for the many places of brokenness in our world.
We think especially of those weighed down by economic pressures,
and people still recovering from the effects of the pandemic.

We pray for people and communities at odds over policies and opinions, and those who feel their concerns are going unheard.

We pray for the earth itself under the impact of human activity and for those working to protect its future.

Grant the earth and all its peoples your gifts of hope and healing.

Faithful God,

We pray for those who struggle with their experience of the church.
Open them to your love and grace so that any pain the church has caused will be healed.

Guide us with your Spirit of wisdom to know how to live out our faith in ways that create pathways for others to find you, not barriers.

We pray for our congregation,

for The Presbyterian Church in Canada,

and for the Church of Jesus Christ in every country and culture.

In these days of challenge and criticism for churches,
strengthen our trust in you and our concern for others.

Give us ears to hear the correction we need in any challenge,
with hearts opened by the grace of the Risen Christ.

We also pray for ourselves, our family and friends, our community and country.

We lay before you in silence all the people and concerns on our hearts and minds today.

(Silence for 15 seconds)

We are grateful that we can place all our worries and our hopes into your hands,

O God, knowing that you will hear us and respond. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN 267:** *Rejoice the Lord is King*

Commissioning and BENEDICTION: VIDEO

***SUNG BENEDICTION: Go Now in Peace (Besig)**

Birthday greetings this week go out to Connie Madsen

There are still gift cards to be sold for plants from the 2 greenhouses.

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