



*St. Paul’s Presbyterian Church*

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Sunday, April 20th, 2025

Interim Moderator: Rev. Robert Lyle 902-549-6411

Clerk of Session: Jan Alchorn

Music Director: Linda Giddens

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Easter Litany (See insert)

Hymn 190 Jesus Christ is risen today

First Reading: Easter Returns Luke 23:55 – 24:3

Reflection

Unison Prayer

God of mystery, we have made it here on Easter morning, seeking to find you. We *know* the Easter story, yet we do not always *understand* what is happening. Open our hearts to be surprised, just as the women were when they found the tomb empty. Amen.

Second Reading: Perplexed and dazzled Luke 24:3-5

Reflection

Unison Prayer

God of mystery, we can understand why those women were perplexed. We know the Easter story, but we do not understand *how* things happened as that day dawned. Yet your gift of hope is dazzling to us, too. We would like to believe that death is not the end, and we do through what Jesus has done. Amen.

Hymn Because he lives

1. God sent His son, they called Him, Jesus;
He came to love, heal and forgive;
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives!

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living, just because He lives!

1. How sweet to hold a newborn baby,
And feel the pride and joy he brings;
But greater still the calm assurance: This child can face uncertain days because He Lives!
2. And then one day, I'll cross the river,
I'll fight life's final war with pain;
And then, as death gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives!

Third Reading: Remember? Luke 24:5-11

Reflection

Fourth Reading: Amazed by grace! Luke 24:12

The Apostles Creed (616)

The Invitation to the Table

Hymn 178 – When I survey the wondrous cross

Our Offering

Prayer of dedication

The Story of the Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift our hearts to God.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Prayer (The Lord’s Prayer)

Breaking the Bread and Lifting the Cup

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer after Communion

Hymn 201 Thine be the glory

Benediction & Choral Amen

MISSION MOMENT: Sunday, April 20

Mengesha Kebede lives with his 10 family members on a small plot of land in Tigray, Ethiopia. During the Tigray conflict, soldiers looted Mengesha’s property, stealing farm tools, clothes and household utensils and destroying his home. This devastating experience left Mengesha traumatized and deeply worried. His concerns were alleviated when he was provided with seeds, farm tools and goats, helping him replace some of the assets lost during the war. Mengesha is grateful for the support he has received from this Canadian Foodgrains Bank project, supported by PWS&D, but he recognizes that the road to fully recovering from the conflict remains long and that continued support is vital.7

**Upcoming Services**

Apr 27 – Brad Little 2nd Sunday of Easter

May 4 – Maryann Skinner 3rd Sunday of Easter

May 11 - Bob Lyle 4th Sunday of Easter