



Ministers: Rev. Bev Irwin & Rev. Karen Ptolemy-Stam
Music Director – Victoria Warwick

Our service begins with a choral introit that takes us back to remember that there is no Easter without Good Friday. Joy came with the dawn after a time of sadness, grief, and tears. They stood at the foot of the cross devastated. Weeping was changed to joy at the tomb. So began Easter. With the strains of Hallelujah we rejoice that God breaks into our world to transform, to resurrect, to push our boundaries so we can be God's Easter people and be all that God calls us to be.

*Please stand as you are able.

PRELUDE: "Joy Comes with the Dawn"

CALL TO THE GATHERED

*HYMN VU#155 Jesus Christ is Risen Today

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

Sacred One, we gather to celebrate Easter. We come to embrace the promise of new beginnings arising out of the things in our life that are life denying.

As we embrace the resurrection of Christ, may we remember it is resurrection, transformation of our own lives into new ways of living, of being in our world.

Help us to open to the mystery of your presence in us. Be with us as we worship together. Amen

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

As we light this Christ candle, may it remind us that Christ is in us and in our world.

SUNG RESPONSE: Vu #187 Vs 1

The spring has come, let all the church be part of it!

The world has changed, and God is at the heart of it!

New light, new day, new colour after winter grey.

New light, new day, the spring has come, let all the church be part of it!

THEME CONVERSATION:
LORD'S PRAYER

(Children leave for Discovery Kids)

PRAYER FOR ENLIGHTENMENT

SCRIPTURE: [Mark 16:1-8](#)

ANTHEM: "He is Alive"

SERMON: Rolling the Stone Away

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY HYMN: VU#159 "The Strife is O'er" (VS. 1,2,4)

*OFFERTORY SUNG RESPONSE

**All that we have, all that we are, we offer here today.
To bring good news of hope & joy to cherish on the way.
To feed the hungry, heal the sick, and set the captive free.
To build a world where love is lived, proclaiming liberty.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN: VU#173" Thine is the Glory"

*COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Welcome Friends!

Whoever you are, and wherever you are on life's journey,
You are welcome here!

Whether you are a child, youth, adult or elder,
You are welcome here!

Whatever your ethnic origin or language;
sexual orientation or gender identity;
religious tradition or theological position;

whatever your economic status or political persuasion
You are welcome here!

If you are differently abled,
you are welcome here!
If you are spiritually weary and in need of rest,
If you are mourning a deep loss in your life,
If you are skeptical;
if you have been hurt by religion,
If you have questions,
If you come full of doubts or confidence, joy or sorrow,
You are welcome here because you are God's creation,
and WIDE is God's Welcome!!
Friends! You are Welcome in this Place – Just as you are.

Today we welcome our special guest musicians:

The Brass Quartet

Sadie Bridgeman - Cornet

Dave Taylor - Cornet

Paul Rayment - Trombone

Dan Donaldson - Bass Trombone

Guest Pianist: Amanda Clarke

Scripture Reader: John McCullough

Easter Food Drive: Today is the final day for the St. Paul's food drive. Thanks to all of you for your generosity for this much needed program.

St. Paul's Youth Group meets again on Sunday April 8. The theme is "*Bring Your Own Utensil*". Friends are always welcome. For more information, contact Colleen at: cgareau02@gmail.com

The next **Observer Reflections meeting** will be on Monday April 9 at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

St. Paul's Handchime Choir will be ringing at a fundraising event for Sistema Huronia on April 14 at 1:30 p.m. The event is being held at the Midland Alliance Church. Please join us for an afternoon of family entertainment.

There will be a **Volunteer fair** on Sunday April 15 following the service. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet the different committees and groups of our church face to face as well as lots of food and fellowship. Please join us.

Defibrillator course is scheduled for April 17, from 10:00 until 2:00 p.m. There is a limited number of spaces available for registrants, so if you're interested, please contact Bea at 705-528-0959.

Auction of Talent and Beautiful Things is on Saturday April 28 in the Great Hall. Viewing is at 9:30 a.m. followed by the auction at 10:00 a.m. A light lunch will be available for purchase. **Your donated items can be dropped off at the church between April 16 and April 20.**



The Property Committee is always looking for volunteers to help with normal maintenance issues and with gardening around the church. If you have a green thumb or are handy with a hammer or paint brush and can help us out, please contact the church office.