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God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith



April 17, 2022 – Easter Communion
Worship Leader: Rev. Chris Fickling

Welcome!

Welcome to worship!

WE GATHER IN GOD'S HOPE

VU: Voices United

MV: More Voices

*We acknowledge that we are on the Haldimand Tract,
traditional territory of the Neutral, Anishnaabeg, and
Haudenosaunee peoples.*

Welcome & Announcements and Lighting
of the Christ Candle

Prelude

Processional Hymn **Christ the Lord is Risen Today** VU 157

**1 Christ the Lord is risen today, Hallelujah! all
creation join to say; Hallelujah! raise your joys and
triumphs high; Hallelujah! sing, O heavens, and
earth reply: Hallelujah!**

**2 Love's redeeming work is done, Hallelujah!
fought the fight, the battle won. Hallelujah!
Lo, our sun's eclipse is o'er! Hallelujah!
Lo, he dwells in death no more! Hallelujah!**

**3 Lives again our glorious King: Hallelujah!
where, O death, is now your sting? Hallelujah!
Once he died, our souls to save: Hallelujah! where
your victory, O grave? Hallelujah!**

**4 Hail, the Lord of earth and heaven, Hallelujah!
praise to you by both be given! Hallelujah!
Every knee to you shall bow, Hallelujah! risen
Christ, triumphant now. Hallelujah!**

Call to Worship

One: Risen Lord Jesus, as the rising sun scatters the shadows of night, let fear and our obsession with failure be scattered from our souls, that we may live in the glorious freedom of the children of God.

As we open worship, we raise up into your resurrection light all who are excluded from fullness by poverty, unemployment or stigma, by injustice, criminality or neglect, by homelessness, landlessness or war, by even our actions that dwell in death rather than life.

Risen Lord Jesus, let us be bathed and baptized by your resurrection light. May we trust in you above all else, hope in you above all else, seek you in all things, find you in every place, meet you among all people, know you through everything, and love you beyond all telling.

Sung Response

Take, O Take Me as I Am

MV 85

Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be; set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

Lord's Prayer (read/prayed slowly)

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory. For ever and ever. Amen.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading (CEB) **John 20:1-18**

¹ Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴ The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷ and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples returned to their homes. ¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹² and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴ When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the

disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Anthem

In Christ Alone

(arr. Larry Nickel)

*In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength,
my song. This cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.*

*What height of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.*

*There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
up from the grave He rose again!*

*And as He stands in victory sin's curse
has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine,
bought with the precious blood of Christ.*

*No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the pow'r of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny.*

*No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man
can ever pluck me from His hand.
For I am His and He is mine,
bought with the precious blood of Christ.
No-one can pluck me from His hand.
In Christ alone I stand.*

Reflection

Hymn

The Spring Has Come

VU 187

***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!***

***2 The sun is warm, let all God's children play in it!
The world expands, let's spread the Gospel way in it!
New leaf, new thrust, new greening for the love of Christ.
New leaf, new thrust,
the sun is warm, let all God's children play in it!***

***3 The spring has come, new people are the flowers of
it. Through wind and rain, new life is in the showers
of it.
New bud, new shoot, new hope will bear the Spirit's fruit.
New bud, new shoot,
the spring has come, new people are the flowers of it!***

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND LOVE

Invitation to Offering

(Donate online at sjruc.ca)

Offering Response

We Bring our Gifts to Share

***We bring our gifts to share, and lift our grateful
prayer That with our faithful care, our world will
grow. Through work of minds and hands
in gestures small or grand,
Let willing hearts expand the love You sow.***

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Flowering the Cross and the Sacrament of Holy Communion

Sung During Communion – *Eight-fold Alleluia*

Verse 1 – *Alleluia*

Verse 5 – *Bread of mercy*

Verse 2 – *Loving Maker*

Verse 6 – *Cup of Blessing*

Verse 3 – *Child of Mary*

Verse 7 – *Source of new life*

Verse 4 – *Holy Spirit*

Verse 8 – *Alleluia*

WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

Closing Hymn

Fairest Lord Jesus

VU 341

- 1 *Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature, O thou of God to earth come down: thee will I cherish, thee will I honour, thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.***

- 2 *Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the troubled heart to sing.***

- 3 *Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and fair the twinkling, starry host;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heaven can boast.***

- 4 *All fairest beauty heavenly and earthly, wondrously, Jesus, is found in thee; none can be nearer, fairer or dearer than thou, my Saviour, art to me.***

Commissioning *adapted from a prayer by Roddy Hamilton*

One: have you ever noticed

that it is the space that holds everything we believe
it is the gap, the emptiness, the void,

in which we place everything we fundamentally believe

in that space, the emptiness of tombs
lies the fullness of our faith

and in such spaces
when the emptiness of the tomb is met

it is then we trust resurrection and
that what Jesus said is true
we remember what he told us and struggle to believe

you need an empty tomb for resurrection you
need that emptiness,
to have a full faith filled with hope and possibility and
what might be

so may we step into emptiness and believe the
life Jesus spoke of might be true
the love he held to might be true
the words he spoke might be true
because there is only space
where death ought to be

this possibility of life, this resurrection of spirit in
every empty space is our new hope

go and believe

Choral Benediction **Go Now in Peace**

Go now in peace, never be afraid

God will go with you each hour of every day Go

now in faith, steadfast, strong and true Know

God will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe

Reach out to others so all the world can see God
will be there watching from above.

Go now in peace, in faith and in love.

("Go Now in Peace" Written by Besig & Price 1988)

*Please remain seated in silence as we
conclude our service with the postlude.*

Announcements

Please register for Worship: Vaccination, masks, & distancing are still required. Register at: rsvp.church/r/C1yBpTR9 Sign up your “bubble” & sit together. Phone registration is available through the office. Note the separate registration for Sunday School. If the list for the Worship Service is full, please sign up on the “Wait List”. We will contact you if spaces become available. **We require proof of vaccination to attend.** For those who have chosen to be unvaccinated, please join us online or in print!

Christian Education: Drop your children off at the door near the fenced playground at 10:20 a.m. on Sundays for story time, worship, crafts, and play (indoor & outdoor). Masks & distancing required. Pre-register your children online at rsvp.church/r/C1yBpTR9 Can you volunteer to assist with the activity centers? If you can help, contact Mearle: ce@sjruc.ca or Rev. Chris revchris@sjruc.ca

Year End Recitals At SJR we have been lucky enough to share time with choral scholars over the last few years, and so it is fitting that we share in upcoming year end recitals! Madison Marino’s (former soprano) recital will take place at the Maureen Forrester Recital Hall at WLU on **April 24 at 4:30pm**. We don’t have any ticket information yet, but will pass along when we do!

Ukraine We have raised \$3300 to date in support of those in Ukraine, and we will continue to collect over the next few months in support of those affected by war. Thank you for your generosity, and for those that would still like to help, please make your donation out to SJR with the note: ‘Ukraine’

Can we Count on You? Our current list of Counters (of the Sunday offering) is less than half of the size that it was before Covid. There has been no Counters schedule for the past two years and as we ramp up our Sunday services, it is time to put together a Counters Schedule. We like to have a Head Counter with one or two Counter helpers. If we can get enough volunteers, your commitment would be once every 4-7 weeks. The counting has traditionally been done after our Sunday worship service. Please contact finance@sjruc.ca if you’re able to help!

Monica Place collection We are collecting for Monica Place, a registered charity that provides supports for pregnant and parenting youth in the Kitchener-Waterloo and Cambridge region. When donating make sure your regular church envelope number is added as well as clear indication on the outer envelope that your gift is for Monica Place. In addition to financial donations until May 19, we will be collecting the following much needed items to be delivered to Monica Place: diapers (size newborn to 6), diaper wipes, diaper rash cream, gently used clothing, etc. A table will be set up for these items.

Mother's Day Takeout Dinner! The UCW is partnering with "DeliWorks" to bring you a full take out dinner to help raise money to meet our 2022 goal for the Mission & Service Fund of the United Church of Canada. We are offering brioche rolls with butter, caesar salad, Apricot Chicken thighs with roasted garlic mashed potatoes and seasonal vegetables. Dessert is a lemon pastry with berries. And all for \$25! Order on line at sjruc.ca by **Friday, April 29th**. All dinners must be prepaid - you can pay by cash or cheque (made out to SJR UCW). Put your payment in an envelope marked "MOTHER'S DAY" and drop it off at the church. If you cannot drop the payment off please let Muriel or Bernice know and it will be picked up.

Accommodation Need! A member of the congregation is in need of accommodation (one bedroom apartment if possible) as of April. If you have any connections please contact Rev. Chris.

Executive Update As a result of our meeting on April 5, we are taking tentative steps forward to resuming life together and worship as we would like. At this time, we are increasing attendance numbers to allow more people to enjoy Easter together, moving from limits of 55-60 to 75-80. During this time, masks, distancing, and vaccination status will still be required for worship. We had hoped to lift more restrictions however the current case load in our community is proving that a little more time is necessary. In the months to come, we still hope to reach 100% capacity, Gather in Gab in person, and all the other activities we so miss.

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