

# LEASIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 5, 2024 - 10:30 a.m.

\*please stand as you are able

PRELUDE *The heav'ns are praising the Lord of creation*

by Beethoven arr. Liebergen; Neal Armstrong, soloist

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF CENTERING

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Sing to the Lord a new song, for God has  
done marvellous things!

**All: Sing of God's great faithfulness and steadfast  
love to all.**

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;  
sing praises!

**All: Rejoice in the presence of God, who reigns  
with equity and justice.**

\*HYMN *Come, children, join to sing* No. 377

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSON

**All: Merciful God, we often find it difficult to love  
others as you command. We seek our own  
security before the wellbeing of others. We  
fulfil our own desires rather than act for the  
common good. Forgive us. Redirect our  
priorities, and renew our commitment to live  
out your love, even when that demands more  
of us than we expect.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PEACE OF CHRIST

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

\*HYMN *New songs of celebration* render No. 62

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

**All: Lord, we long for your wisdom and truth.  
Send your Holy Spirit to guide us as we listen  
to the Scriptures. Prepare our ears to hear  
your Word and our hearts to receive it. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE Psalm 98 pg: OT 551

1 John 5:1-6 pg: NT 241

\*HYMN *Children of Jerusalem* No. 415

SERMON The Reality Test

CHOIR ANTHEM *This Joyful Eastertide*

by George Ratcliffe Woodward and Charles Wood

OFFERING *Christ lag in todesbanden*

(Christ lay in death's bonds), BWV 625 by J. S. Bach

DOXOLOGY No. 830

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 debts  
as we forgive our debtors; 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**

\*HYMN *Joyful, joyful, we adore you* No. 410

\*BENEDICTION

CHORAL AMEN (CONGREGATION AND CHOIR) No.780

POSTLUDE *Fantasy in G, BWV 572* by J. S. Bach

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please join us in the Glebe Parlour for coffee hour if you are here in person. Please stay with us for our virtual coffee hour following worship if you are online.
- A reminder that the service is being recorded and will be available on both the website and on Facebook.
- Today we welcome **Antonio Siracusa** - Antonio Siracusa completed his Master of Divinity studies at the end of 2023 and is certified for ordination with the Presbytery of East Toronto. He is a graduate of the Master of Pastoral Studies program from Knox College and currently serves as a Pastoral Care Associate at Glenview Presbyterian Church. Additionally, he holds a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and a Diploma in Community Work. Antonio's favourite expression to exclaim about God is "It is fun being a Christian!" He enjoys a close-knit, multicultural extended family, has a passion for bringing people together, and strives to foster unity among God's people and creation. Antonio's favourite hobbies include birdwatching, bird feeding, painting, gardening, crafting with his 4-year-old niece, and hiking (he completed the Camino de Santiago in 2014). His interests span history and theology, and he indulges in reading for both pleasure and professional enrichment, alongside dedicated research endeavours.

## LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge with gratitude and humility this land on which Leaside Presbyterian Church ministers.

Today, this meeting place is still home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island and we are grateful to have the opportunity to worship on this land.

Wherever we are, we acknowledge the privilege of inheriting this land from those who have gone before us. Wherever we are, we recognize the responsibility of caring for this land to pass on to those who come after us. We are grateful for this gift of being on this land.