



Leaside Presbyterian Church

***To grow in relationship with Jesus Christ,
so that we feel loved and share God's love with others.***

April 27, 2025 - 10:30 a.m.

Second Sunday of Easter

*please stand as you are able

PRELUDE

Prelude in G Major, BWV 541

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF CENTERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather as people on a journey.

All: We believe & we have doubts, we do good & we sin. We are imperfect humans, and still beloved by God.

One: Love and grace. Hope and faith. These are the essence of the one we call God.

All: We seek forgiveness & grace from the One and from those we've harmed.

One: Assured of that grace, we are ready to grow again.

All: We yearn for a new way, a new perspective, and a clear path.

One: Though we are full of trust and full of doubt, we are here. Speak to us, God! Continue creating us!

All: Inspire our hearts. Enlighten our minds. Guide our actions. Amen.

*HYMN

This is the day No. 78

OPENING PRAYER

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Dear God, Creator of the heavens and Maker of each small thing: what a wondrous universe you have spread before us. Each day overflows with the richness of life: with growing green and bursting blossoms, with relationships which nurture and challenge, with missions accomplished and justice to be done. Each day is full of your meaning. And yet many times we do not see this. With much around us to be done, we complain of boredom. Or we are so busy we lose track of your presence and calling. Too often we scurry to and fro without appreciation, delight, or much sense of purpose. Call us, O God, out of emotional poverty into the richness of life lived in love. Move us toward you and one another.

One: Now, let us take a moment in silent prayer, so that we can confess our sins against God and our neighbour. *(silence is kept)*

One: Give us the courage to trust in your love and grace, we pray.

All: Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear the Good News: God, our Maker, Jesus our Teacher, the Spirit our Advocate, the Triune God is for us, not against us.

All: We are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

PEACE OF CHRIST

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

*HYMN

He is Lord No. 252

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

All: Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Psalms 118:14-24 Pg OT 565

One: The grass withers, the flower fades,

All: but the Word of the Lord stands forever.

CHOIR ANTHEM

Lord of the Dance

SCRIPTURE

John 20:19-29 Pg NT 115

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Worth Repeating

*HYMN

Joyful, joyful we adore you No. 410

OFFERING

Peace Between Nations by Christopher

Wiggins

DOXOLOGY *Jesus is risen from the grave (verses 1, 4, 7) No. 254*

V.1 Jesus is risen from the grave (3x) Hallelujah!

V.4 Thomas will stop his doubting (3x) Hallelujah!

V.7 Jesus will live forever (3x) Hallelujah!

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 *Now let the vault of heaven resound* No. 255

*SENDING

One: We have drawn near to You today, Jesus

All: and You have drawn near to us.

One: Before we leave this space,

**All: breathe on us again, Your life in us stirring up
our faith and encouraging us to be Your living
witnesses.**

One: For surely today, and every day is the day
You have made

All: and so we rejoice and are glad in it.

*BENEDICTION

*SUNG BENEDICTION

Tune No. 814

New life has bloomed here, God's love has warmed us;

Now the world calls us go spread that love.

God's peace go with you. May it sustain you,

bring us together praise God again.

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POSTLUDE

Juba Dance by Nathaniel Dett

WORSHIP HOSTS

Vestry Elder & Scripture: Grace McCreary

Usher: Caroline Cassin Coffee Hour: Jisu Kim

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please join us following worship for **refreshments and fellowship** in Glebe Community Room and 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.
- A special welcome to the **Rev. Mavis Currie** who is a newly retired Presbyterian minister from London, Ontario. Originally from Dundas, Mavis studied at Knox College and completed a field placement at Leaside as a student at Knox College.
- A special thank you to **Judith** for organizing the Easter flowers and to all who donated in memory of loved ones and who helped deliver the flowers.
- One concrete way we can experience the newness of life is through meditation. Every Wednesday at noon, we gather for a simple **twenty-minute guided meditation online** that is a spiritual exercise of detaching ourselves from identifying with anything other than the loving presence of God that comes to us with each breath and in each moment so that we can live free. See the Friday email for the Zoom link.
- A **Lunch n' Learn** will take place this Wednesday at 12:45pm - 2:00pm in the Glebe Community Room as we watch a webinar: Making Space for the Neuro-divergent in our church.
- **Leaside Rideshare**: If you are able to offer a ride to and/or from church to people who no longer drive on an occasional Sunday, please speak to Paul.
- **Games night!** We are hoping to make connections with our neighbours by hosting a games night for anyone who loves board games. Please speak to Nancy, Liz, or Paul if you would like to help organize this evening of fun.