



# Leaside Presbyterian Church

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

**Second Sunday in Easter**

**April 12 - 10:30 a.m.**

\*please stand as you are able

**PRELUDE**      *Chorale Prelude on Vulpius by Healey Willan*

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**TIME OF CENTERING**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Preserve us, O God

**All: for we take our refuge in You.**

One: You are our Lord

**All: we have no good apart from You.**

One: We bless the Lord who gives us counsel

**All: He is at our right hand so we shall not be  
moved.**

One: You show us the path of life

**All: in Your presence our joy is made complete.**

**\*HYMN**                      *Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the  
risen Lord No.260*

**OPENING PRAYER**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Gracious God, we confess before you our slowness to  
embrace the new life you offer.**

**You offer springtime to our souls, but we prefer the winter of coldness and indifference.**

**We continue in despair and self-doubt, rather than rejoicing in knowing you love us.**

**We forget that we have been baptized into the death and resurrection of Christ.**

**Afraid to die, we cannot receive new life.**

**Forgive us, renew us,  
and breathe Your Spirit upon us again,  
that we may trust Your grace  
and walk in the path of life.**

**Amen.**

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Hear the Good News: we are forgiven!

We are set free to go out into the world and be the loving, gracious, hopeful people of God!

**Alleluia! Amen.**

### **PEACE OF CHRIST**

**One:** May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All:** **And also with you.**

### **\*HYMN**

*He is Lord (with hand motions) No.252*

### **PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING**

**All:** **Lord, open our hearts and minds  
by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may hear your word with joy. Amen.**

### **SCRIPTURE**

Psalm 16 OT pg.495

**One:** The grass withers, the flower fades,

**All:** **But the Word of the Lord stands forever.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Praise His Holy Name*

*by Keith Hampton*

**SCRIPTURE**

John 20:19-31 NT pg.115

One: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

So I send you

**\*HYMN**

*God forgave my sin / Freely, freely No.774*

**PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS**

**OFFERING**

One: We offer our gifts to God in gratitude,

**All: trusting God to multiply what we bring.**

**OFFERTORY**

*Chorale Prelude on The Strife Is O'er*

*by Wilbur Held*

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

*Jesus is risen from the grave;*

*Jesus is risen from the grave;*

*Jesus is risen from the grave.*

*Hallelujah!*

*Jesus will live forever;*

*Jesus will live forever;*

*Jesus will live forever.*

*Hallelujah!*

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**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, and the power, and the glory for ever. **AMEN**

**\*HYMN**

*I danced in the morning /  
Lord of the dance No.250*

**\*SENDING**

one: Go in peace,

**All: held in the love of God,  
renewed by the risen Christ,  
and led by the breath of the Holy Spirit.**

one: Walk in the path of life,  
live in resurrection hope,  
and may your joy be made full.

**BLESSING**

**\*SUNG BLESSING** *New life has bloomed here Tune: 814*

*New life has bloomed here, God's love has warmed us;  
Now the world calls us, go spread God's love  
God's peace go with you, may it sustain you,  
Bring us together, praise God again.*

**POSTLUDE:** *Christ lag in Todesbanden, BWV 625*

**WORSHIP HOSTS**

Vestry Elder: Nancy Scripture: Nancy  
Usher: Caroline  
Coffee Hour: TBD

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Welcome** to Leaside Presbyterian Church. Whether you have come to worship in person or online, we are grateful to be connected as we worship together.
- Please join us next Sunday for the **ordination of four elders: Sylvia, Alex, Susan R. and Peggy**. The **Rev. Barry Van Dusen**, our minister-in-association, will be offering the sermon.
- Special thanks to **Judith** and **Anne** for their contributions. The new high-rise toilets are now installed in the main floor washroom and ready for service. We hope you enjoy an elevated experience.
- Since February 28, escalating military violence in the **Middle East** has been worsening and widening, with humanitarian needs rising rapidly. PWS&D, through our membership in Canadian Foodgrains Bank, is taking part in the Humanitarian Coalition appeal in response to the ongoing conflict.

Responses will help provide food, water, emergency health service, temporary shelter and psychosocial support. Please consider donating to **PWS&D** today by scanning the QR code below:



- **Centering prayer** takes place online every Wednesday at 9am. Learn how to pray with others for twenty-minutes, deepening our relationship with God not through words but in silence. Email [paul@leasidepc.ca](mailto:paul@leasidepc.ca) for details.
- Please join **Mary** on **Sunday April 12th, 2026** at noon in the **nursery** to discuss bringing back the Merry Market.
- **LPC Reads ... The Queen Who Came In From The Cold**, by S. J. Bennett. Please join us on Tuesday, April 21 at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom. If you have any questions, please email Barry and Peggy.
- Please save the date for our **LPC BOARD GAMES NIGHT!** Friday April 24 from 7 - 9 pm (doors open at 6:45) in the church basement. Join us for an evening of fun! Bring your favourite game or play one of ours. Meet new friends, learn new games, have lots of fun! Snacks and drinks provided.

Email [LPC.gamesnight@gmail.com](mailto:LPC.gamesnight@gmail.com) for more information or talk to Nancy or Liz.

- **Calling all high school youth** for an evening of pickleball, dinner, and conversation on Saturday April 25th from 4 - 8pm. This is a joint event with Presbyterian churches in our area. Speak to Paul to learn more.
- A reminder that **the service is being recorded** and will be available on the website and on Facebook.
- Happy birthday to **Flory D., Janis C., Madelyn W., Cathie M.**, and those who will be celebrating birthdays this week. If we didn't know it was your birthday, please let the office know.

### **UNCEASING PRAYER**

*Every Sunday, you'll find an updated prayer for specific PWS&D programs and emergency responses, new prayers from PWS&D's global partners, Canada-wide volunteers and ecumenical coalitions, as well as prayers taken from the Bible or the Book of Praise. Thank you for continuing to pray for people affected by conflict, climate change, inequality and systemic cycles of poverty around the globe.*

**Peace-giving God, we pray for peace in countries facing violent conflicts. We think especially of those in Gaza, Ukraine, Yemen, Syria, South Sudan, Sudan and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. May swift and peaceful resolutions emerge, bringing an end to suffering and restoring hope. In your Holy name, we pray. Amen.**

### **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.