



Leaside Presbyterian Church

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

**Seventh Sunday in Easter
May 17, 2026 - 10:30 a.m.**

*please stand as you are able

PRELUDE *Organ Sonata No. 6 (Variations on "Our Father who art in heaven") by Felix Mendelssohn (excerpt)*

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF CENTERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Let us be joyful before God!

All: We will sing praises to God's holy name.

One: Let us lift up a song to the One who rides upon the clouds,

All: who protects orphans and widows and gives the desolate a home.

One: Sing to God, all nations of the earth.

All: We will sing praises to the Lord, our God!

***HYMN**

Jesus, stand among us No.452

OPENING PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PEACE OF CHRIST

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

*HYMN

Word of God, across the ages No.497

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 100 OT pg.552

One: The grass withers, the flower fades,

All: but the Word of the Lord stands forever.

SPECIAL MUSIC *Christ is our Cornerstone by David Thorne*

SCRIPTURE

Acts 1:6 -16 NT pg.118

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Staring at Clouds, Grounded in Hope

*HYMN

Love divine, all loves excelling No.371

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Quia fecit mihi magna
by J. S. Bach; Roland Kessler, soloist*

*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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

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** *Come sing, O church, in joy! No.757*

***SENDING**

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: *Organ Sonata No. 6 (Variations on "Our Father who art in heaven") by Felix Mendelssohn (excerpt)*

WORSHIP HOSTS

Vestry Elder: Nancy Scripture: Liz
Usher: Kathy
Coffee Hour: Caroline and Weida

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.

God, we praise you for Canadian farmers participating in growing projects through Canadian Foodgrains Bank. We pray that you bless the funds raised by these projects and used in PWS&D programs so that they will effectively address hunger around the world. 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.

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.
- A special welcome to the **Rev. Joan Masterton** who is leading worship this morning.
- You are invited to make a monetary gift to go towards **a wedding gift for Anna and Vincent**. A box and a card that can be signed is on the center table in the Glebe Community Room.
- **Leaside Day** takes place on **Saturday May 23rd** at the Leaside Community Memorial Gardens. Come by our table **between 1pm - 4pm** and help us make new connections with people in our community. Please speak to Liz, Grace, or Paul if you would like to learn more.
- Our next **Merry Market planning meeting** will be on **zoom** on **Wednesday May 27th at 10:30**. All are welcome, the more the merrier! Please contact Mary for details.
- As part of our **Mission program**, we will once again be **contributing casseroles to Evangel Hall** this month.
Pans are available on the table outside the office along with Alice Morgan's recipe but please feel free to make your own favourite! Please label your casserole and put it in the church freezer in the Silverthorn Hall kitchen by Sunday, **May 31st**. Please speak with Judith with any questions.
- **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 for details.

- **LPC Reads... Still Life**, by Sarah Winman. We will meet next on Tuesday, June 2, 2026, at 7:00 PM, on Zoom. We hope you will join us. If you have any questions, please email Barry and Peggy.
- A reminder that **the service is being recorded** and will be available on the website and on Facebook.
- Happy birthday to **Spencer S., Gordon I., Jonathan V., Joan M.**, and those who will be celebrating birthdays this week. If we didn't know it was your birthday, please let the office know.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday May 19, 6:30pm

- Board of managers meeting

Wednesday May 20, 9:30-11:30am

- Community Time

Saturday May 23, 10:00am-4:00pm at Leaside Garden

- Leaside Day

Sunday May 24, 10:30am

- Pentecost

Tuesday May 26, 6:30pm

- Session meeting

Sunday May 31, 10:30am

- Trinity Sunday - Sacrament of Baptism