

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH COMMUNITY OF FAITH

*A spiritual hub for
creativity, discovery and growth*



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St. Paul's United Church, Perth
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The 3rd Sunday of Easter Season



✠ *invites us to rise in body or spirit*

God Calls Us Together

Lighting the Christ, Affirm and Prayer Candles

One: We light the Christ candle as a sign that Christ's Spirit alights us all:

All: **this day, this moment, and every moment.**

One: We light the Affirm candle to remind us to be a place of belonging and acceptance,

All: **to learn and grow together in love that protects and celebrates and uplifts.**

One: The Prayer candle reminds us to hold one another in prayer:

All: **to raise prayers of thanks and concern for one another, and any in need.**

Gathering Song: "There Is Room for All" MV 62

**There is room for all in the shadow of God's wing:
 there is room for all sheltered in God's love.**

And I rejoice and sing,

"My Refuge and my rock, in whom I trust."

**There is room for all,
 there is room for all.**

All Our Relations: "Akwe Nia'Tetewá:neren"

All God's Children (Affirming Statement)

Life of the Community

Prelude: Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow - Genevan Psalter, arr. by Hudson

The Greeting for Easter Season

One: Christ is Risen!

All: **Christ is Risen indeed!
 Hallelujah!**

✠ Hymn: Grateful" MV 182

Refrain

**Grateful for the life you give us,
 thankful for your Holy Son,
 joyful in your Spirit flowing**

**over all, O God of Love.
Grateful for the Bread of Heaven,
thankful for your Holy Word,
joyful in your mercy flowing,
we will praise you.**

- 1 You are more than we imagine,
Ancient Holy, Living Lord.
Even when we doubt your presence
you are faithful to your Word. (refrain)**
- 2 May our lives proclaim your justice,
may our voices sing your praise.
May our hand work in your service
to the glory of your name. (refrain)**

Gathering Prayer (*all*):

God of justice and mercy: we praise you for attending to the prayers of our hearts and lives. Give us vision to embrace the world with love. Help us commit our hearts and minds and words and actions to show the love of Jesus for all. Help us to see you, to greet you, to know and welcome you in friend and stranger. Amen.

Children & Youth Time

Junior Choir: "A New Creed"

Arrangement: Christopher Bowman and
Valerie Kingsbury, 2018 in "Walk the Walk"

We are not alone,
we live in God's world.

We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

Children proceed to the Gathering Room.

We Listen for God's Word

From the Gospels: St. John 21: 1-14 (MSG, alt)

Richard Byrd

21 ¹⁻³ After this, Jesus appeared again to the disciples, this time at the Tiberias Sea (the Sea of Galilee). This is how he did it: Simon Peter, Thomas (nicknamed "Twin"), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the brothers Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. Simon Peter announced, "I'm going fishing."

³⁻⁴ The rest of them replied, "We're going with you." They went out and got in the boat. They caught nothing that night. When the sun came up, Jesus was standing on the beach, but they didn't recognize him.

⁵ Jesus spoke to them: "Good morning! Lads, have you caught anything?" *

They answered, "No."

⁶ He said, "Cast the net off the other side of the boat and see what happens."

They did what he said. All of a sudden there were so many fish in it, they weren't strong enough to pull it in.

⁷⁻⁹ Then the disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, "It's the Master!"

When Simon Peter realized that it was the Master, he threw on some clothes, for he was stripped for work, and dove into the sea. The other disciples came in by boat for they weren't far from land, a hundred yards or so, pulling along the net full of fish. When they got out of the boat, they saw a fire laid, with fish and bread cooking on it.

¹⁰⁻¹¹ Jesus said, "Bring some of the fish you've just caught." Simon Peter joined them and pulled the net to shore—153 big fish! And even with all those fish, the net didn't rip.

¹² Jesus said, "Breakfast is ready." Not one of the disciples dared ask, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Master.

¹³⁻¹⁴ Jesus then took the bread and gave it to them. He did the same with the fish. This was now the third time Jesus had shown himself alive to the disciples since being raised from the dead.

One: For the wisdom that guides us, the word that inspires us
and the truth that enlightens us.

All: We praise you, O God.

Sermon: "Come and have breakfast" Rev. McLean

†Hymn: "Amazing Grace" VU 266

- 1 **Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.**
- 2 **'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.**
- 3 **Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.**
- 4 **The Lord has promised good to me,
this word my hope secures;
God will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.**
- 5 **When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun**

We Respond to God

Community Prayers and The Prayer of Jesus (spoken)

Senior Choir: Bless the Lord, 2. Butterflies and Moths (Benedicite No. 7) - Andrew Carter

All you butterflies, butterflies and moths,
All you fluttering and flittering and flying creatures,
Come magnify, magnify the Lord.

All you butterflies, butterflies and moths,
All you hovering and quivering and wondrous creatures,
Come magnify, magnify the Lord.

Dragonflies trembling in the breeze,
Ladybirds ling'ring on a flow'r,
Come magnify, magnify the Lord,
Come magnify, magnify the Lord.

Kittiwakes calling on the cliffs, kingfishers flashing in the morning sun,
Come magnify, magnify, magnify the Lord,
Magnify, magnify, magnify the Lord.

All you butterflies, butterflies and moths,
All you fluttering and flittering and flying creatures,
Come magnify, magnify the Lord.
Come magnify, magnify the Lord.

Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Hymn

TUNE: OLD HUNDREDTH VU # 541

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
In heaven and on earth below;
One God, Three Persons we adore,
And sing our praise for evermore.**

Prayer of Dedication (all)

Loving God, with hearts filled with joy, we offer you gifts of thanks, honour, praise, and love. Bless the gifts we offer by envelope, through PAR, and in many other ways. May they help fulfill your gracious purpose and share the love of Jesus near and far. Amen.

God Sends Us to Be the Church in the World

✠ Hymn: "Spirit, Open My Heart" MV 79

Refrain:

**Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love,
in receiving and in giving,
Spirit, open my heart.**

- 1 God, replace my Stony heart
with a heart that's kind and tender.
All my coldness and fear
to your grace I now surrender.**
- 2 Write your love upon my heart
as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought, word, and deed,
make my living bring you glory.**
- 3 May I weep with those who weep,
share the joy of sister, brother.
In the welcome of Christ,
may we welcome one another.**

✠ The Blessing for Easter Season

✠ Sung Blessing: "When You Go From this Place"

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**When you go from this place be true.
May the blessing of life find you.
May the winds of the Spirit guide you,
'cross the ocean of all your days.
May the seeds of your love - your life
a-dorn the Way.
A-dorn the Way.
A-dorn the Way.**

Postlude: Amazing Grace - Virginia Harmony, arr. by Mark Hayes