

St Paul's United Church, Perth, ON
Sunday, April 28, 2024 - 10AM

The Fifth Sunday in Easter Season

Worship Leader: Wanda McNea

Music: Andrew Graham

*invites us to stand in body or spirit

Bold print = congregation's voice

God Calls Us Together

10:00 Lighting the 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

All Our Relations and Affirming Statements:

"Akwe Nia'Tetewá:neren"

Life of the Community:

Prelude: Sonata II, Mvmt 1, Op. 65 F. Mendelssohn

The Greeting for Easter Season

One: Christ is Risen!

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

*Hymn: "The Spring Has Come" VU 187

Gathering Prayer:

God of Easter, we gather as a community, always in search of your nourishment and guidance that promises continued renewal. We seek to be united in faith rooted in your love – a faith that we share freely throughout our lives.

We come with open hearts, minds and souls, eager to receive your words and offer prayers and songs of praise.

**We pray that today, in worship we grow stronger together.
Amen**

Learning as Youth: How a Vine Grows

Followed by the Prayer of Jesus VU 959

We Listen for God's Word

From the Gospels - St. John 15:1-8 (Msg.) *read by Anne Bolton*

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Message: Are we the fruit of the vine?

Hymn: "We Have This Ministry" VU 510

We Respond to God

Community Prayers followed by the Prayer of Jesus:

Choir: Bless the Lord, 1- Badgers and Hedgehogs - Andrew Carter

Our Tithes and Offerings:

Offertory Hymn: VU 541 *Tune: Old Hundredth*

**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

Loving Creator, accept and bless these gifts as another Hallelujah.

You have given us all creation and we are only a small part of that mystery. In our small way, we offer with gratitude and praise what is in our hearts and minds and hands.

You have promised us your love and given us your Son; we offer ourselves in faith to You. Amen

God Sends Us to Be the Church in the World

*Hymn: “Like a Healing Stream” MV 144

*The Blessing for Easter Season:

*Sung Blessing: “When You Go From this Place”

**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.**

Words and music c.2015 Pat Mayberry arr c.2019 David Kai

Postlude: Fugue in G Minor, BWV 578 J.S. Bach

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