

# EASTER SUNDAY

## Easter Sunday Services, April 4, 2021



The Season of Lent has ended! Easter is here. Easter is the most important season in the Christian Church, celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Easter celebrates the defeat of death and the hope of salvation through the resurrection of Jesus. Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

### Our Vision

To live as Christ would have us live, in love, with compassion and seeking justice, by sharing God's grace, learning from scripture, growing through the Spirit and being transformed by faith.

**WASHROOMS:** Wheelchair accessible and gender neutral bathrooms are located outside the lower auditorium. They can be accessed by the stairs in the Narthex or the

## FIND YOUR PLACE

### ORDER OF SERVICE EASTER SUNDAY COMMUNION

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed!**

Hallelujah! Christ has overcome death!

**Let us celebrate and worship God on this happy morning.**

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 16:1-14 read by Rita Swan

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

INVITATION

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

COMMUNION PRAYER

BLESSING



**OUR LAND** - We remember, as we celebrate God's presence in Worship that St. Andrew's River Heights United Church gathers in Treaty 1 land, the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe, Cree, Oji-Cree, and Dakota peoples and in the heart of the Metis Nation. As Treaty people, we seek to live with respect on this land, and live in peace and friendship with all our relations.

## ORDER OF SERVICE

GATHERING: Chorale Prelude on 'Vulpius' (Good Christians all, rejoice and sing) *Healey Willan*

### CENTERING WORDS

CALL TO WORSHIP: *Eric Hebert-Daly, Gathering Resource, UCC.*

(Handbell rings three times)

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HYMN: **VU155** Jesus Christ is Risen Today

### WORDS OF WELCOME

HYMN: **VU164** The Day of Resurrection

### OPENING PRAYER

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

ANTHEM: Anthem for Resurrection composed by Henry Smart, arranged by Jay Althouse

### CANDLE LIGHTING

### CHILDREN'S TIME

ANTHEM: O Risen Lord by K. Lee Scott

SCRIPTURE READING: John 20:1-18 read by Bernard Boland

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN: **VU158** Christ is Alive vs. 1 & 2

### SERMON

HYMN: **VU158** Christ is Alive vs. 4 & 5

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER pg. 914/916:

Jesus lives. **Hope is alive.**

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: **VU218** We praise you, O God vs. 1  
**We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;  
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.  
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;  
we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.**

BLESSING: *Fern Gibbard, Penticton. U.C., Penticton, B.C. Gathering Resource*

Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Hallelujah!**

Now we are an Easter people!

**Now we are the people of the risen Christ!**

Now we are the people who go out into the world living the love of God.

Sharing the peace of Christ, bring the community of the Holy Spirit

As we bring the new life of Easter to everyone we meet.

**Christ is risen! Hallelujah!**

BENEDICTION (**MV212** Sent out in Jesus' name)

**Sent out in Jesus' name, our hands are ready now  
to make the world the place in which the kingdom comes.**

**The angels cannot change a world of hurt and pain  
into a world of love, of justice and of peace.**

**The task is our to do, to set it really free.**

**O, help us to obey, and carry out your will**

POSTLUDE: Toccata from Symphony #5 *Charles-Marie Widor*

### Announcements

**A special thank you** to our singers: Sara Cory, Fred Cross, Chris Donlevy, Paul Forget, Nolan Kehler, Nicki LeGrand, Judith Oatway, Diane Wreford are singing. , thank you for sharing your ministry of music with us.

### **Scripture Readings for next week:**

Acts 4:32-35

Psalm 133

1John 1:1-2:2

\*John 20:19-31

Each week we will mention people from our congregation who are in care facilities. Remember them in your prayers. This week we will remember those in:

### **Shaftesbury Park Retirement Residence**

Ian Purves

George & Lesley Rempel

**If you** or anyone you know has a special birthday, anniversary or celebration coming up let us know so that we can announce it.

### **ST. ANDREW'S CONTACT LIST**

Our heartfelt thanks go out to everyone who helped with today's service—we couldn't have pulled it off without you!

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## Memorial Flowers 2021

Given in memory of **Herbert Belyea** Given by Audrey Belyea

Given in memory of **Dawn & Jack McKeag** Given by Janis McKeag & Kelly McKeag

Given in memory of **Betty & Lou Jubinville's Parents, George Jubinville, and Claudette Lobel** Given by Betty & Lou Jubinville

Given in memory of **Morton & Gladys McClenaghan** Given by Susan Wiste

Given in memory of **Marjorie Eckert's Parents and sister Shirley Lush, husband Donald Eckert, and grandson Matthew Eckert** Given by Marjorie Eckert

Given in memory of **Shawcross parents** Given by Shawcross family

Given in memory of **Jan Mildren** Given by Fred Cross

Given in memory of **Hazel & Osborne Parkinson** Given by Joyce Rich

Given in memory of **Betty Jo Johnston and Ross Johnston** Given by The Koots family

Given in memory of **Donald Edward Keats** Given by Shirley Keats

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In a generous act of hospitality, God invites us into ministry. How shall we then respond?

