

Easter Season Teamwork!



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Preparation

Prelude

Processional

Sing Praise and Bless the Lord

**Sing praise and bless the Lord,
sing praise and bless the Lord! Peoples! Nations! Alleluia**

Welcome

Check In What is your favourite sport/team?

Acknowledgement of the Land

Ahniin, We acknowledge that the land on which St. Paul's United Church is located is the traditional land of the Wendat and Anishinaabe First Nations.

Today, this meeting place is still the home to many Indigenous People from across Turtle Island, including Metis and our neighbours on Christian Island, Beausoleil First Nation. We are grateful to have the opportunity to worship and work on this land. We are all Treaty people.

Around the world there is a movement to intentionally include Indigenous people as partners in large projects. APTN News reports that "Maori Queen Nga wai hono i te po said in an address that Indigenous finance networks and initiatives are growing, ... 'New capital frameworks are emerging,' she said. 'First Nations are asserting ownership in major projects, not as beneficiaries, but as partners and leaders... Capital shaped by Indigenous values is defined by what it protects, what it builds and what it leaves for those who come after. The well-being of our people. The strength of the environment. And the inheritance we pass on.'

We commit ourselves to walking in a new way together: a path of healing and hope. Chi-Meegwetch

Call to Worship

We can stare up at the sky,

or be Jesus' followers here and now.

We can search for directions to glory,

or we can serve with hope and love.

We can wring our hands, worrying we are alone,

or we can discover the people who are all around us.

So, let us worship in this space that God is creating, where all are embraced.

Together we become beloved community.

Opening Prayer

Reader: Barb & Charlie Carswell

Lighting of Christ Candle

Prayer As we light this Christ Candle,
may it remind us that Christ is in us and in our world.

Sung Response

**Here in this place, the light of God, my soul finds repose:
Holy space, the heartbeat of God, My soul finds a home**

Peace of Christ

Stories for All Ages: The Language of Flowers

Song of Praise VU#582 There's a Spirit in the Air

Listening

Scripture Philippians 2:1-13 **Reader: Barb & Charlie Carswell**

Sermon Teamwork Makes the Dream Work

Song for Reflection MV#154 Deep In Our Hearts

Life and Work of the Church (Announcements)

Offering of Thanksgiving

Offertory Music Choir

Offertory Response VU#541 Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures high and low.
Give thanks to God in love made known,
Creator, Word, and Spirit One.**

Celebrations and Concerns

Acknowledgement of Asian Heritage

Prayers of the People **Reader : Barb & Charlie Carswell**

Song for the Journey VU#595 We Are Pilgrims

Extinguishing the Candles

Blessing

Closing VU#958 Halle Halle Halle

Postlude