



Welcome to Worship on this Easter Morning!

Jordan Station United Church est. 1859

Minister: The Rev. Anita Spiller

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April 12, 2020

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP @ 11:00am:

The Community Gathers

Prelude: You Are My All in All (written by: Dennis Jernigan)

(Piano/Organ duet: Carolyn Campbell & Joyce Brown)

Easter Proclamation

Christ is risen;

Christ is risen in us, for wherever we gather in His name, He is there.

Alleluia, Christ is risen; Christ is risen indeed!

Land Acknowledgement (Read by April Sanford from our 160th Anniversary Celebration)

We begin our Worship by acknowledging and honouring the land upon which we gather today as the historic and traditional territory of First Nations peoples. In particular, we recognize and thank the Anishnabe, Ojibwe/Chippewa, Haudenosaunee, and the Neutral Nation (Attawandaron) for their stewardship of these lands over millennia.

Lighting of the Christ Candle – Join us by lighting your own candle at home

Loving God of light, we hid in the darkness and you brought the light of Salvation to our eyes and our spirits. We praise you for the resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ. We light this candle as a reminder that we have received the greatest good news of healing, hope, and restoration. Praise be to you, eternal God, for this gift of love. AMEN.

Opening Prayer (Psalm 118, John 20)

Let us pray . . . Living God, rejoicing in this day of resurrection, we have come to celebrate the strength of your love - a love that triumphs even over death. As we exult in the miracle of your incarnate love, we thank you for the opportunity to encounter the Risen Christ here in our midst. Amen.

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****Opening Hymn: Jesus Christ is Risen Today** (Voices United #155)

Jesus Christ is risen today, hallelujah!
our triumphant holy day, hallelujah!
who did once, upon the cross, hallelujah!
suffer to redeem our loss. Hallelujah!

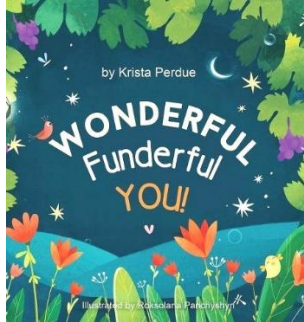
Hymns of praise then let us sing hallelujah!
unto Christ, our heavenly King, hallelujah!
who endured the cross and grave, hallelujah!
sinners to redeem and save. Hallelujah!

But the pains which he endured, hallelujah!
our salvation have procured; hallelujah!
now above the sky he's King, hallelujah!
where the angels ever sing. Hallelujah!

Sing we to our God above, hallelujah!
praise eternal as God's love; hallelujah!
praise our God, ye heavenly host, hallelujah!
praise the Son and Holy Ghost. Hallelujah!

CHILDREN'S TIME:

Storytime with Aietch – “Wonderful Funderful You” (written by Krista Perdue)



“Together Again Wish Jar!” (Sarah Foster)

Sarah's April 5th Facebook post:

Who's excited to come back?

It's been so hard to be away from our Church family, and I know that we are all excited for the time when we are all able to come together again!

What are you excited to do when we all get back together again?

THE WORD OF GOD:

Special Music: Ordinary Miracle (performed by Maya Kershaw)

Prayer of Illumination

Let us Pray . . . Holy God of Mystery, You have forgiven us our sins through Your grace and our Saviour's sacrifice. The Light of our world has been Resurrected! Our Redeemer searches for us and shines a light on us. Jesus, like Mary Magdalen we know You, we have Your Peace, Hope, and Love. And though we have not yet seen You, we believe You are God's truth, and our salvation. Amen

(written by Tim Davies)

Gospel: John 20:1-18

(This is a retelling of the Easter story in the place of reading the lesson from John's gospel.)

How early it is! The sky is changing from deep darkness to the faded blue-gray of morning light. Now is her time to go to the tomb--in the dimness of early morning light, before the others awake--just to be there, near his tomb just one more time. And she runs to the place where he is buried, but the stone is rolled away. How can this be? This stone takes a number of strong workmen to put in place. It was guarded. But now no one is there and the stone is rolled away. She is frightened and runs back to tell Peter and the other disciples: "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Peter and John run to the tomb. John reached the tomb first and looked in, and he did not see the body in the tomb; Peter went into the tomb and said that the body definitely was not there. He saw the linen wrappings lying there and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, but it wasn't lying with the other linen wrappings; it was rolled up in a place

by itself. John entered the tomb and was overwhelmed by the disappearance of Jesus. So they left the tomb and went back to their place of hiding.

But Mary stayed, stunned and fearful. As she wept, she bent over and looked in the tomb, and there she saw two angels in white, one at the place where Jesus' head had lain, and other at the place where the feet had been. "Woman, why are you weeping?" they asked her. "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him," she responded. She turned around and saw someone whom she supposed to be the gardener, the one who attends to the burial sites. She did not know it was Jesus. "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" She was astonished at his words and through her tears implored him to tell her where the body had been taken. "Where has he been taken? If you tell me, I will go and take him away." And then she heard it, the sound that would ring in her ears and in her heart for the rest of her life: "Mary!" he said her name. "Mary!" and in an instant, she knew who he was. "Teacher," she cried and fell to her knees in front of him, seeking to embrace him. "Mary, do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" And with tears of joy, Mary ran from the place and went to the disciples, announcing, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Sermon: "The Joy of Giving up Easter for Lent"

Sermon Hymn: Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks

(written by: Donald Fishel) (Voices United #179)

Chorus

Hallelujah, hallelujah.
Give thanks to the risen Christ;
hallelujah, hallelujah!
Give praise to God's name.

Verse 1

Jesus is Lord of all the earth,
firstborn of all creation.

Chorus

Verse 2

Spread the good news
o'er all the earth:
Jesus has died and is risen.

Chorus

Verse 3

We have been crucified with Christ,
now we shall live forever.

Chorus

Verse 4

Come let us praise the living God,
joyfully sing to our Saviour.

Chorus

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

Life and Work of Jordan Station United Church - Announcements

Friends, although our Church building is closed, our Programming and Worship continues. We are hosting many things on Facebook Live, via Zoom and on our You Tube Channel so follow us and subscribe to our channel and help us spread the word so that all can stay connected to our church family.

Easter Sunday Worship Service YouTube: <https://youtu.be/WtSbQAGaLi4>

Facebook: <https://facebook.com/JordanStationUnitedChurch>

We are also offering online materials via email so be sure and check every few days for updates. In addition, there is tons of information and links on our website under the [Worship tab!](#)

Services & Programs this Week:

Storytime with Rev. Anita @ 11:00 am daily

Creative Spirit with Carolyn Campbell Tuesdays @ 10:00 am

Contact Carolyn @ campbell.c2007@gmail.com for Zoom details

Choir Chat & Singalong Virtual Gathering

Joyce invites all Choir Members to an on-line virtual gathering!

When: Thursdays @ 2:00pm via Zoom

Contact Joyce at jerb.19@icloud.com for details!

All videos will be posted and stored on our BRAND NEW YOUTUBE CHANNEL so they can be viewed at any time.

Subscribe to our YouTube Channel!

Minute for Mission:

Video – Jill Lund & the Sewing Aunties: “Cloth Masks for Niagara’s Essential Workers”

Offering Invitation & Prayers

We are grateful for the many gifts of time, talent and treasure that are continually being offered by our Church Members and friends. May they continue to make a difference in the world to those living on the margins. To give online please visit our website:

www.jordanstationunitedchurch.org/donate

Let us pray . . . Thank you, God, for the gift of this amazing day of resurrection! Our hearts are overflowing with the joy and excitement of Easter. We pray that you will take our exuberance and use it to bring light and hope to those trapped in darkness and despair. Use these gifts of money to empower our work with those who have not yet seen the risen Lord in their midst. Use the gift of our very lives to empower our calling to carry your incarnate Love into the world. We pray this with the boldness of those who have encountered the living Christ. Amen.

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Affirmation of Faith – A New Creed

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.**

Prayers of the People

Let us pray that words that Jesus taught us. . .

**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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Closing Our Worship & Going Forth in God's Name

Closing Hymn: You Shall Go Out With Joy (Voices United #884)

You shall go out with joy
and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills
will break forth before you;
there'll be shouts of joy,
and all the trees of the field
will clap, will clap their hands!

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands,
(clap, clap)
the trees of the field will clap their hands,
(clap, clap)
the trees of the field will clap their hands
(clap, clap)
while you go out with joy.

Benediction and Commissioning

May the love of God make you a loving people,
May the grace of God fill you with grace,
May the hope of God make you a hopeful people and
May you indeed go out with shouts of joy on this day.

Thanks be to God. Amen

Passing of the Peace of Christ

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And, also with you.

Thank you for joining us today!