

# Jordan Station United Church est. 1859



Sunday, April 26, 2020 – 3rd Sunday of Easter  
Hymn Sing  
Liturgical Colour – White

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## **Prelude: Ain't No Grave**

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(performed by Hubert Razack)

## **Welcome & Land Acknowledgement**

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**

We light this candle as a sign of God's Spirit at work in the world, may its light brighten our spirits, may the light of God shining through us brighten the world.

## **Opening Prayer**

If I could,  
I would offer an invitation for you  
to hold your sorrow close,  
to really feel what you are feeling,  
and not try to portray yourself as being strong or "together."  
If I could, I would just simply listen  
to everything you need and want to say  
– spoken or unspoken –  
without any commentary  
without trying to fix everything  
and just allow your soul to be filled with the doubts,  
the rage, and the fear that you have about now,  
and about the future.

So together we sing  
and plead to our God;  
to embrace those whom we miss so much,  
and to be present to all who feel lost without them. Amen

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## **Hymn Sing 1:**

Thine is the Glory (Voices United #173; written by Judas Maccabaeus)  
Lord of the Dance (Voices United #106; written by Sydney Carter)  
Rock of Ages (written by Augustus Toplady)

## **Children's Time**

**The Planet Family Song by Aietch**

## **Prayer of Illumination**

Holy One, through your only Son you overcame death and opened to us the light of eternity. Enlighten our minds and kindle our hearts with the presence of your Spirit, that we may hear your words of comfort and challenge in the reading of the scriptures, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **The Word of God**

### **Gospel: Luke 24:13-35**

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad.

Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?"

He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive.

Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?"

Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them.

When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?"

That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

**Sermon: Stained Glass Window Sermon Series – The Scriptures Come Alive**  
**Posted on-line at: [www.JordanStationUnitedChurch.org/sermons](http://www.JordanStationUnitedChurch.org/sermons)**

**Hymn Sing 2:**

Spirit of Life (Voices United #381; written by Judy Fjell)  
What a Friend We Have in Jesus (Voices United #664)  
I'm Gonna Live (written by Wendell Whalum)

**Prayers of the People by Rev. Anita based on the Epistle: 1 Peter 1:3-9**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

**The Lord's Prayer**

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.

**Hymn Sing 3:**

This Little Light of Mine (written by Lou Singletary Bedford)  
Love Divine, all Loves Excelling (Voices United #333)  
May the Blessing of God Be Upon You (Voices United #429)

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- 2 – Drop off a cheque in our mailbox at the Church
- 3 – Mail a cheque: consider weekly post-dated cheques
- 4 – Join PAR - Email Wayne for details: waynegibson2@hotmail.com

**Services & Programs this Week:**

Storytime with Rev. Anita @ 11:00am daily

Ukuladies & Guytars – Mondays @ 7:00pm

Creative Spirit with Carolyn – Tuesdays @ 10:00am

Contact Carolyn Campbell at [creativespiritministry@gmail.com](mailto:creativespiritministry@gmail.com)

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](mailto:jerb.19@icloud.com) for details!

**Postlude: When Peace Begins With Me**

(composed by Andrea Klouse)

(performed by Joyce Brown)



***Thank you for joining us today!***

***Thanks to Rev. Stephen Milton and Lawrence Park Community Church  
for their gift of music.***