

Responding to the Word & Gathering at the Table

Offering Our Gifts

***The Doxology:** "What Can I Do?" [More Voices #191]

Offertory Prayer

***Communion Hymn:** "All Who Hunger"
[Voices United #460]

Easter Communion (see insert)

Preparing for Service During the Week

Church in Action speaks

Announcements & Notices

***Parting Hymn:** "The Strife is O'er" [Voices United #159]

*Commissioning

***Sung Blessing:** "May the Love of the Lord"
[see inside front cover of Voices United]

Organ Postlude

Bulletin Dedication

*In loving memory of my husband Brent, my parents Elizabeth
and Sidney Mortimer and my brother Guy.*

— Jan Van Zoost

Easter Flowers

*Easter flowers have been donated in loving memory of Jack
Turner from the Turner Family and in loving memory of my
Parents, from Garry Freeman*

Next week: Coming to Terms with Jesus' Death

Readings: Philippians 2:1-11;

Psalm 114;

Luke 24:13-49



St. George & St. Andrew United Church
—Open Doors, Open Minds, Open Hearts—

Worship Leader: Rev. Elisabeth Bachem-Jennings.

Organist: Deirdre Morrell-Ormerod, B.Mus.Ed., Lic.Mus.M.M.

Scripture Reader: Elizabeth Pelham

Sunday, April 1, 2018

Easter Sunday

[*indicates to stand, if able]

Gathering the Community

The Organ Prelude will commence at 11:00 AM. Please remain seated and use the time during this period to quietly prepare for our time of worship together.

Organ Prelude

Welcome & Introduction to the Service

**Lighting of the Christ Candle*

The Risen Christ lives today!

We are witnesses to these things.

We sing praise to God on the loose, among us!

May His love burn within us!

** ♪ Hymn: "Welcome, Happy Morning"*

[Voices United #161]

**Prayer of Gathering*

All: God of grace and glory

We give thanks to you,

for you have done marvellous things!

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**When we were walking in darkness
you were there, you were there,
when we were kneeling in weakness
you were there, you were there,
when we drew near feeling worthless
you were there, you were there,
when we were needing forgiveness
you were there, you were there,
when we were searching for your grace
you were there, you were there.**

**We give thanks to you, Lord,
for you have done marvellous things!**

**Make Christ's rising real in our own lives.
Let us be people of love, hope, and new life.
Let us be people of joy.
In Jesus' name. Amen.**

Anthem: "Worthy is the Lamb"

Prayer of Confession (*seated*)

Invitation to Prayer

(Bell sounds begin and end a time of silent prayer)

Words of Assurance

*** ♪ Hymn: "Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing"**

[Voices United #169]

Hearing the Word

A reading from Mark 16:1-8, "Unprecedented and unexpected"

Psalm 118, Parts 1-3, "A Joyous Turning of Events"

[Voices United #837]

A reading from John 20:24-29, "Doubting Thomas"

Sermon: "Unless"

*** ♪ Hymn: "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"**

[Voices United #155]

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(A prayer of Thanksgiving and Praise follows, based on the "Song of Faith")

....And so we rejoice with all your people of every time and place, and with angels and archangels, to proclaim the glory of your name:

Kingsfold Communion Set (Sanctus and Benedictus)

[More Voices #203]

Words of Remembrance

On the night before Jesus died,

He took a loaf of bread,

gave thanks, broke it, and said,

"Take and eat, whenever you do this, remember me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup, and poured, saying,

"This is the new covenant, remember me."

We do remember.

We remember his life of love, his friendship, his teaching, his dying, and his rising to life again.

In sharing this meal, we live out the mystery of our faith:

Kingsfold Communion Set (Memorial Acclamation)

[More Voices #204]

Prayer for the Holy Spirit (Epiclesis)

...Through Christ, in Christ, and with Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, God most holy,
now and forever.

Kingsfold Communion Set (Great Amen)

[More Voices #205]

Breaking the Bread, Pouring the Cup:

The body of Christ,

the bread of life.

The lifeblood of Christ,

the cup of blessing.

The gifts of God for the people of God,

Thanks be to God!

Sharing the Meal

Music

Prayer after Communion:

Thank you, O Christ, for this feast of life.

We are fed by your love;

we are strengthened by your life.

We are sent forth into this world to live your way and share your joy.

We are now commissioned to:

feed as we have been fed,

forgive as we have been forgiven,

love as we have been loved.

Thanks be to God.

Amen.

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