

Online Joint Worship for the Mid Fraser Cluster of the United Church of Canada

April 19th 2020
Second Sunday of Easter
We Gather As God's People

Words of Welcome and Announcements from each congregation. **Bill, Tim, Tracy**

Lighting the Christ Candle for Each Congregation.
Bill, Tracy and Tim

Affirmation of Faith

One: Christ has risen. **Tracy**

All: Christ has risen indeed. Hallelujah.

Sung Response: "This Is the Day" MV 122

Call to Worship **Tracy**

One: People of God, Tell the world,
"God's love never quits."

**All: Thanks be to God for God is good,
and because God's love never quits.**

One: We didn't die. We lived!

And now we are telling the world what God did.

**All: Swing wide the city gates—the *righteous* gates!
I'll walk right through and thank God!**

Hymn: "The Day of Resurrection" VU 164

Opening Prayer of Invocation.

One: Loving God, **Tracy**

**All: Easter is a season of new life and so we give thanks for our new life in Christ Jesus.
Bring us once again into your presence through your indwelling Spirit that comforts
and sustains us throughout our lives.**

(a time of silent prayer)

Loving God,

**may we find the quiet centre of your love today we renew our love through our worship
of you. Amen.**

Hymn: "Come and Find the Quiet Centre" VU 374

WE LISTEN TO THE WORD

Scripture Readings:

1 Peter 1: 3 – 9

John 20: 19 – 31 **Tim**

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Living Through our Doubts to Resurrection Hope. **Bill**

Hymn: "Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song." VU 641

Hope: By Joyce Rupp Tracy

I invite you to recall the gift of hope that the risen Jesus brought to each person who experienced his presence when he moved among them after being raised from the dead. Sit with that hope. Resonate with that gift.

No matter how you are emotionally, mentally, physically,
Invite hope into your life.

Allow hope to enter your mind.

Allow hope to enter into your spirit.

Allow hope to enter into your body.

Allow yourself to be filled with hope.

Imagine the Spirit of Jesus stirring up newness, finding the dead places that exist within your spirit, and creating a meadow of flowers inside of you.

Visualize this open space, the flower buds unfolding, filling the spacious meadow with colour and fragrance.

Let hope fill your mind with a sense of purpose and direction.

Let hope fill your spirit with life and enthusiasm.

Let hope fill your heart and draw you into renewed love.

Rest quietly in your restored hope.

Let the power of the Risen Love reign in your heart.

(Joyce Rupp: "Prayer Seeds", pg. 68)

We Respond In Love and Action

Prayers for Resurrection of Hope for the World Tim

Holy God, Praise be to you, For you create life and hope when we despair. Great is your love that calls us forward into a renewal of all life. Save us from our doubtful ways. Redeem our anxious hearts. Heal our sorrow and make us whole. Renew our joy, renew our life, renew our love for you and your wondrous Creation. In the name of the Risen Christ Amen.

Sung Response. "Jesus, Your Spirit in Us" MV 102,

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Words of Assurance

One: Christ has risen **Tim**

All: Christ has Risen indeed, Thanks be to God.

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Prayers of the People **Tim After the prayers Tim's mic is muted.**

Hymn: "You Tell Me That the Lord is Risen" VU 185

One: We pray now for...

People are invited to offer their prayers in the chat. Tracy.

One: Holy God you hear our words, you hear our hearts, keep us in the grace of knowing we are known, and heard so deeply, so graciously so constantly, we offer together the words that Jesus taught us...Tracy

The Lord's Prayer:

Acknowledging our Gifts for the work of God. Bill

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn: "I Danced in the Morning" VU 352

Commissioning and Benediction Bill

Sung Response: "Rise Up, Rise Up" MV 130

Postlude