**WESLEY UNITED CHURCH**

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**Wesley United Church, located on Treaty 4 land, is an Affirming Ministry of Jesus Christ, nurturing spiritual exploration and growth. We advocate for justice and social action. We love and  
care for ourselves and our neighbours throughout the world.**

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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**May 3, 2020 10:30 a.m.**

**Assisting in Worship**

**Soloist: Sheila Roske**

**Reader: Linda Gunningham**

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**Congregational responses are indicated by bold italics.**

**\* You are invited to stand**

# WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY

PRELUDE

\*WE SING VU #626 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
   “Come unto me and rest;  
   lay down, O weary one, lay down  
   your head upon my breast.”  
   I came to Jesus as I was,  
   weary and worn and sad;  
   I found in him a resting place,  
   and he has made me glad.
2. I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
   “Behold, I freely give  
   the living water; thirsty one,  
   stoop down, and drink, and live.”  
   I came to Jesus, and I drank  
   of that life-giving stream;  
   my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
   and now I live in him.
3. I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
   “I am this dark world’s light;  
   look unto me, your morn shall rise,  
   and all your day be bright.”  
   I looked to Jesus, and I found  
   in him my star, my sun;  
   and in that light of life I’ll walk  
   till travelling days are done.

WELCOME

GATHERING WORDS

We gather as pixels on a computer screen, flashing lights sharing expressions of our souls.

**Listening for the call to novelty.**

We huddle at home loving our neighbours by staying apart,

**Listening for the call to novelty.**

Caught between two worlds in the midst of a pandemic.

**Listening for the call to novelty.**

Hoping and pray for a world filled with justice.

**Listening for the call to novelty.**

OUR OPENING PRAYER

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

We light this candle as a community of Jesus the Christ

**nurturing spiritual exploration and growth, we advocate for justice and social action. We love and care for ourselves and our neighbours throughout the world.**

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

**WE LISTEN**

SUNG PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

WE SING MV #125 When A Grain of Wheat

When a grain of wheat,   
into the ground has fallen,   
into the cold ground,  
and lies in waiting for the spring,  
and lies in waiting for the spring;  
this fallen grain will rise to life,  
this fallen grain will rise to life!

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ACTS OF THE APOSTLES Acts 2:42-47

GOSPEL John 10:1-10

As we reflect on these words from our tradition,

**may we find wisdom for living.**

ANTHEM There is a Balm in Gilead  
 (arr. Mark Hayes)

SPECULATION

**WE RESPOND**

\*WE SING VU #509 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

(Here I Am, Lord)

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

**Refrain:**

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
 I have heard you calling in the night.  
 I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
 I will hold your people in my heart.**

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain,  
I have wept for love of them; they turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send? **R**

I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame,  
I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send? **R**

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MINUTE FOR MISSION

WE ARE CHALLENGED TO SHARE

OFFERTORY

\*OUR RESPONSE  Wesley Offering Song

People let us work together, striving for community  
All are welcome in the circle, centre of diversity  
Sharing, caring, learning, growing  
Rising to each neighbour's needs  
Celebrating all creation, following where Jesus leads!

\*WE DEDICATE OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

**WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNITY**

WE SHARE THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you all…

**and also with you*.***

WE SING VU #467 One Bread, One Body

**Refrain:**

**One bread, one body, one Lord of all,**

**one cup of blessing which we bless;**

**and we, though many, throughout the earth,**

**we are one body in this one Lord.**

1 Gentile or Jew, servant or free,

woman or man, no more. **R**

2 Many the gifts, many the works,

one in the Lord of all. **R**

3 Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,

gathered to one, for all. **R**

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INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift our hearts in prayer.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is good to give God thanks and praise.

Blessed are you,...

....So it is that we join the song of all creation to

proclaim your goodness:

Holy, holy, holy God,

power of life and love!

Heaven and earth are full of your glory!

Hosanna through the ages!

Blest is the One who comes to bring your justice to earth!

Born to an unwed mother living in an occupied country....

....that our lives may sing the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died**

**Christ is risen**

**Christ will come again**

BLESSING THE BREAD AND CUP

**Amen.**

We gather these and all our prayers, as a mother hen gathers her brood, thankful that we may turn to you, as we pray the prayer that Jesus taught us all those years ago:

**Our Mother and 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.**

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

TIME OF SILENCE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

\*WE SING MV#212 Sent Out in Jesus’ Name

Sent out in Jesus’ name,   
our hands are ready now   
to make the world the place   
in which the kingdom comes. (x2)

The angels cannot change a world of hurt and pain   
into a world of love, of justice and of peace.   
The task is ours to do, to set it really free.  
O, help us to obey, and carry out your will.

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WORDS OF MISSION

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE