

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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EASTER SUNDAY

April 12, 2020 10:30 a.m.

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Congregational responses are indicated by bold italics.

* You are invited to stand

WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY

PRELUDE

*WE SING VU #166

Joy Comes with the Dawn

Refrain:

**Joy comes with the dawn;
joy comes with the morning sun;
joy springs from the tomb**

**and scatters the night with her song,
joy comes with the dawn.**

- 1. Weeping may come;
weeping may come in the night,
when dark shadows cloud our sight. R**
- 2. Sorrow will turn,
sorrow will turn into song,
and God’s laughter make us strong. R**
- 3. We will rejoice,
we will rejoice, and give praise,
to the One who brings us grace. R**

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WELCOME

GATHERING WORDS

Today is Easter Sunday, the day we gather to celebrate the Risen One.

Praying through the pandemic.

But there can be no gatherings in the strange times.

Praying through the pandemic.

So, we gather online as we look for new life in the rubble of a world torn apart by a microscopic life-form.

Praying through the pandemic.

And we find solace in the story of a Palestinian Jew who lived two thousand years ago.

Praying through the pandemic.

Amen.

OUR OPENING PRAYER

...Unknowable Mystery,

We honour the presence of the holy in our midst.

May the “kin-dom” flourish among us.

May we have only what we need each day that all might have enough and more tomorrow.

May we be as generous in offering forgiveness as we have been humbled and grateful in being forgiven.

May we be strengthened through our trials; and may we face evil with courage, truth and love.

As we pray in Jesus’ name, may we also walk in his way. Amen.

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

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!

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SPECULATION

WE RESPOND

*WE SING MV #121 Hey Now! Singing Hallelujah!

Refrain:

Hey now! Singing hallelujah!
Hey now! The morning has come!
Hey now! Singing hallelujah!
The tomb was empty at the rising sun.

1. Jesus loved people and he made them friends.
Hey now, the tomb was empty.
He called to the children
and the women and men.
Hey now, the tomb was empty. **R**

2. Jesus healed people
and he helped them be well.
Hey now, the tomb was empty.
He taught about God in the stories he'd tell.
Hey now, the tomb was empty. **R**

3. Jesus loved people and they said he was a king.
Hey now, the tomb was empty.
He turned all the tables on everything.
Hey now, the tomb was empty. **R**

4. Jesus had power and they took him away.
Hey now, the tomb was empty.
They nailed him to a cross
and they killed him one day.
Hey now, the tomb was empty. **R**

5. Jesus loves people and he lives again!
Hey now, the tomb was empty.
Calls us disciples and he calls us his friends.
Hey now, the tomb was empty. **R**

MINUTE FOR MISSION

OUR PRAYERS

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 GO FORTH TO SERVE

*WE SING VU #586

We Shall Go Out with Hope

of Resurrection

- 1 We shall go out with hope of resurrection;
we shall go out, from strength to strength
go on;
we shall go out and tell our stories boldly;
tales of a love that will not let us go.
We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be

righted;
we'll dream our dreams of hurts that can be
healed;
we'll weave a cloth of all the world united
within the vision of new life in Christ.

- 2 We'll give a voice to those who have not spoken;
we'll find the words for those whose lips are
sealed;
we'll make the tunes for those who sing no
longer,
expressive love alive in every heart.
We'll share our joy with those who still are
weeping,
raise hymns of strength for hearts that
break in grief,
we'll leap and dance the resurrection story,
including all in circles of our love.

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WORDS OF MISSION

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE