

**ST. DAVID'S UNITED CHURCH**  
**SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 2021**  
**EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE**

*Growing and Deepening our Spiritual Lives in an Affirming  
and Inclusive Community*

**Welcome**  
**Opening Monologue**  
**Scripture Reading**  
Mark 16:1-6

**Entrance into Worship**

(Adapted from a prayer by Brian Sanguin, *If Darwin Prayed*)

A word comes to us of an empty tomb,  
of strange images, brighter than the morning sun,  
announcing a new beginning, a new creation, God doing a new  
thing.

**We hear a word that the Christ  
has gone ahead of us, beckoning us, in the rubble and  
imbalance of life,  
to walk the way of resurrection.**

We hear an astonishing message,  
so needed in these times.

Jesus is risen, risen as love in our hearts.

**Jesus is risen! Love is alive! Halleluia!**

Let this declaration of love resound in our homes and hearts

Let this Halleluia forever be the guiding light in our lives  
illuminating our hearts and the heart of the world.

**Halleluia. Jesus is risen!**

**He is risen in our hearts.**

**Hymn (VU # 155)**

**Jesus Christ is Risen Today**

Jesus Christ is risen today, Hallelujah!

Our triumphant holy day, Hallelujah!

Who did once, up on the cross, Hallelujah!

Suffer to redeem our loss. Hallelujah!

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!

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!

## **Lighting the Christ, Affirming and Treaty 7/Metis Region 3 Candles**

### **Introduction to Theme**

#### **Prayer**

(Adapted from a prayer by Richard Bott, Vancouver)  
God of Hope and New Life, in a world,  
where the turn of the globe  
continues to bring new stories of the CoVid 19 pandemic,  
stories of disruption, isolation, sadness, grief, loss, and death.  
Open our senses

**to the resurrection of love  
rising in our world each and every day.  
To the slow-motion explosion of buds  
on the trees proclaiming new life.  
To the beauty of the birdsong,  
the hope in a smile,  
the wonder of a comforting song  
the warmth of a gentle assurance,  
and to the vibrant new life of Spring.**

God of Easter Wonder  
**You are breathing hope and new life into our hearts.**  
God of Easter wonder  
**a new day is dawning in each one of us. Amen.**

#### **Hymn**

The day of Resurrection vs. 1 - *adapted from hymn VU #164*  
The day of resurrection! Send praises far and wide  
Let voices sing our gladness, let hearts in God abide.  
From death to life arising, from fear to hope anew,  
our Christ transformed within us, changed all that we once new.

**Reading:** Mark 16: 7-8  
**Reflection:** *What will you do with Easter?*

## Hymn

### **The Day of Resurrection - adapted from Hymn VU #164**

May hearts be free of sadness, that we may see a-right  
Love's brilliant love arising to birth renewing light,  
and, listening to the accents, we hear so calm and plain  
Love's great triumphant chorus, a loud and joyful strain.

**Reflection II** *Resurrection - the birth of new beginnings*

### **Anthem (Video)**

*Amen and Amen*

### **Meditations of the Heart**

#### **The Jesus Prayer**

### **Bringing Forth the Symbols of New Life**

## Hymn

### **In the Bulb there is a Flower VU#703**

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree,  
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;  
there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;  
in our doubt there is believing, in our life, eternity.  
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

## **Benediction**

### **Musical Blessing**

We are dancing in the Love of God,  
we are dancing in the Love of God, x2  
We are dancing, we are dancing,  
we are dancing in the Love of God. X 2

We are joyful on this Easter Day,

we are joyful on this Easter Day. X2  
We are joyful, we are joyful,  
we are joyful on this Easter Day. X 2

## **POSTLUDE**