

SCRIPTURES

NT: John 20:19-31

1 John 1:1-2:2

Last reader: These are the words from the scriptures we love

ALL: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM: "Beautiful Savior" by Robert M. Vandervliet, Jr

THE MESSAGE: "Easter People Walk in the Light"

CLOSING HYMN: The Spirit Lives to Set Us Free

1. The Spirit lives to set us free,
Walk, walk in the light.
He binds us all in unity,
Walk, walk in the light.

Refrain

*Walk in the light, walk in the light,
Walk in the light, walk in the light of the Lord.*

2. Jesus promised life to all,
Walk, walk in the light.
The dead were wakened by his call,
Walk, walk in the light. **Refrain**
3. He died in pain on Calvary,
Walk, walk in the light.
To save the lost like you and me,
Walk, walk in the light. **Refrain**
4. We know his death was not the end,
Walk, walk in the light.
He gave his Spirit to be our friend,
Walk, walk in the light. **Refrain**
5. The Spirit lives in you and me,
Walk, walk in the light;
His light will shine for all to see,
Walk, walk in the light. **Refrain**

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

L: May God's love restore you. May Christ's teaching inspire you. May the Holy Spirit empower you to offer love to all you meet. Go forth and in everything you do and say, walk in the light

CHORAL BLESSING (sung together)

Go now in peace never be afraid, God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true, know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in love and show you believe, reach out to others, so all the world can see. God will be there, watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith and in love. Amen *ccli#262153*

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**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE
MEETING**
Wednesday, April 11th
@ 7:30pm.

EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

**April 8, 2018
10:30 am**



**"Blessed are those who have not seen
and yet have believed"
John 20:29**

**MINISTER
Rev. Sadekie Lyttle-Forbes**

**MUSIC DIRECTOR
Nicholas Morvay**

**MINISTER EMERITUS
Rev. Dr. John Palmer**

We are a Christian community gathered together to worship and celebrate God and to serve Him through Jesus Christ. Our church is accessible and welcoming to all persons for fellowship, learning, sharing and teaching. We strive to show our love through service to all humanity.

ORDER OF SERVICE

April 8, 2018

2nd Sunday of Easter

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather with joy, for Easter continues.

All: The Risen Christ is with us.

One: Love breaks all bonds.

All: Christ has defeated death. Let us rejoice and be glad!

OPENING PRAISE

- VU646 We are marching in the Light of God
- MV26 Your Love is Amazing (Hallelujah)
- I will bless thee oh Lord

OPENING PRAYER

L: God of new life, we come with our praises and prayers. We come rejoicing in the mystery of the Risen Christ, present among us always; blessing us with life-giving good news. We come led and nurtured by your Holy Spirit.

P: We come marveling at your constant love, your victory over evil and death, your steady presence, and the blessing of your peace.

L: Trusting in these gifts, we seek to live as Easter people in every place and time.

ALL: Yet even as we delight in Easter's message, we confess that we do not

always live as if we believed it. There are times when our trust weakens and we become anxious and worried about many things. We talk about love, but live in fear, putting up barriers against those who differ from us. We cling to a solitary and our personal agendas, forgetting that you seek to build a community of believers. We say we want peace, but we are in love with strife. Forgive us when we forget we are Easter people. Open our eyes to see the many signs of your love for us. Remind us over and over that you are near. Breathe your Spirit into us and rekindle our passion for you. Lead us from self-interest to love of neighbour, so we may build communities that witness to your love.

L: Hear the words of the risen Christ: Peace be with you. Because Christ assures us of his peace and forgiveness, we are born to new life this day.

ALL: Amen

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

HYMN: VU661 Come to My Heart (v1)
Children leave for Sunday School

OFFERTORY INVITATION:

L: Our covenant is lived out through the giving of ourselves- our time, our talent and our treasure. May we live the promise of faith this morning, in part, as we present our morning offering.

OFFERTORY DEDICATION: VU288
Great is thy Faithfulness

ALL: With grateful hearts and generous spirits, we offer these gifts and ourselves to your work, through Christ our Lord.

Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: VU 400

Lord Listen To Your Children Praying

L: Loving God, author of peace and lover of concord, we thank you for the promise of Easter: for your power to bring good out of evil;

P: For your patience with our weakness and lack of faith; for using questions and doubts as opportunities to reach us; for the gift of prayer, and the mysterious ways it shapes us and your world.

L: Hear us now as we seek the power of Easter in our lives, in the lives of those close to us, and in our world:

P: May the presence and power of the Risen Christ transform our community of faith; may faith be strong and hope abound; and may your love be evident here. May sharing and respect for all be the practice of our community. May differences of opinion lead, not to division, but to deeper knowledge of you.

L: We pray for the world economy and Canada's part in it. May it be marked with your justice.

P: We pray for the troubled places in the world.

L: We remember for our church as we seek to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with our community, share our space with community groups and seek to make our space more accessible to additional groups.

P: We are grateful for those who serve as leaders and volunteer to help us to carry on this ministry.

L: We pray that the people we know and love may experience your grace more fully.

P: May their abilities be valued and used. May their stresses lead to growth and not despair. May their particular needs be met in ways that benefit all.

L: We name before you those who have special needs and concerns this day. My prayer is...

L: We pray for ourselves

ALL: For all our goals and frustrations, fears and hopes. May our daily living be shaped by Easter hope. May places of pain and stress and weakness become avenues of grace. Grant us wisdom and generosity in the use of our possessions and gifts. Bestow the healing we need to be your people. AMEN

WORD

Preparing to Listen: "Ancient Words"
M. W. Smith (v1 & refrain)

1. Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world, they resound with God's own heart. Oh, let the ancient words impart.

Chorus: Ancient words, ever true, changing me and changing you, we have come with open hearts. O let your ancient words impart.



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Thank you,
Michele McGregor



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