

Online Joint Worship for the Mid Fraser Cluster  
Aldergrove, Gladwin Heights, St. Andrew's  
and Trinity Memorial United Churches

Easter 2  
April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Thank you for Connecting for Worship**

**Today's Leadership includes**

Preacher: The Rev. Michael Hare

Presiding: The Rev. Bill Booth

The Rev. Tim Bowman

Musician: Donna Poncelet

Musical Offering : David O'Neil

Song Leader: Deborah Handley

Technical Support: Jeremy Wright

*People are invited to share their prayers in the chat during the worship service.*

**WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

**Words of Welcome, Announcements from Each Congregation and  
Land Acknowledgement**

**Lighting the Rainbow Candles**

**Lighting the Christ Candle Bill**

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed!**

*(the candle is lit)*

Thanks be to God! **Amen!**

**Sung Response: MV 122 - "This is the Day"**

*This is the day that God has made; we will rejoice and be glad!*

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*Singing hallelu, singing hallelu, singing hallelu! We will rejoice and be glad!*

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**Call to Worship: Tim**

One: When we lock the doors of our hearts

**All: Come to us Risen Christ.**

One: When we hide in fear and unbelief.

**All: Come to us Risen Christ.**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: and also with you.**

**Hymn: "Morning Has Broken" VU 409**

*Morning has broken like the first morning,*

*black bird has spoken like the first bird.*

*Praise the singing! Praise for the morning!*

*Praise for them springing, fresh from the Word!*

*Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,  
like the first dewfall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
Sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.*

*Ours is the sunlight! Ours is the morning.  
born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise every morning,  
God's recreation of the new day!*

### **Time with our Children: Tim**

#### **Hymn: "Know that God is Good" MV 104**

*Know that God is good, Know that God is good,  
Know that God is good, God is good, God is good.*

*Know that God is good, Know that God is good,  
Know that God is good, God is good, God is good.*

Mission and Service Video

### **WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD**

*We invite the children and their leaders into breakout rooms*

#### **Scripture Readings:**

##### **John 20:19-31**

**19** When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." **20** After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. **21** Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." **22** When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. **23** If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

**24** But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. **25** So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

**26** A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." **27** Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." **28** Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" **29** Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

**30** Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. **31** But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon: Michael**

**Hymn: “You Tell Me That The Lord is Risen” VU 185**

*You tell me that the Lord is risen, that you have seen his face.  
Then tell me why you crouch in fear and hide within this place.  
You say that he spoke words of peace and stood just as before.  
But ‘til I touch his very flesh I will not trust your joy.*

*You claim a resurrection here, that God has broken death.  
No easy words like these will soothe the pain that tears my breath.  
How well do I recall his face, compassion, strength in fear.  
How deep my grief that he should die. Spare me your words of cheer!*

*“Now peace be with you. Come, my friend, my wounded body see.  
Let the rich courage of your doubt bring you to fresh belief.  
Fear not to wonder at the Word, to search the depths of grace.  
Reach out and touch, here is my hand. Receive the gift of faith.”*

**WE RESPOND IN LOVE AND ACTION**

**Prayer of Hope: Bill**

Risen Christ be among our doubts and fears. When fears of sickness and death taunt our hearts remind us of the bravery of Thomas. When we hide behind locked doors, be present with us and give us peace. We shy from our doubts and our hopes in fear that a choice to believe will be unavoidable. Yet you come into our presence asking us to recognize you. Break open our hearts that we might know You and believe.

*Silent prayer*

**Assurance: Bill**

One: Beloved Siblings in Christ. We are the blessed ones whom the Risen Christ acknowledge for we believe without seeing.

**All: Blessed God, help us in our unbelief.**

**Hymn: “Take, O Take Me As I Am” MV 85**

*Take, O take me as I am Summon out what I shall be;  
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me (X 2)*

**Membership**

**Statement of Purpose**

At various moments on the journey of faith, we have the opportunity to reaffirm and renew the faith proclaimed in baptism.

Today we receive into full membership into our particular congregation individuals who are transferring their membership or by reaffirmation of baptismal Faith to become full members of our Congregations to seek to live out their faith with us.

We give thanks for their gifts as witnessed in this community of faith, and promise to continue to walk with them.

With joy and thanksgiving, we celebrate the faith we all share, and rededicate ourselves to the life and work of the body of Christ.

### **The New Creed**

We are not alone,  
we live in God's world.

We believe in God:  
who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others  
by the Spirit. We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

### **Musical Offering: David O'Neil**

#### **Presentation of Candidates**

On behalf of the congregation of Trinity Memorial United Church, I present, David O'Neill, Helen Johnson, Luella Ryan, Adrienne Fershau, Amy Moore, Trudi Semeniuk, Jeremy Wright, Jenine Wright these individuals, who seek to live out their faith story with us by transfer of their membership or by reaffirmation of baptismal Faith to become full members of our Congregation.

On behalf of the congregation of St. Andrews United Church, I present, Jaxon Welch who seeks to live out their faith story with us by transfer of their membership to become full members of our Congregation.

#### **Profession of Faith and Promises**

Do you believe in God, Source of love; in Jesus Christ  
love incarnate and in the Holy Spirit, love's power?

**I do, by the grace of God.**

Will you follow in the way of Jesus Christ  
resisting oppression and evil, seeking justice,  
and witnessing to God's love for all creation?

**I will, God being my helper.**

Will you join with your siblings in this congregation to share in the life, work,  
and ministry of Jesus Christ?

**I will, God being my helper.**

**We will continue to support you, walk with you, and grow with you. With God's help, we will live out our baptism as a loving community in Jesus Christ: nurturing one another in faith, upholding one another in prayer, encouraging one another in God's work.**

**The power of the Holy Spirit work within you, that being born of water and the Spirit, you may continue to be a faithful witness of Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**

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Set your seal upon my heart and live in me (X 2)*

**Prayers of the People and all the World: Tim**

**Prayers shared from the Chat: Tim**

Holy God, you hear our words; you hear our hearts. We are known and heard deeply, graciously, constantly. Confident in this grace, we sing together the words that Jesus taught us...

**The Lord's Prayer VU 969**

Our 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Acknowledging Our Gifts for the Work of God: Tim**

We bring our offerings for God's work among us in many ways:  
cash and cheques mailed or dropped off;  
Pre-Authorized Remittance and our online donations:  
our time and our work, for God's work among us.

**Doxology: MV 185 - "Ev'ry Day is a Day of Thanksgiving"**

*Ev'ry day is a day of thanksgiving.  
God, you've been so good to me.  
Ev'ry day you're blessing me.  
You know that ev'ry day is a day of thanksgiving.  
I will glorify you, O My God, today!*

*You keep blessing me, blessing me, blessing me.  
You opened the door that I might see, you're blessing me.  
And you keep blessing me, blessing me, blessing me.  
I will glorify you, O my God, today.*

**Prayer of Dedication: Tim**

Holy God: You call, and we respond;  
you give, and we use the gifts with thanksgiving.  
In Jesus you gave us life; In Christ you give us life again.  
Through your Spirit this life takes root and grows;  
we offer it back to you.

**Hymn: "I Feel the Winds of God Today" VU 625**

*I feel the winds of God today; today my sail I lift,  
though heavy oft with drenching spray  
and torn with many a rift; if hope but light the water's crest,  
and Christ my bark will use,  
I'll seek the seas at his behest and brave another cruise.*

*It is the wind of God that dries my vain regretful tears,  
until with braver thoughts shall rise the purer, brighter years;  
if cast on shores of selfish ease or pleasure I should be,*

*O let me feel your freshening breeze, and I'll put back to sea.*

*If ever I forget your love and how that love was shown;  
lift high the blood-red flag above; it bears your name alone.  
Great pilot of my onward way, you will not let me drift.  
I feel the winds of God today; today my sail I lift.*

**Blessing and Sending Forth: Michael**

**Sung Response: "Go on Your Way in Joy"**

Go on your way in joy, my friends.  
Go on your way in joy, my friends.  
Go on your way in joy, my friends.

Let your left foot say "Glory" and your right say "Amen"

**Postlude**

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