

# EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2025

## St. Andrew's United Church

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\*Those who are able, please stand at marked places

### THE LIGHT OF CHRIST COMES AMONG US

#### **Prelude**

Land Acknowledgement: (Unison)

For thousands of years Indigenous people have walked in this land, on their own country. Their relationship with the land is at the centre of their lives. We acknowledge the First Peoples of this land upon which we gather each week and their stewardship of it throughout the ages.

#### Words of Welcome

## \*Lighting of the Christ Candle

We light this candle to begin our worship.

This candle is the light in the window, reminding us that God will always welcome us home, no matter what has happened or what we have done or left undone.

Come and worship to remind yourself of that vital promise.

We come, knowing that God is here to welcome us.

Catherine Tovell, Kilworth U.C., London, Ont.

**Call to Worship** {from *Celebrate God's Presence*}

Christ has risen.

Christ has risen indeed.

God is alive . . .

new birth is given.

Hope is alive . . .

a new age is dawning.

Joy is alive . . .

redemption is here.

Love is alive . . .

death cannot harm us.

We are alive . . .

new life is within us.

<sup>\*</sup>God Lights a Lamp (lyrics on screen)

The church is alive . . . God's Spirit is within us.

Let us celebrate the God of resurrection!

## \*Gathering Hymn:

VU #155 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today (lyrics on screen)

## **Learning Together**

#### WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Reading: **Isaiah 65:17-25**New heavens and a new earth

Gospel Reading: **Luke 24:1-12** Women proclaim the resurrection

Proclamation: A New Earth, A New Hope

Paul Verdin

#### WE RESPOND IN LOVE

Offertory – Soloist, Robert Woodbury?

## \*Offering Hymn:

VU #544 In Gratitude and Humble Trust (lyrics on screen)

#### Communion

Rev. Audrey Mitchell

## **Prayers of the People**

Response: O Jesus, be present in the midst of your disciples.

The Lord's Prayer (on screen)

## Commissioning (responsive)

Like the woman who ran to share the Good News of the empty tomb,

let us go forth with joy.

Like the travellers walking on the Emmaus Road,
let us go forth with opened eyes.

Like the disciples receiving the Holy Spirit,
let us go forth with peace.

Like Thomas, filled with doubt,
let us go forth with faith.

Like fishers pulling heavy nets,
let us go forth with abundant life.

#### **Benediction**

Congregational Response
\*Hymn VU #179 Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks

Postlude - Soloist, Robert Woodbury

The St. Andrew's family warmly welcomes all visitors and newcomers! If you are worshiping with us for the first time, please sign our Guest Book in the Narthex and join us for coffee and snacks after service.

## Thank You to Our Worship Leaders Today:

Lesley and Paul Verdin - LLWL Rev. Audrey Mitchell – Minister Emerita Vince Anderson – Piano & Organ Robert Woodbury – Cantor

## **Technical Support**

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