



Covenant

The United Church of Canada
230 Eighth Ave Timmins, ON
a safe place for all people to worship
Ministers: the people

21 April 2019
Easter ^c

Acknowledgement of Land
(An act towards reconciliation)

Gathering

ENTRY INTO THE CELEBRATION

The gong is sounded three times

**Let us celebrate
thes richness and diversity of life.**

HYMN: THIS IS THE DAY

MV 122

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

HYMN: I DANCED IN THE MORNING

VU 352

OPENING SENTENCES

We live at mystery's edge
watching for a startling luminescence
or a word to guide us.

**In fragile occurrence the Holy One presents oneself
and we must pause...**

Daily, there are glimmers,
reflections of a seamless mercy
revealed in common intricacies.

**These circles of grace spill out around us
and announce that we are part of this
mystery.** *KWehlander/adapted*

Today we celebrate life over death.
Today we celebrate the flame that lives again.
We will light the fire,
Community Candle is lit

aware that the power of resurrection
has forever changed who we are,
and given us the courage
to boldly proclaim a living faith.

Today we celebrate:
new life,
new joy,
new possibilities.

**We give thanks for the Spirit of Life
visible in Jesus,
visible in us,
visible in people in all walks of life** *(Michael Morwood/pns)*

HYMN: CONFITEMINI DOMINO

MV 16

Affirming & Celebrating

PRAYER OF AWARENESS

Marvel at life!
Strive to know its ways!
Seek wisdom and truth,
the gateways
to life's mysteries!

Wondrous indeed is life! *(Adapt. Rabbi Rami M Shapiro/ep)*

Centering

Silence and Music of Reflection

Exploring

READINGS FROM OUR BROAD RELIGIOUS TRADITION

From our World around us: Without Easter
By Joanna Fuchs

Traditional Gospel: Luke 24:1-12 *(Inclusive Text)*
The women report that the tomb is empty.

CONTEMPORARY EXPLORATION

HYMN: CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY VU 157

PRAYERS

God, lover of us all, most holy one.
Help us to respond to you.
To create what you want for us here on earth.
Give us today enough for our needs.
Forgive our weak and deliberate offences,
just as we must forgive others
when they hurt us.
Help us to resist evil and to do what is good.
For we are yours, endowed with your power
to make our world whole.
Amen. *(LWinkley/cw)*

OUR OFFERINGS

Our offerings for the celebration of life in this place and
beyond, shall now be received.

PRESENTATION

HALLELUJAH, HALLELUJAH. GIVE THANKS TO THE RISEN CHRIST VU 179

**By our smallest actions,
we become part of a bigger world.
The smallest giving can be an expression
of the good spirit of generosity and caring.
Help us to carry through the doorway of each new day
this good spirit of generosity and caring. AMEN.**

Scattering

HYMN: SING YOUR JOY

VU 253

PARTING WORDS

The presentness of God reaches beyond this place...

The Community Candle is extinguished

And now may we go forth
in the certainty of faith,
in the knowledge of love,
and in the vision of hope.

**And in our going,
may we be blessed with all good things
on this day and forevermore.** *HBabcock*

BLESSING WORDS

May God the starmaker cradle and circle you.
May God the storyteller beckon and encourage you.
May God the life changer challenge you and cherish you.
May you walk in the light of God's love and laughter
all the moments of your nights and days.
Amen. May it be so.

SUNG RESPONSE: HALLE, HALLE, HALLE

VU 958

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