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*Our Mission...*

*to be an accepting Christian community dedicated to living, sharing and teaching the Word of God.*

*We respect all aspects of people including race, ethnicity, gender expression, sexual orientation, socio-economic background, age, religion, mental wellness, and ability.*

May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
Toonie Sunday

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*\*The asterisk invites all to stand, if they are able. **Bold** print indicates a congregational response.*

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE *(Music played with permission under license #A-620529 One License)*

*~Neela Subramaniam*

### GREETING

\*OPENING REFRAIN: #92 MV – "Like a Rock" (sung 2X, with actions)  
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*(Wehlander/Good)*  
*~Neela Subramaniam*

**Like a rock, like a rock**  
**God is under our feet.**  
**Like the starry night sky**  
**God is over our head.**  
**Like the sun on the horizon**  
**God is ever before.**  
**Like the river runs to ocean**  
**Our home is in God evermore.**

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT of the LAND

*We acknowledge that we meet on Treaty 1 land, the traditional lands of the Anishinaabe, Cree and Dakota peoples, and the homeland of the Red River Metis. We also acknowledge that the water we use here comes from the Shoal Lake 40 First Nation. We are grateful for these first inhabitants and their stewardship of the land and its resources through the ages, and we commit to working together towards justice, truth and reconciliation.*

### WELCOME

LIGHTING of the CHRIST CANDLE *~lit by Del Sexsmith*

*We light this candle in celebration of the Risen Christ,  
our Way, our Truth, and our Life.  
We light this candle as a tangible reminder that God is always with us,*

*and that the light of Christ continues to light our way.*

## LIGHTING of the PEACE CANDLE

*As we light this second candle, we pray for peace:*

**peace in our hearts,  
peace in our homes,  
peace in our world.**

*As we follow the Way of Jesus, the Prince of Peace,*

**O God, we pray for peace. Amen.**

## SHARING the PEACE of CHRIST

***Peace be with you.***

***And also with you.***

## CALL to WORSHIP

(Adapted from Dr. Lisa Hancock; from *Discipleship Ministries* online.)

*Easter people, in the midst of our questions and doubts, Jesus answers:*

**I am the way, the truth, and the life.**

*In the midst of our worry and distress, Jesus assures us:*

**I am the way, the truth, and the life.**

*In the midst of misinformation, confusion, and distrust, Jesus reminds us:*

**I am the way, the truth, and the life.**

*In the midst of dead ends and impossible challenges, Jesus shows us:*

**I am the way, the truth, and the life.**

*Come, let us worship as we learn to follow Christ,  
our way, our truth, and our life.*

## \*OPENING HYMN: VU #158 – "Christ is Alive"

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(Wren/Williams)

~Neela Subramaniam

- 1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.**
- 2 Christ is alive! No longer bound  
to distant years in Palestine,  
but saving, healing, here and now,  
and touching every place and time.**
- 3 In every insult, rift, and war,  
where colour, scorn, or wealth divide,  
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,  
and lives, where even hope has died.**
- 4 Women and men, in age and youth,  
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,  
and find the way, the life, the truth,**

revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

- 5 Christ is alive, and comes to bring  
good news to this and every age,  
till earth and sky and ocean ring  
with joy, with justice, love and praise.**

## OPENING PRAYER

(Written by Kate Crawford; from *Gathering Lent/Easter 2026*.)

*Jesus, we know that you are the Way.*

**Help us to journey with you with open minds and hearts.**

*We know that you are the Truth.*

**Help us to proclaim you with joy and with humility.**

*We know that you are the Life.*

**Help us to live in you, as you live in us.**

*We ask this in your name,*

**and in the power of the Holy Spirit, working within us. Amen.**

## CONVERSATION TIME

\*HYMN: VU #579 – **"The Church is Wherever God's People"**

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(Ikeler/Clarke)

~Neela Subramaniam

- 1 The church is wherever God's people are praising,  
singing God's goodness for joy on this day.  
The church is wherever disciples of Jesus  
remember his story and walk in his way.**
- 2 The church is wherever God's people are helping,  
caring for neighbours in sickness and need.  
The church is wherever God's people are sharing  
the words of the Bible in gift and in deed.**

## LISTENING FOR AND REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

Scripture Readings: *read by Liz Gauthier*

**Psalms 31: 1-5, 15-16** Responsive Reading *from Voices United p. 758*

*In you, O God, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame.*

**Deliver me in your righteousness;**

**incline your ear; come quickly to my rescue.**

*Be my rock of refuge, a stronghold to keep me safe.*

**You are indeed my rock and fortress;**

**lead me and guide me for your own name's sake.**

*Release me from the net that they hid for me, for you are my protector.*

**Into your hands I commend my spirit,**

**for you have redeemed me, O God of truth.**

*My times are in your hands;*

*deliver me from the hands of my enemies, from those who pursue me.*

**Let your face shine on your servant,  
and save me, for your mercy's sake.**

### **John 14: 1-14**

*[Jesus said:] "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."*

*Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."*

### Response to the Gospel Reading:

*This is the good news of Jesus Christ!*

**Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen.**

### CHOIR ANTHEM: VU #568 – "Dear Lord, Lead Me Day by Day"

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(Asuncion)

~Neela Subramaniam

### REFLECTION: "The Way of Jesus"

*~Rev. Susan Reed*

## RESPONDING TO GOD IN PRAYER AND ACTION

### \*HYMN OF RESPONSE: VU #661 – "Come to My Heart"

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(Pinson)

~Neela Subramaniam

**1 Come to my heart, Lord Jesus;  
teach me to walk in your way.  
Come to my heart, Lord Jesus;  
come to my heart today.**

**Give me the peace and joy  
that only you can bring.  
Come to my heart, Lord Jesus;  
give me a song to sing.**

**2 Fill me with love, Lord Jesus;  
teach me to walk in your way.  
Fill me with love, Lord Jesus;  
fill me with love today.**

**Give me the peace and joy  
that only you can bring.  
Fill me with love, Lord Jesus;  
give me a song to sing.**

**3 Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus;  
teach me to walk in your way.  
Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus;  
Answer my prayer today.**

**Give me the peace and joy  
that only you can bring.  
Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus;  
give me a song to sing.**

## LIFE and WORK of the CONGREGATION

MINUTE for MISSION "Social Justice" *Read by Shirley Alleyne*

INVITATION to the OFFERING (Written by Dale Lowe; from *Gathering Lent/Easter 2017.*)

## THE PRESENTATION of our TITHES and OFFERINGS

Offertory Music *as the offerings are collected*

*~Neela Subramaniam*

\*Offertory Prayer (Adapted from David Sparks; from *Worship for All Seasons II Year A.*)

**Gracious God,**

**we offer this money as a means to serve,  
and ourselves as willing partners in that service.**

**Bless us, and these gifts, and how they are used.**

**In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

## PRAYERS of the PEOPLE

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 forever and ever. Amen.**

SENT INTO GOD'S WORLD

**\*CLOSING HYMN: VU #639 – "One More Step Along the World I Go"** (Carter)  
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- 1 One more step along the world I go,  
one more step along the world I go,  
from the old things to the new,  
keep me travelling along with you:  
And it's from the old I travel to the new;  
keep me travelling along with you.**
- 2 Round the corner of the world I turn,  
more and more about the world I learn;  
all the new things that I see  
you'll be looking at along with me: R**
- 3 As I travel through the bad and good,  
keep me travelling the way I should;  
where I see no way to go  
you'll be telling me the way, I know: R**
- 4 Give me courage when the world is rough,  
keep me loving though the world is tough,  
leap and sing in all I do,  
keep me travelling along with you: R**
- 5 You are older than the world can be,  
you are younger than the life in me,  
ever old and ever new,  
keep me travelling along with you:  
And it's from the old I travel to the new;  
keep me travelling along with you.**

**\*COMMISSIONING** (Adapted from Dr. Lisa Hancock; from *Discipleship Ministries* online.)

**May God bless us as we leave this place  
to follow the Way, to seek after the Truth,  
and to rejoice in the Life of the Triune God,  
who draws us together and sends us out  
to be agents of resurrection life in a hurting world.  
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

\*BLESSING

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION

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**May the Lord go with you,  
let him take your hand.  
Keep His love within you,  
until we meet again. Amen.**

(Price/Besig)  
~Neela Subramaniam

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