

## PARKDALE UNITED CHURCH

building connections – living faith – acting for justice

Easter 1 – April 24, 2022

### GATHERING SONGS

Alleluia! Love is Alive

People of God, see the morning is new;  
rise from your sleeping and run to the tomb  
Come and see! Come and see! He is a live!  
A grave that is empty, a promise fulfilled.  
God who was with us is here with us still.  
He is here! He is here! He is alive!

Alleluia! Love is alive; conquered the grave and defeated the night.

Alleluia! Love is alive! The son has arisen for all. Your people sing alleluia!

People of God, let your fear fall away.  
Your chains have been broken; abandon your shame.  
Lift your hearts! Lift your hearts! He is alive!  
Here now is mercy embracing your soul;  
Here the fulfillment that once was foretold.  
It is true! It is true! He is alive!

Alleluia! Love is alive; conquered the grave and defeated the night.

Alleluia! Love is alive! The son has arisen for all. Your people sing alleluia!

People of God now rejoicing in Christ,  
Carry your joy to the darkness of night.  
Tell the world! Tell the world! He is alive!  
Hear the good news of this glorious day,  
Every heart singing as heaven proclaims:  
He is Lord! He is Lord! He is alive!

Alleluia! Love is alive; conquered the grave and defeated the night.

Alleluia! Love is alive! The son has arisen for all. Your people sing alleluia!

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Christ is Risen from the Dead

VU 167 (Sung 3X)

Christ is risen from the dead, glory, hallelujah!  
Jesus Christ is risen, glory, hallelujah!

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## **INTRO**

Here at Parkdale United Church, we use three short phrases to describe our ministry: building connections – living faith – acting for justice.

Building Connections: We believe church is about community, building relationships, creating a village, so you don't have to journey alone.

Living Faith: How do we live out our faith? How do we practice what we learn from our sacred texts, our worship services, our book studies and Bible studies to make the world a better place for all?

Acting for Justice: We strive to stand up for the marginalized, oppressed, and those who are suffering. We do this by reaching beyond the walls of Parkdale to those who need a little more love and attention.

## **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Natalie Lebel

In the spirit of reconciliation, we acknowledge that we live, work and play on the borrowed traditional territories of the Blackfoot Confederacy (Siksika, Kainai, Piikani), the Tsuut'ina, the Stoney Nakoda Nations, the Métis Nation (Region 3), and all people who make their homes in the Treaty 7 region of Southern Alberta.

## **LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH**

### **CHRIST CANDLE**

Jenn Razzo/Benjamin Lebel

Once there was a person who said such amazing things and did such wonderful things that people began to follow him. But they didn't know who he was. So, one day, they simply had to ask him. "Who are you?" and he said, "I am the light."

### **OPENING PRAYER**

Teagan Razzo

Jesus, come and stand among us.

Bring us your peace.

In so many ways we lock the doors of our lives, out of fear or maybe doubt.

Yet you have the power to enter in.

Come and be with us in our worship.

Enter into our hearts.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Sloane Razzo

We believe in God, the creator and redeemer of life.

**We live, we love, we laugh, because we have been blessed by God.**

We believe in Jesus Christ, who is risen to new life.

**We live, we love, we laugh, because of the Good News of the Resurrection.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who moves us to live in joyous ways.

**We live, we love, we laugh, because the Spirit is our inspiration and guide.**

Let us rejoice with thankful hearts.

**Let us worship God!**

## HYMN

This Is the Day

MV 122 (sing 2X)

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

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

Singing hallelu, singing hallelu,

Singing hallelu! We will rejoice and be glad!

Singing hallelu, singing hallelu,

Singing hallelu! We will rejoice and be glad!

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## CHILDREN'S TIME

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## LORD'S PRAYER

## HYMN

Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet

VU 245

Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet, praise the Lord with the harp and lute,

Praise the Lord with gentle sounding flute.

Praise the Lord in the field and forest, praise the Lord in the city square,

Praise the Lord anytime and anywhere.

Praise the Lord in the wind and sunshine, praise the Lord in the dark of night,

Praise the Lord in the rain or snow or in the morning light.

Praise the Lord in the deepest valley, praise the Lord on the highest hill,

Praise the Lord, never let your voice be still.

Praise the Lord with the crashing cymbal, praise the Lord with the pipe and string,

Praise the Lord with the joyful songs you sing.

Praise the Lord on a weekday morning, praise the Lord on a Sunday noon,

Praise the Lord by the light of sun or moon.  
Praise the Lord in the time of sorrow, praise the Lord in the time of joy,  
Praise the Lord every moment, nothing let your praise destroy.  
Praise the Lord in the peace and quiet, praise the Lord in your work or play,  
Praise the Lord everywhere in every way!

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## OFFERING

Part of our stewardship to Parkdale United Church is giving of our time, talent and treasure. It takes all of us to help make this community of faith what it is, to build connections, live out our faith and act for justice.

I want you to know that when you give to Parkdale, you are not only helping with our ministry here and now, but helping those near and far who need a little more love and assistance. I ask you to please take a minute to prayerfully consider giving to the church. If you feel called, there is a basket at the back of the sanctuary. If you are unable to give at this time, please know you are welcome, loved, and a valuable part of our community. For those of you who continue to give through PAR, thank you.

## READINGS

**Psalm 150** (Praise for God's Surpassing Greatness)

Andrew Lebel

Praise the Lord!  
Praise God in his sanctuary;  
Praise him in his might firmament!  
Praise him for his might deeds;  
Praise him according to his surpassing greatness!  
Praise him with trumpet sound;  
Praise him with lute and harp!  
Praise him with tambourine and dance;  
Praise him with strings and pipe!  
Praise him with clanging cymbals;  
Praise him with loud clashing cymbals!  
Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!  
Praise the Lord!

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."

After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 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."

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."

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."

Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God."

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."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in the book.

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.

## MESSAGE

### HYMN

Will You Come and Follow Me

VU 567 vs 1,2,4,5

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,  
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you love the “you” you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you’ve found to reshape the world around,  
Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Christ your summons echo true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show.  
This I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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## **BENEDICTION**

As we stand in the midst of God’s creation, under a tree with the birds and caterpillars, may we recognize some of the mystery and wonder and awe of God, not only there, but also in us and in this thing called a community of faith, and take it with us into the week that is before us, so that others may also come to know some of the mystery, the wonder, and awe of God in their lives too.

And may the Creator within you and around you, above you and below you, bless you and keep you, both now and forevermore. Amen

## **CHORAL BLESSING** I’ve Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

VU 575 vs. 1, 4

I’m gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I’m gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I’m gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I’m gonna sing do God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

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## **POSTLUDE**

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