

EASTER SUNDAY

March 31, 2024

Organ Prelude: Fugue with Carol "This Joyful Eastertide"
Bruce Nasmith

***Hymn: Jesus Christ is risen today**

No. 243

Welcome, Announcements & Worship Theme

CALL TO WORSHIP:

We gather for worship this Easter Sunday morning listening for good news!

We hear that the same Jesus who was tortured and crucified days ago is risen from the dead to lead people into new life.

How is this possible? Can those who are traumatized by fear and shame, grief and despair truly come alive again with new faith, hope and love to give them wings?

Can those who are afflicted by violence, war and loss find true peace, justice and comfort again, in this life and the next?

Can our disappointments, losses, broken relationships and unresolved conflicts be healed as we grow our resilience, our forgiveness and our tenderness?

Jesus Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

Come to us in this time of worship, O God, so that we can hear such words and profess them with faith, hope and love in our lives.

ALL: Let us worship God together!

***Hymn: Now let the Vault of Heaven Resound**

No. 255

Prayer of Approach, Confession & 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. Amen.

The Peace of Christ be with you all;

And also with you.

(Children are invited to join in programming following the Sharing of the Peace)

***Hymn: The strife is o'er**

No. 257

Special Music: The Hallelujah Chorus (from Messiah) G. F. Handel

Scripture Readings: John 20: 1-18 Christy Smith

We are listening, O God;

Speak to us!

Sermon: ENCOUNTERING THE RISEN CHRIST Dr. Harris

Special Music: "I know that my Redeemer liveth" from Messiah
by G. F. Handel

soloist Anna Bateman

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Pastoral Concern

***Hymn: Thine be the glory**

No. 258

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Organ Postlude: Toccata from Symphony no. 5

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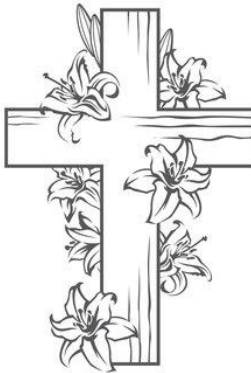
We invite you to join us for coffee hour and some light refreshments in our adjacent hall after the service.

All are welcome!

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OUR PURPOSE AS A CHURCH:

**To become the hands, feet, voice and heart of Christ
for each other and in the world.**



Coming Events

Sunday, March 31

Easter Sunday Service of Praise & Proclamation of the Resurrection, 10:30am

Monday, April 1

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Dance Fitness, 10:00am

Sunday, April 7

Easter 2 Sunday / Ordination & Induction of New Elders

Monday, April 8

Dance Fitness, 10:00am

Wednesday, April 10

Spring Bible Study: Esther & Ruth, 7:30pm zoom

Thursday, April 11

Rev. Mary Fontaine, the first Indigenous Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada visits Armour Heights to talk to us about: Healing, Reconciliation and the Church. In person & online event, 7:30pm. (see poster)

Sunday, April 14

Easter 3 Sunday / Celebration of the ministry of parish nurse Linda Alldred-Johnson after worship.

Monday, April 15

Dance Fitness, 10:00am

Tuesday, April 16

Podcast discussion in person and online, 7:30pm

Wednesday, April 17

Spring Bible Study: Esther & Ruth, 7:30pm zoom

Saturday April 20

Cairn camp coffee house and artisan market, 2-4pm

Sunday, April 21

Easter 4 Sunday / Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Monday, April 22

Dance Fitness, 10:00am

Tuesday, April 23

Webinar: Climate Change, Eco-anxiety and Habits of Hope with Rev. Dr. Pam McCarroll, 1:00pm-2:30pm

Wednesday, April 24

Spring Bible Study: Esther & Ruth, 7:30pm zoom

Friday, April 26

Youth in Action, 7pm

Sunday, April 28

Learning Indigenous History and Experience In Canada Through Art, 3:00pm at the AGO