



2nd Sunday of Easter
Liturgical colour – White
April 7, 2024

Note: Bold type everyone says together.
***indicates to stand as you are able**

Prelude *Sabbath Morning* by Herbert Grieb

Denise Jung, organ

Welcome

Unison Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that we are gathered today on the traditional lands of the Anishinaabek, Haudenosaunee, Lūnaapéewak, and Chonnonton peoples. We acknowledge the treaties that are specific to this area while recognizing that this land continues to be home to diverse Indigenous peoples (First Nations, Métis and Inuit) whom we recognize as stewards of the land and vital contributors to society. We encourage everyone to be informed about the traditional lands, Treaties, history, and cultures of the Indigenous people local to the region and across our country.

***Hymn** VU 175 “This is the day that God has made”

GOD GATHERS US

Responsive Call to Worship (inspired by John 20: 19-31)

We gather with joy, for Easter continues.

Locked doors have been opened and fear has turned to peace.

We celebrate the presence of the Risen Christ among us.

Doubts can be erased and uncertainty turned to faith.

Let us rejoice and be glad!

We offer our prayers and praise with humble, hopeful hearts.

Passing the Peace

The peace of Jesus Christ be with you

And also with you.

Opening Prayer

***Hymn** VU 177 “This Joyful Eastertide” (youth come forward on verse 2)

Youth Connection, Changing the World
followed by the Prayer that Jesus taught us

Hymn VU 177 "This Joyful Eastertide" verse 3

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD & SONG

Epistle Reading 1 John 1: 1-2:2 read by Brian Wallace

Music Ministry *All in the April Evening* by Hugh S. Robertson Senior Choir

Gospel reading John 20: 19-31 read by Brian Wallace

Message Not too sure ...

GOD CALLS US TO LOVE and TO SERVE

Offering Invitation

***Offering Hymn** VU 543 We Give Thee But Thine Own verse 1

***Unison Prayer of Dedication**

Generous God, thank you for the hope we can claim in your resurrecting power. Bless the gifts we bring through PAR, envelope givings and our time and talent so they may spread that hope in the world you love. In the name of your greatest gift, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen

Prayers that Unite Our Hearts

The response to today's prayers:
Jesus, our Redeemer
Reveal to them your risen presence.

Life and Work of Calvary

Minute for Mission Kristen Goodman

***Hymn** VU 186 "Now the Green Blade Rises"

***Unison Commissioning** (Unity Prayer from unity.org)

***Blessing**

***Choral Blessing** VU 958 Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Postlude *Trumpet Voluntary* by John Travers Denise Jung, organ