

Easter Sunday - April 27, 2025

Congregational responses are in bold.

(*) Indicates Standing

I take my bouquet of despair to the only place big enough to embrace it: the body of Creation. I set it before the altar of the water and soil.

- Avery Davis Lamb, "Resting Where God's Presence Unfolds Like the Fiddlehead Fern"

We Come Together

Prelude... (*this is an opportunity for us to appreciate the gift of music and prepare our hearts for worship*)

***Introit:** Sing Your Joy vs. 1 **VU#253**

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Land Acknowledgement

Announcements

Call to Worship (*on screens*) *From Everyday Psalms by James Taylor. Copyright © 2005 Wood Lake Books. Adapted. Used with permission.*

***Hymn:** The Day of Resurrection **VU#164**

Opening Prayer: (*unison on screens*)

**We are your witnesses, O God,
that, in you, suffering and death
do not have the final word.**

**Praise be to you, for the dawning of this new day;
a day when gentleness rules over might,
Spirit makes a way for true community,
and love always wins.**

**This is the day you have given us
we will rejoice and be glad in it. Amen.**

Personal Prayer Veni Sancte Spiritus **MV#75**

The Lord's Prayer

Children's Hymn: This is the Day (ref, v1, ref) **VU#175**

Children's Learning Time

Children's Prayer:

Doubts are funny things.

The word doubt is a funny word.

When we are little, we really don't understand but then we grow up and there they are... doubts.

Thomas' story tells us that doubts are okay.

So, God, thank you for loving me just like I am.

Even when I am like Thomas.

Amen.

Children's Hymn: This is the Day (ref, v1, ref) **VU#175**

We Listen to the Word

Prayer of Illumination

Reader: Tracy

Introduction to Scripture

Scripture Lesson:

Readings from the Early Church: Acts 5:27–32

(Peter speaks before the Sanhedrin.)

Gospel: John 20:19–31

(Thomas doubts until he sees Jesus for himself.)

Response (*seated*): It is God's special word:

"Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"

Sermon: From Belief to Faith

Anthem: The Glorious Day

Prayers of the People (*on screens*)

***Hymn:** You Tell Me That the Lord is Risen

VU#185

We Respond to the Word

Invitation to the Offering

***Sung Dedication:**

In Gratitude and Humble Trust

VU#544

***Offertory Prayer:** *(unison)*
**May these gifts be multiplied
 as we conceive of God’s abundant love
 and give birth to the ways
 of love and justice in our world. Amen**

***Hymn:** Christ is Alive **VU#158**

***Blessing** *(on screens)*

***Choral Blessing:** You Shall Go Out With Joy **VU#884**

Postlude

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Volunteer Schedule:

Ushers:	April 27 Kim & Kevin	May 4 Howard & John
Screens:	April 27 Erik	May 4 Tracy May 11 Kevin

This Week’s Calendar			
Tues	10:00am	Craft Group	Kitchen
Wed	7:00pm	Choir Practice	Sanctuary
Sat	8:00am	Pancake Breakfast	Church Hall

*Tai Chi is offered on Mon, Wed & Fri *

Upcoming Dates:

May 3rd @ 8am- 11:30am – **Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser!**
 Bring a non perishable food donation to help us reach our goal of
 collecting 100lbs of food for the food bank!

May 4th @ 10:30am – Mount Royal’s 66th Anniversary Service! This
 service will include a fun all ages history lesson “The Mount Royal
 United Church Decades Game!”

May 6th @ 6:30pm Women Unite gather for a gardening activity.

May 25th @ 10:30am – Our UCW lead a 100th Anniversary Service