

This bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of our parents,
Noel and Christine Halfyard
from son Keith and daughter Margaret.

St. James United Church

April 04, 2021/Easter Sunday

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St. James United Church is a safe place for all people to worship, regardless of race, creed, age, ability, cultural background or sexual orientation.

We Gather as God's People

MUSICAL PRELUDE

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY/FIRST PEOPLES

WELCOME

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK

HYMN: *Jesus Christ is Risen Today* VU 155

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Joy is in the air! Christ is risen! We will not find Jesus in the tomb. So where shall we look? How will we recognize the risen Christ? We will look to our neighbours and the strangers on the street. There we will find the risen Christ! Alleluia!

OPENING PRAYER:

Giver of new life, we gather for worship this morning with our halleluiahs, flowers and songs. We worship in faith and hope that the loving, justice seeking person that was Jesus continues to enter into our lives and transform them. And because, through Christ's spirit, we are now the persons through whom the love and spirit of Christ seeks to bring new life to our world and the people around us. We now offer our worship in the faith that the living, eternal spirit is all around us, among us and within us. Amen.

HYMN: *Joy Comes with the Dawn* VU 166

We Respond to God's Love

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

Holy One, as we remember and celebrate your gift of new life, we pray that you will receive the offerings we have made as sign of our intention to live surrounded by your mercy, inspired by your spirit, open to the joy of your presence, hospitable to one another, and generous toward your world. Amen.

HYMN: *The Day of Resurrection* VU 164

We Listen to and for God's Word

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 10:34-43

HYMN: *Christ is Alive!* VU 158

GOSPEL READING: John 20:1-18

MEDITATION: Mary Is Us!

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

We Leave to Live Lives of Love

HYMN: *Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks to the Risen Lord* VU 179

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

SUNG BENEDICTION: *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* VU 157

Hail, the Lord of earth and heaven, alleluia!
Praise to thee by both be given, alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now, alleluia!
Hail the Resurrection, thou, alleluia!

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Life and Work – April 04, 2021

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* in loving memory of Husband, Bas Jamieson; Father, Captain Walter Blackwood; Mother, Mildred Blackwood; and Sister, Ida Dowden from Lorna Jamieson.

