

Easter Sunday

Charleswood Mennonite Church

April 12, 2020

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Music by Verna and Bob Wiebe

Musicians: Verna and Bob Wiebe, Jeremy Wiebe, Alisa Wiebe, Jonathan Wiebe, Daniel Friesen,
and Rebecca Harder

GATHERING

Prelude HWB# 257 *Were you there*

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Call to Worship

(If you have a candle at home, you can light it during this reading to represent the presence of the Risen Christ.)

Hallelujah, Christ is risen today!

*The Way of Christ
led to cross and tomb,
and the longest of shadows.
But this morning at dawn,
the women found
that the road had not ended there,
that the tomb was empty.*

*While we are on the way
trying to understand,
trying to do justice and love mercy,
the Risen Christ meets us
and our eyes are opened,
and our hearts burn within us.*

*The angel tells us again today:
The Risen Christ goes ahead of you
showing the way through fear, through death
to Newness of Life.*

Hallelujah, Christ is risen today! AMEN

(written by Susanne Guenther Loewen)

HYMN 280 *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

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HEARING THE WORD

For the Children: What does *hallelujah* mean? (Ask an adult before reading further). One of the most important things it means is “praise God!” If we are praising, what’s a good way to say “hallelujah”? Say it with enthusiasm! What kind of situations warrant a hallelujah? The birth of a child? The end of winter? Planting a garden? Sponsoring a refugee? Seeing your friends again? *Hallelujah!*

(from *Gathering: Resources for Worship Planners*, United Church of Canada)

HYMN HWB# 273 *Low in the Grave*

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Scripture: John 20:1-10

Colossians 3:1-4:

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

**When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed
With him in glory.**

Meditation

[Sunday at CMU April 2020 Sheila.mp3](#)

RESPONDING

HYMN HWB# 279 *I know that my Redeemer Lives*

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Offertory

O God,

We offer ourselves and our gifts to you

Use them for your church’s ministries

Of reconciliation, service, and mercy. AMEN

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2. Account transfer at Crosstown Credit Union
3. Canada Helps website: www.canadahelps.org)

Prayer for the congregation

O living God, who raised Jesus from the dead

we shout your great victory;

we sing hymns of praise!

*Even when our hearts are heavy
And our eyes are dimmed by sorrow,
You are faithful.
You wipe away all tears
and bring joy in the morning.
Teach us, O God, to trust your gracious love,
to rest in your unfailing goodness,
to hope in your true promise,
that we may rejoice all our days
and share the good news:
death is defeated; all are made alive in you.
Alleluia! Amen!
Alleluia! Amen!*

SENDING

HYMN HWB# 274 *O Sons and Daughters*
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Benediction

*Risen Christ,
When fear and doubt seem all that's left,
Tell us again the stories of faith.
Touch us with your promised presence,
And set our minds at peace. AMEN*