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THORNHILL  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
*To Discover, Celebrate and Share God's Love*

Sunday April 23, 2023  
The Third Sunday of Easter

**We Prepare for Worship**

Praise Band

Preparing our Hearts

*Draw near to God and God will draw near to you. James 4:8a*

Organ Prelude: *Judas Maccabeus (Thine Be the Glory)*

Charles Callahan (b.1951)

\*Processional Hymn: *Thine be the glory*

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Welcome and Community Life News

**We Worship God**

The Call to Worship

Jeremy Low

L.: We have come from many places, following different roads.

**P: We come hungering for greater understanding.**

L.: We have come to hear the wisdom of Scripture.

**P: We come seeking companions in the faith.**

L.: We have come to discover the One revealed in the breaking of the bread.

**P: We come to grow as disciples of Christ.**

L: Come, let us worship God, made known in Christ Jesus.

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Lord's Prayer (*debts*)

The Assurance of Pardon

The Exchange of Peace

Minister: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

\*Praise Time: Open The Eyes of My Heart

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord

Open the eyes of my heart

I want to see You, I want to see You

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord

Open the eyes of my heart

I want to see You, I want to see You

*To see You high and lifted up  
Shining in the light of Your glory  
Pour out your pow'r and love  
As we sing holy, holy, holy*

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord  
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**(4X)**

***Holy, holy, holy***

***Holy, holy, holy***

***Holy, holy, holy***

***I want to see You***

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### **We Listen for God's Word**

Choir Anthem: *Revelation Song*      Jennie Lee Riddle (b. 1967)

Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination      George Meek

Scripture Readings

Gospel Reading: Luke 24:13-35      *NT p. 90*

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: The Walk to Emmaus      Rev. Dr. Heather Vais

\*Hymn: Come to us, beloved stranger      **#262**

### **We Respond to God's Word**

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

\*Doxology

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Dedication of Offering

\*Closing Hymn: *Lord Jesus, you shall be my song*

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Brief Congregational Meeting

**We are Sent Out as God's People**

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Musical Benediction

**Go now in peace, never be afraid,  
God will go with you each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true,  
Know He will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe,  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there, watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen**

Organ Postlude: *Procession in G (from Judas Maccabeus)*

Georg F. Handel (1685-1759)

*\*if you are able, please stand*



*Welcome*

We welcome everyone who is worshiping here with us today. We hope that you feel comforted in our fellowship and that you leave here refreshed and inspired in your personal life. You are invited to fill out a pew card.

**\*\*We welcome all children in worship. If you need to take a child out during the worship service, the service can still be heard in the lobby. Our ushers are available to assist you.**

**Sunday School Classes!**



A one-room Sunday School class is available for our junior youth today after Praise Time.

**All children grades 1-6 are welcome.**

***Thank you to those who are assisting in today's service.  
If you wish to help reading scriptures contact the church office or speak with Garth Low or Rev. Heather***

Due to COVID, we encourage that masks be worn at all times.

## THORNHILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Custodian: Delacey Graham

**Duty Elders: Norine Thomason and Sheila Gault**

## UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS AT A GLANCE

### ***Sunday April 23, 2023***

9:45 – 10:30 am      Sunday Morning Discovery in the Conference room  
11:00 am              Worship Service

### ***Tuesday April 25, 2023***

10:00 – 12:00 pm      ESL Classes in the Fellowship Hall  
7:30 pm                Board of Managers Meeting by Zoom

### ***Thursday April 27, 2023***

7:30 pm                Book Club Meeting by Zoom

### ***Sunday April 30, 2023***

9:45 – 10:30 am      Sunday Morning Discovery in the Conference room  
11:00 am              Worship Service

## Weekly Offerings and Gifts

To continue to support the church through your regular offerings there are several options available to do so.

**Offerings may be placed in the offering plate** as you enter the Sanctuary.

**Offerings can be mailed** (address below) or dropped off at the church mail slot in the old wooden doors to the right of the entryway any time.

**You may also donate** on-line at Canada Helps through our web site at [www.tpchurch.net](http://www.tpchurch.net) or directly to Canada Helps.Org at <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/thornhill-presbyterian-church/>

**Pre-Authorized Debit (PAR)** If you are interested in joining the PAR program contact Nadine at the church.

**Thank you for your support!**

## Notice of Congregational Meeting

Notice is hereby given to the congregation that a congregational meeting is being called by the Session this morning, prior to the end of the worship service.

The purpose of this meeting is to approve payment out of the Endowment Fund of an amount not exceeding \$70,000 for the purchase of five HVAC units.

Congregational approval must be given when the amount to be disbursed out of the Endowment Fund is over \$20,000.

## Notice Regarding Offerings

You will now notice our offering plate will be sitting on an antique plant holder as you enter the sanctuary. Please deposit your offerings there. We will continue to collect this way until further notice. If you forget to do this before the service, there is no problem to place it on the offering plate after the service.

As always, we will make sure the donations are secure.

Thank you for your generous support of the church.



Saturday, May 6, 2023  
9:00 am to Noon

The annual Spring Cleanup this year will focus on getting the flower beds ready, and removing stuff that has accumulated inside the church that has not been used for a long time and is no longer needed.

***We need your help.***

Please come out and join us. Bring along gardening tools or just a pair of willing hands.

Board of Managers



The deadline for the Spring issue of "The Open Door" is  
**Monday May 29th.**

Please forward your articles to Garth Low at  
[garth.low@garthlow.com](mailto:garth.low@garthlow.com).

Written submissions can be put in the Open Door newsletter  
mail box located by the Chapel.

### **Sunday Morning Discovery**

Sunday mornings from 9:45 -10:30.

Coffee will be provided.

This is a **basic** study group that deals with **basic** faith  
Issues in **straightforward** ways.

Speak to Rev. Heather, Edmond Lee, or contact the office.

### **PalCare April-May Workshops**

There are a few workshops available from April to May  
through PalCare!

Please check them out – they are posted on the TPC News &  
Events Board located in the front Hallway.

### **Some Special Opportunities to Consider**

Please check the TPC News & Events Board for some  
interesting upcoming events through the  
Crieff Hills Retreat & Conference Centre.

### **In Need of Donations**

Thank you for those who generously donated  
plates, bowls and cutlery.

We are still in need of a dresser.

If you're interested in donating and need more information,  
please contact the church administrator or Rev. Heather.

# Hymn

## *Thine be the glory*

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering son,  
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
Kept the folded grave clothes, where thy body lay.

### ***Refrain:***

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering son;  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
for her Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.

### ***(Refrain)***

No more we doubt thee, glorious price of life;  
life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love:  
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

### ***(Refrain)***

# Hymn

## *Come to us, beloved Stranger*

Come to us, beloved Stranger,  
as you came that Easter day.  
Walk with us to our Emmaus,  
for we need you still today.  
Come to us when we are broken,  
when our dearest hopes are lost,  
speak to us the prophet's message  
you fulfilled upon the cross.

Stay with us and give us blessing,  
that our hopes again may rise.  
Offer us your broken body;  
open our unseeing eyes.  
Come to us, God's love embodied;  
touch our hearts with burning flame.  
Risen Christ, once dead, now living,  
come to us through joy, through pain.

We would never fail to see you  
as you walk with us each day.  
As a friend and not a stranger  
you would join us on our way.  
Help us trust that through your mercy  
we can doubt and fear transcend,  
and to others be a blessing.  
Keep us faithful till life's end!



# Hymn

## *Lord Jesus, you shall be my song*

Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;  
I'll tell everybody about you wherever I go:  
for our life and our peace and our love is yourself.  
Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.

Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.  
May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.  
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.  
Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.

As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant,  
to carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears.  
For you saved me by giving your body and blood.  
As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.

I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey;  
but courage will come with the sound of your steps by my  
side.  
And with all the family you saved by your love,  
we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.