



Forward together in Faith, Hope, and Love

Sunday April 21, 2024
The Fourth Sunday of Easter
We Prepare for Worship

Praise Band

Preparing our Hearts

Let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth. (1 John 3:18)

Prelude: Pastorale

Carlo Monza (1680-1739)

*Processional Hymn: *Love divine, all loves excelling*

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Welcome and Community Life News

We Worship God

The Call to Worship

Maya Moradieslami

L.: Jesus the Christ said, I am the Good Shepherd.

P: We have come to follow him.

L.: We gather in the name of the One who leads us by still waters.

P: We have come to be restored in him.

L.: We gather in the name of the One who prepares a banquet for us.

P: We have come to be fed by his love, so let us worship God.

Choir Introit: Worship the Lord, Rejoice and Sing

Leisring/Hopson

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Lord's Prayer (*debt*s)

The Assurance of Pardon

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

People: And also with you.

*Praise Time: **King of Kings**

In the darkness we were waiting, without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running, there was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfil the law and prophets, to a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory, to a cradle in the dirt

Refrain: Praise the Father, Praise the Son

Praise the Spirit three in one

God of Glory, Majesty

Praise forever to the King of Kings

To reveal the kingdom coming, and to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation, You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering, You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus for our sake You died

Refrain

And the morning that You rose, all of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good, for the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs, and the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come, to the Father are restored
And the Church of Christ was born, then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old, shall not kneel shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name, in His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ, who has resurrected me

Refrain X 2

Praise forever to the King of Kings

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We Listen for God's Word

Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination

Jessica Chapman

Scripture Readings:

Choral Psalm Sentence

Responsive Reading: Psalm 23

Jeanette Hallworth

¹ The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

² **He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;**

³ he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.

⁴ **Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.**

⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
my whole life long.**

Epistle Reading: 1 John 3:16-24

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Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: A Gaelic Blessing

John Rutter (b. 1945)

Sermon: Love in Action

Rev. Dr. H. Vais

*Hymn: *All the way my Saviour leads me*

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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: *Joyful, joyful we adore you*

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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**

Postlude: Trumpet Fanfare

Jean Mouret (1682-1738)

** 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. Alternatively for children 5 years old and under, we have a nursery in the Christian Education wing where the service can still be heard. Our ushers are available to assist you. Children must be accompanied by an adult relative.**

Thank you to those who are assisting in today's service.

*Please feel free to appreciate the Postlude
at the end of the service!*

*If you do leave the sanctuary during the postlude,
please do so quietly. Thank 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.**

Reception of New Members

In the coming weeks we will be receiving new members.

If you wish to become a member, please contact the church office or speak to Rev. Heather.



Earth Day 2024

Tomorrow – Monday, April 22nd is EARTH DAY!

Take time to honour and celebrate our remarkable planet on this extraordinary day. Earth Day is a reminder of the importance of environmental conservation and sustainability, encouraging us to come together and take action for a healthier planet and brighter future. The theme for Earth Day 2024 is “Planet vs Plastics”.

Visit earthday.org for more information.

We are setting a table for the world, and you're invited!



Join us on **Saturday April 27th** for a multicultural potluck dinner at 5:30pm.

Everyone is encouraged to prepare a dish of cultural significance to share.

Sign up will be taken in the lobby on April 7, 14, & 21.

Speak with a member of the Congregational Life Committee for more information.

UPCOMING FOOD COLLECTION



Next Sunday, April 28th is Mission Awareness Sunday, and we will be receiving items for the Richmond Hill Community Food Bank.

Please see the display at the church entrance for a complete list of urgently

needed items. Shopping bags are available to help you add some items for the Food Bank when doing your shopping this week.

Thank you for your support!



We are in need of volunteers to help run the **sound system on Sunday mornings.**

It is not complicated.

Speak to Abel.

If Abel is able, you can be able too!

Summary of TPC Finances *First Quarter 2024*

Revenue	\$89,158
Expenses	<u>\$80,205</u>
Net Gain	\$ 8,953

Overall, we have had a good start to 2024. The Board will continue to monitor the finances and will report back to you again after the 2nd quarter.

Respectfully,
Bob Gargano
Treasurer

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UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Sunday April 21, 2024

9:45 – 10:30 am

Sunday Morning Discovery – Conference Room

11:00 am

Worship Service – The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Tuesday April 23, 2024

10:00 am

ESL Classes – Fellowship Hall

7:30 pm

Board of Managers Meeting – Zoom

Thursday April 25, 2024

7:30 pm

Choir Practice – Sanctuary

7:30 pm

Book Club Meeting - Zoom

Sunday April 28, 2024

9:45 – 10:30 am

Sunday Morning Discovery – Conference Room

11:00 am

Worship Service

Join the Online Directory!

We do have an online directory and want you all to be part of it!

It's a great way to know each other and, also have contact information when needed.

First step is to ensure that Nadine in the office has your email.

If the office has your email, you can then go to instantchurchdirectory.com. Click on the bars on the top right, and then scroll down on member log in. Then follow the directions.

You can also download the Instant Church Directory on your phone or tablet.

On a regular basis we will try and take your picture after church if you don't have one in the directory or would like to update yours.

Alternatively, you can send a picture to Abel Pandey (abelpandy@rogers.com) and he will upload it for you.

Any questions, feel free to contact Abel.

Hymn

Love divine, all loves excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, oh breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast!
Let us all in thee inherit,
let us find the promised rest;
take away our love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return and never,
never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly re stored in thee,
changed from glory into glory
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise.

Hymn

All the way my Saviour leads me

All the way my Saviour leads me;
what have I to ask beside?
Can I doubt his tender mercy
who through life has been my guide?
Heavenly peace, divinest comfort,
here by faith in him to dwell;
for I know, whate'er befall me
Jesus doeth all things well.

All the way my Saviour leads me,
cheers each winding path I tread,
gives me grace for every trial,
feeds me with the living bread.
Though my weary steps may falter,
and my soul athirst may be,
gushing from the rock before me,
lo, a spring of joy I see.

All the way my Saviour leads me,
oh the fullness of his love!
Perfect rest to me is promised
in my Father's house above.
When my spirit, clothed immortal,
wings its flight to realms of day,
this my song through endless ages,
'Jesus led me all the way!'

Hymn

Joyful, joyful we adore you

Joyful, joyful we adore you,
God of glory Lord of love.
Hearts unfold like flowers before you,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

All your works with joy surround you,
earth and heaven reflect your rays;
stars and angels sing around you,
centre of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadows, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowering fountain,
join to praise you joyfully.

You are giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blessed,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest.
God Creator, Christ our Saviour,
all are yours who live in love.
Teach us how to love our neighbour;
lift us to your joy above.

Morning stars, awake the chorus,
mortals join with every part,
for what joy is set before us
as Christ's love joins heart to heart!
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward
in the triumph song of life.