



*He  
Is  
Risen*

**Easter Sunday  
Resurrection Service**  
April 20 - 10:30AM

**Worship Leaders:**  
Bev Buckingham, Huda Kandalaf Kanawati,  
Dr. Keith Hartshorn-Walton

**Special Guests:** Christa Lowry, Chris Gerdei, trumpets  
Guy Edrington, horn  
Cynthia Yuschyshyn, trombone  
Colin Williamson, bass trombone

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*Welcome to Parkdale! We hope that this service will be a blessing to you wherever you are – in person or online. We welcome all to join us in worship!*

*We are glad you've joined us to celebrate the mystery and gift of God's love for the world in the gift of Jesus Christ, a rich Christian tradition, and a loving community of faith. We hope that in this time of worship we will experience at least a moment when God, who is Love, encourages us in faith, and breaks through the realities of everyday life surrounding us with the assurance of peace and joy which God so wants us to experience. With God, we long to be agents of justice, peace and hope.*

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD ...

Easter Thought: *"In this season of rebirth, may you feel your faith renewed and your heart made new with the hope that resurrection brings."*

Prelude: *Selections from "Three Pieces for Lenten Meditation"* Brass  
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Words of Welcome Huda Kandalaft

Welcome to worship on this most holy of days. We come together for a time of renewal and refreshment, a time of celebration and praise as we once more welcome the dawning of the Easter Season and mark the Resurrection of Jesus, the Christ. Together we say,

**"Hallelujah, Christ is risen this happy morning!"**

Life and Mission of the Congregation Liz Harrison

Lighting the Worship Candles Wendy and Alexander Fitzgerald

Call to Worship Bev Buckingham

The Risen One said to Mary, "Woman, why do you weep?"

**Mary wept because all she could see in front of her was death,**

**She had lost her beloved teacher and friend,**

The Risen One says to us, “My people, why do you weep?”

**Because, so often, all we can see in front of us is death.**

**We have lost sight of our path.**

When Mary recognized the Christ, he said:

“I am ascending to my Father and your Father...

to my God and to your God!”

So we need to look for the Christ

in the new life that grows within and without.

We need to remember that death has lost its sting.

We need to celebrate that we are one

with the risen Christ –

part of the family and household of God.

We come together to worship.

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen, indeed!**

Alleluia!

**Alleluia! Amen.**

Opening Hymn: **Jesus Christ is Risen Today**

VU#155

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Choir and Brass

Easter Prayer

Bev Buckingham

**We are here, Gracious God, aware of the new life that awaits us.**

**Bulbs will soon burst forth into majestic flowers, trees will**

**struggle to release their buds, and hillsides are readying**

**themselves for the greening of the season. We are here, Holy**

**One, to receive again the ways in which you transform us.**

**Individual lives are touched with meaning and hope; tears are**

**released and joy is restored; a tomb is emptied and hearts are**

**strangely warmed. Give to us that sense of new life as we**

**awaken our hearts and spirits to the truth of Christ’s presence**

**and as we answer your call in the hope of resurrection. Amen.**

Prayer of Confession

Huda Kandalaft

*a time of silent confession*

Words of Assurance

Huda Kandalaft

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Alleluia: **“Hallelujah Chorus” (abridged)**

Choir and Brass

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Time to Wonder

Huda Kandalaft

Hymn: **Christ Is Risen From The Dead**

VU#167

Choir and Piano

*Anonymous, Music: Hebrew Folk Melody, Public Domain*

*(Children leave for their classes.  
Youth remain to celebrate Easter with the congregation)*

## **TO LISTEN FOR THE EASTER NEWS FROM GOD ...**

First Scripture Lesson: **Acts 10:34-43**

Irene Hilkes

Responsive Reading: **Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24**

Irene and Rob Hilkes

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

**Let Israel say: "His love endures forever."**

The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

**Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the**

**righteous: "The Lord's right hand has done mighty things!**

The Lord's right hand is lifted high; the Lord's right hand has done mighty things!"

**I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.**

The Lord has chastened me severely, but he has not given me over to death.

**Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.**

This is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous may enter.

**I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.**

The stone that the builders rejected has become the capstone.

**The Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

**This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Gospel Lesson: **John 20:1-18**

Rob Hilkes

The Gloria:

**Gloria, Gloria in Excelsis Deo**

VU#37

**Gloria, Gloria, Alleluia, Alleluia (2x)**

Anthem: "Forth He Came at Easter" Choir & Brass

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Easter Reflection "Hope of Resurrection" Bev Buckingham

Hymn: **We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection** VU#586  
Choir

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## WE RESPOND IN FAITHFULNESS

The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings Bev Buckingham

Offertory: "Easter March" Brass

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Doxology: **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow  
Praise God, all creatures here below  
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!**

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

## WE JOIN IN COMMUNION TOGETHER

**Affirmation of Faith – A New Creed**

**We are not alone,  
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:  
who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others  
by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,**

to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.  
In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.  
We are not alone.  
Thanks be to God.

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

H: Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed!**

B: Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

K: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

H: Through fear-filled days and aching nights

**when the powers of death have done their worst,  
your love has never deserted us.**

B: Even when we turn away from you, you are with us;

**your presence never fails us,  
your gifts of hope and new life transform us.**

K: We praise you for Jesus Christ,

**risen to life, eternal as your love.**

H: With the women at the tomb,

**we raise the strain of gladness.**

**Hallelujah! Life is stronger than death!**

B: The day of resurrection has come, scattering fear and gloom.

And so we rejoice with all your people of every time and place,  
to proclaim the glory of your name.

It is Jesus, God incarnate, the Risen Christ,

who joins us together as a community of broken but hopeful  
believers:

**To speak to us**

K: To teach us your love.

**To give abundant life.**

H: To make us new.

He lived a life as one of us – a child, a youth, an adult.

He laughed with those who laughed, he cried with those who cried.

In all of this, he walked the hard road –

**the way of the Cross and the way of the Resurrection.**

B: On the night before he was put to death,

he gathered for a meal of celebration with his friends.

There he recommitted himself to your love, and to his people.  
He took bread, thanked You, and broke the bread, giving it to his friends, saying,

“Take this and eat it. This is my body, given for you.  
Each time you do this, remember me.”

**We remember him.**

H: After the meal was over, he took the cup of blessing,  
thanked You, and poured the wine,  
giving it to his friends, saying,

“Take this and drink it. This is my blood, given for you.  
Each time you drink this, remember me.”

**We remember him.**

K: And so we do as he asked us, loving God.

We pray that your Spirit that fills these gifts,  
will fill us – that all might be vessels of your love,  
your hope and your life in the world.

**Come, Holy Spirit, come!**

**Breaking the Bread, Pouring the Cup, Sharing the Meal**

B: We break the bread and pour the wine and we remember.....

We remember every time we have shared this in our community of  
faith, communion shared in the presence of each other.

H: This morning we take our cup and open the first layer revealing  
Jesus, the bread of Life and we share together.....

*silence is kept*

B: Just as the rock was rolled back to reveal the glory of the  
resurrection, we peel back the next layer of our cup and share  
together the Cup of the New Covenant.

*silence is kept*

**Prayer after Communion**

B: Thank you, O Christ, for this feast of life.

We are fed by your love;  
we are strengthened by your life.

H: We are sent forth into this world to live your way  
and share your joy.

We are now commissioned to:

feed as we have been fed,  
forgive as we have been forgiven,  
love as we have been loved.

**K**: Through Christ, in Christ, and with Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours,  
God most holy. Amen.

**B**: We offer together the prayer Jesus used to teach his disciples to  
pray, saying....

The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, who art in Heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those  
who trespass against us; and let us not fall into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom and the  
power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen*

**AND TO GO FORTH TO BEAR WITNESS TO  
RESURRECTION JOY**

Hymn:

**Thine Is The Glory**

VU#173

Choir and Brass

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Sending Forth

We go into God's world to share what we have.

We go into God's world to share who we are.

We go into God's world, with God's love,

Christ's peace, and the Holy Spirit's song.

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen**

Sung Amen:

Postlude: "Judas Maccabaeus" Organ and Brass

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## **MUSIC AT PARKDALE**

**CHOIR AND GUITAR** including the Parkdale Choir – concert at 2pm Saturday April 26



**PARKDALE ORCHESTRA** - concert on May 3  
<https://www.parkdaleorchestra.ca/season-24-25>

**KIWANIS Ottawa West** featuring the Concert Docs and the Kiwanis Music Festival – concert at 7pm Saturday May 17

**CENTRALAIRES CONCERT BAND** - concert on May 31  
<https://centralaires.org/#concerts>

**The Men's Breakfast** will meet at 8 AM on Thursday April 24th at Zak's (Churchill and Richmond).

**Spring Rummage Sale** – Our Spring Rummage Sale is booked - from 9am to noon on Saturday, April 26, 2025! Please consider donating those things you no longer wear or use to this worthy community cause.

Popular items are men's, women's and children's clothing, shoes, books, linens, toys, kitchen utensils, small appliances, etc. **We do not accept furniture, baby cribs, car seats, exercise machines, heavy non-flat screen TVs and computer monitors, textbooks, encyclopedias, magazines, or anything broken or soiled.** If you have accumulated an excess of reusable cloth bags, we would be happy to receive them as we are trying to minimize our use of plastic. Contributions must be dropped off at the church prior to Thursday, April 24, 2024. If you need help with pick up, please contact Jo-Anne in the office at 613-728-8656.

We are looking for volunteers to help with set up on Thursday, April 24 starting at 8:30 am, and Friday, April 25 until 4:30, as well as for the sale itself on Saturday from 8:30 to 12, followed by clean-up. If you are able to help, even for a couple of hours, please advise Val Hum at [Valerie.hum@rogers.com](mailto:Valerie.hum@rogers.com) or at 613-728-8830.

## **TO THANK OUR VOLUNTEERS!!**

Please join us on Volunteer Sunday, April 27, to express gratitude to our In From The Cold volunteers and all those who minister in various ways here at Parkdale. After the service, please join us in Memorial Hall to enjoy fellowship and light refreshments.

## **Parkdale Family – We Want to Hear from You!**

As we search for a new coordinating minister, your voice matters. What do you hope for in our worship, outreach, and future leadership? Join a small focus group (5 or fewer) to share your thoughts. Contact us at [search@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca](mailto:search@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca) to take part. Your input will help guide the search committee!

**Discover the Witness Blanket** and join a Right Relations discussion on May 4th

**The Mission, Outreach and Justice Committee** invites you to explore a powerful artwork that honours the resilience of Survivors of the Indian Residential School system. Called "**The Witness Blanket**", this art installation was made by Carey Newman with contributions from Indigenous communities across Canada. A free, 90-minute online film tells the story of how it was made, and a replica of it is at the Museum of History until May 5th.

Watch the film online, visit the exhibit if you can, then join us for a Right Relations discussion on Sunday, May 4th, after church. (bring your own snack). Some questions for you to consider: How do you respond personally to the testimonials in the film? How should the history of Indian Residential Schools be remembered as the United Church of Canada celebrates its 100th anniversary this year? Do you think this history can inform our church's path for the next 100 years?

**See the film:** Picking Up the Pieces: The Making of the Witness Blanket (90 minutes)

<https://humanrights.ca/story/picking-pieces-making-witness-blanket>

**Museum of History:** The Witness Blanket Exhibit

<https://www.historymuseum.ca/exhibitions/witness-blanket>

**For admission cost** (free on Thursdays from 5 to 7 pm), see:

<https://www.historymuseum.ca/plan-your-visit>

## **Property Development – Congregational Meeting**

A short congregational meeting will be convened immediately after the service on May 25, during which a vote to discern support for our emerging vision will be held by secret ballot. This is an important vote, the results of which will provide direction to Parkdale for coming years, so please plan to attend.

**Today is the last day to submit your PDWG survey.**

## **Planning and Planting for Summer Harvest**

There are seeds available to plant seedlings to grow tomatoes, peppers and/or onions in your gardens this summer. When they ripen and you bring the harvest to the church, we will prepare sauce – some to freeze for the Caring Kitchens freezer and the rest to serve at a Spaghetti luncheon in the fall.

**Baptisms and Membership:** Are you looking to know more about the United Church of Canada? Learn more about your faith? Are you interested in becoming a member of Parkdale? This could happen through transfer of membership, or by profession of faith after some conversations and learning. We would love to welcome you in this new way! Please speak to the ministers for more info.

The celebration of Baptisms will take place on Sunday May 11 during the worship service.

Rev. Natalie will also be offering two seminar sessions for persons seeking join Parkdale as members on May 4th and May 18th at 9-10 AM before the church service in the Parlour. The celebration of receiving new members will take place during worship in June. Please reach out to Bev or Huda if you would like more information or have any questions.



**The Nursery:** is staffed today. Parents are welcome to use it for their babies and toddlers.



## Christian Education & Faith Formation:

The children will have special programs at Sunday school on Easter Sunday. They will be back in church for communion.



Youth are invited to stay in church for the Easter service. Please help us keep our records up to date. Register online for Sunday school and youth groups:

<https://form.jotform.com/242651912769061>



**Summer Camp** Buckle up for exciting destinations with the pup Scout at our Summer Camp **2025**. It will be on **Aug.18-22**. Through engaging Bible stories, interactive games, and fun challenges, we'll discover that God is always with

us. **Road Trip VBS** is more than just fun — it's a journey of faith, friendship, and unforgettable memories! Registration opens in May.