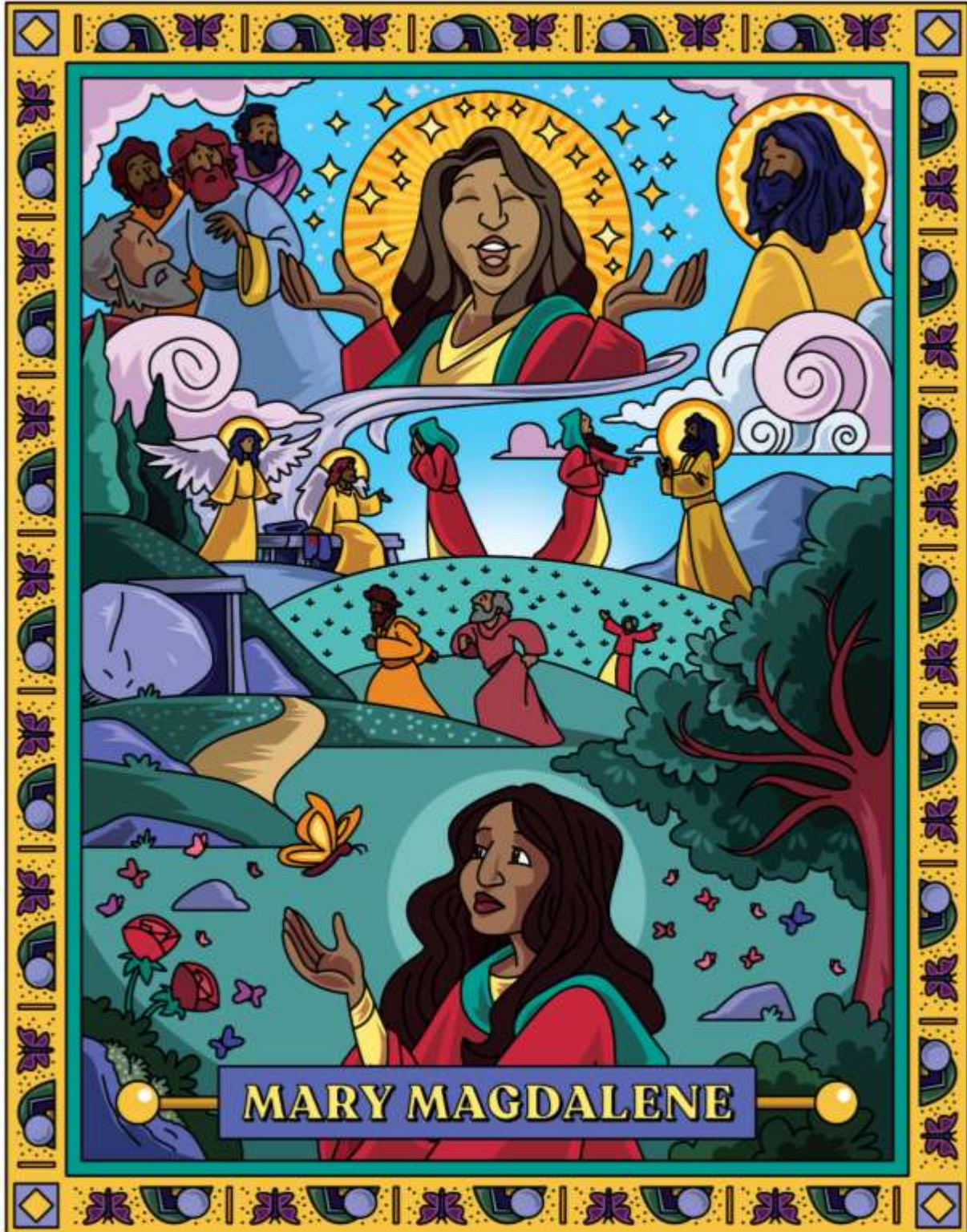




PARKDALE UNITED CHURCH

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Sunday, April 5, 2026 – 10:30 AM
Theme: Easter – Fulfilling Imagination

Faithful Pause: *“Resurrection faith is not about certainty, but about turning – again and again – toward life.”* Rev. Dr. Jeehei Park

GATHERING AS COMMUNITY

*Please stand as you are able

Prelude:

Brass

Video: The Shadow of Empire | The Glory of Easter

***Processional Hymn: Welcome, Happy Morning** VU#161
Choir and Brass

Welcome & Honouring The Land

Rev. Bob

Christ Candle:

Joanna Hamley, Beth Rodgers and Evelyn and Kayla

Call To Worship:

Huda

Come into God's presence,
you who imagine and you who seek,
you who disrupt and you who repair.

By the Spirit, we gather in hope.

Come into God's day of resurrection,
you who have known grief,
you who long for new life,
you who carry "Alleluias" in your hearts.

In Christ, we gather at the empty tomb.

Come into God's presence,
singing for joy and for justice;
bringing prayer and worship, your most faithful acts of resistance.

To God be the glory! We gather to praise!

Gathering Song: This Is The Day That God Has Made VU#175

Gathering Prayer

Huda

Embracing God's Love (*Responsive*)

Rev. Bob

Siblings in Christ, let us acknowledge our brokenness and our misplaced belief that earthly powers get to have the final say, for sin and death have been defeated. They have no power over us any longer!

God of resurrection power, we confess we have sinned against you. We have lived in the sad melancholy

of brokenness despite the transformative power you showed us in Jesus.

Forgive our unbelief and inspire us to imagine life in the glow of resurrection today.

Beloved in Christ, ...*continues*

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Rev. Bob

As we greet this Easter day ...*continues*

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Halle, halle, halle - lujah

Halle, halle, halle - lujah

Halle, halle, halle - lujah

Hallelujah, Hallelujah

Time To Wonder And The Disciples' Prayer

Huda

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**

Easter Song: Jesus Christ is Risen Today

VU#155

Junior Choir with soloists Maria and Asher

(children and youth leave for their classes)

ENGAGING THE STORY

Lectionary@Home:

Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118; Colossians 3:1-4; & John 20:1-18

Focus Reading: John 20:1-18 (NIV p.1685)

Lauren Barbour

Early on the first day of the week ...*continues*

This is part of the Christian witness.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem: Hallelujah! Resurrection Day! Choir and Brass

Sermon: "A Real Turn" Rev. Bob

Time for Silent Reflection

BEING THE CHURCH THROUGH SERVICE

***Hymn:** Christ Is Alive VU#158
Choir and Brass

Prayers For Community Bev

Sharing Our Gifts For Ministry Bev

Offertory: Brass

Doxology: Hallelujah Chorus (excerpt) Choir and Brass

Dedication Of The Offering (*Unison*) Bev

Generous God, like the first blooms of spring, we bring our gifts before you and your church to be sent out into the world, by the power of your spirit, to proclaim new life and bear witness to resurrection. May each gift of every size bloom with resurrection hope, nourishing both our faith community and our neighbours.

Amen.

***Hymn:** Thine Is The Glory VU#173
Choir and Brass

Sacrament of Communion

Friends in Christ, scripture teaches us that one of the first things Jesus did after his resurrection was to eat with his friends. It was also one of the last things he did before his arrest. There is power at the table. There is grace at the table. There are plenty of chairs for all at the table.

When we break bread with one another, we recognize each other's humanity. When we share a common cup, we acknowledge each other's desire for connection.

Here at the table, you are fed and seen.

Here at the table, you are welcomed and wanted.

Here at the table, you are safe and loved.

Come, all of you, with every part of you.

The risen Christ, who knows you and calls you by name, wants to share a meal with you.

So, come.

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your fears, your hopes, your dreams.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to our generous, imaginative God.

We joyfully give our thanks and praise.

Today is such a joyous occasion as we celebrate and remember the resurrection of Jesus, who humbled himself to participate in the world and shared himself to transform it.

He who modelled service and sacrifice calls us to do the same. He who taught us rooted resistance, holy confrontation, and sacred protest invites us to be nourished before carrying out our work of imagination.

And so, with your people on earth and all the saints before us, we praise your name and join the unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the
highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Knowing you have equipped us with all we need for the work ahead, we remember the night you gathered your friends to eat together in the midst of their fear and yours. It was a common meal transformed into elements of grace to be shared, remembered, and celebrated by generations upon generations.

You took a simple loaf of bread.

Blessed it.

Broke it.

Shared it.

Saying, "Take. Eat. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then you took a cup of wine.

Blessed it.

Passed it.

Saying, "Drink from it, all of you. For this is love poured out for you and for many."

Because of these simple and remarkable acts,
we offer ourselves to be your hands and feet,
and we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ was executed.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Let us pray:

Gracious God, we have walked with you through temptation,
heard you disrupt societal values,
witnessed a holy confrontation,
listened as you revealed true leadership,
observed you navigate questions of allegiance,
watched you ride into Jerusalem on a donkey,
and witnessed the miracle of resurrection.

Be with us today as we eat with you at this table.

The Table is Shared

The bread of resurrection hope.

AMEN!

The cup of boundless imagination and grace.

AMEN!

Returning Thanks

Holy, Imaginative God, may we believe like Mary, running from this place, shouting, "I have seen the Lord." For here in this place, we see your image reflected in the eyes of all we made contact with today. We feel your presence in the

gathering of your people. We hear your blessing in the voice of our neighbour. Let us not keep silent. But take all we have seen and heard, and share it with those who long to know your peace.

Amen.

Sending Forth And Blessing

Rev. Bob

Choral Response: Sent Out In Jesus' Name MV#212

Choir and Piano

Postlude:

Brass

Leading In Worship:

Rev. Dr. Bob K. Fillier
Bev Buckingham
Huda Kandalaft
Dr. Keith Hartshorn-Walton

Guest Musicians:

Chris Gerdei, Peter Crouch, trumpets
Guy Edrington, horn
Colin Williamson, trombone

Junior Choir - dir. Mélanie Hartshorn-Walton

Audio: Richard Hamley Video: Danica Rogers

Slides: Elise Mennie

Greeters and Ushers
Communion Team

Communion Servers

Youth:

Samuel Drew Bruce Clark
Maxim Beaufort- Bradley
Natalia Stephens
Tristan Dos-Santos
Zacharie Morel
Tiana Beaufort- Bradley

Mentors:

Chris Tait
Liz Harrison
Camille Beaufort
Kathleen Stephenson
Faye Beaufort
Paul Crabtree

ANNOUNCEMENTS



We're expanding our staff team to increase our communications ministry both within our congregation and in our community. If you or someone you know has communication skills, including applications, graphics, website, socials, design, post-production editing, and worship media, this could be for you. The position is 10 hours per week, including Sunday morning and flexible hours for the remainder of the time. For a copy of the position description and to submit your application, please contact the office. The deadline for applications is Monday, April 20, 2026. Anticipated start time is on or before May 1, 2026.

Top and Bottom Brass - April 11, 7 pm

Jazz concert at Parkdale featuring special guest Bill Mahar from Montreal on trumpet, and Parkdale's Dr. Keith on tuba.



Tickets and info:

<https://simpli.events/e/top-bottom-brass-bill-mahar>



Sunday, April 19th Pastoral Care invites you to join them for a **Panel Discussion on End of Life Decision Making** following worship. Our guests will include a doctor, lawyer and funeral director. Questions about MAiD, Palliative Care Assistance, Celebrations of Life, Wills and Powers of Attorney will be addressed. Look for more information on the bulletin board and sign up with the office for what will be an informative discussion with Janet Lo, Andrew Douglas and Mark Darroch.

Smart Aging Spring Sessions

New course will be Monday mornings from 10am to noon, starting April 13 to June 8. To register, email the church office at pdale@trytel.com
Full information on the bulletin board

Rummage Sale: Saturday, April 25

Contributions must be dropped off at the church prior to Thursday, April 23. The event requires volunteers to help with set up on Thursday, April 23 and Friday, April 24 with shifts between the hours of 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., as well as during the sale itself on Saturday, followed by clean-up. If you are able to help, even for a couple of hours, please email Val at valerie.hum@rogers.com.



We would like to invite the congregation to bring their **rinsed, refundable** cans and bottles to the church. The funds raised will support Parkdale children and youth as they work toward building and planting vegetable beds to grow fresh food for the Parkdale Food Bank. Thank you for your support.



IGNITE's Harmony House Drive

IGNITE is putting together a drive to support Harmony House! We will be collecting new and unused items (see poster on bulletin board) for the cause.

<https://www.canva.com/design/DAHDHcqBX7M/Mks1ATLzsMtP10-B3zjZBg/edit>



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

The Sunday School Children and **The Youth group** will have a special program in Tape Hall today after which they will join us in the sanctuary for communion at the end of worship. If you are visiting, Welcome! Please join the crowd as we leave to Sunday school after our **“Time to Wonder”**.



The Junior Choir and Youth Band– are welcoming new members. They meet Sundays with our directors Melanie and Keith at **10:00 AM** in the small Chapel.



Confirmation Class Celebration: is next Sunday April 12. Prior to the service, the youth will meet with council members at 9:00 a.m. to share their statements of faith. The congregation will have the opportunity to welcome and celebrate them at the refreshments time which will include cake after the service!



IGNITE MEETINGS are for young adults. Our next meeting is April 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the friendship Lounge. All young adults are welcome!

VBS Parkdale Children Summer Camp:



Aug. 17-21, [2026](#)

"I can do all things through him who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13). Join us this summer for **VBS**



SNOWBALL MOUNTAIN where kids will become Challengers, gearing up for frosty games, snowy surprises, and hands-on lessons about resilience and faith as they draw strength from their faith through powerful stories of courage and hope. **Snowball Mountain Challenge VBS promises kids a summer that will build their faith for a lifetime!** Please register by **May 1st** to ensure your spot. The Cost per child is \$75 for the whole week. You may send an e-transfer to deposits@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca or pay in the church office. <https://forms.gle/TQsELr3XRHCZNiYr6>