

He showed to them see his hands, his side,  
where yet those glorious wounds abide;  
alleluia, alleluia!  
the tokens true which made it plain  
their Lord indeed was ris'n again.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

In wond'ring awe his faithful band  
Upon the Mount of Olives stand,  
Alleluia, Alleluia;  
And with the virgin mother see  
Their Lord ascend in majesty,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!"

#### Commissioning and Blessing

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**Thanks** to Janet Peck for reading, to Joannie & Werner,  
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Janet B, Janet P, Elaine, Mark and Anne for hosting Coffee Hour.

**Happy Birthday today** to Karen Devries  
and this week to Sue Dowhayko

**UCW meeting** - Tuesday, April 7th at 1:00 pm.

Please bring one portion of secretly wrapped dessert for our Annual  
*Dessert Auction to benefit Lola's Round Table. Join us, please!*

Please join us for our 3rd Annual **High Tea on Saturday,**  
**April 11th at 1 p.m.** Tickets cost \$25.00, \$10.00 for 12 and under.  
On sale today. This special event is not to be missed!!!

The UCW are bringing back the *Twice as Nice ladies' "boutique"* at  
**this year's Garage and Bake Sale on Saturday, May 9th.** We're  
looking for clean, like new nicer clothing pieces, shoes, purses,  
accessories and jewelry. Please consider this sale as you sort your  
closets in the next weeks. Collection will begin on Sunday, April 26th.

# HE IS RISEN !

Tecumseh United Church  
Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026 - 10:00 a.m.  
*Easter Sunday*

*We are a fragrance-free environment. We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Attawandaron, Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee peoples*

\* Please adopt the posture that suits you best for singing/unison prayer

## *We Gather in God's Love*

Welcoming & Announcements  
Land Acknowledgement

### Call to Worship:

Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Hallelujah!**

In his rising, God has spoken:

**this is God's world,**

**and love, justice, and peace will prevail.**

Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Hallelujah!**

*(All the candles are relit, starting with the Christ candle)*

*(response after the lighting of each candle):*

Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen, indeed. Hallelujah!**

**Hymn # 155 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" verse 1 only**

Let us pray:

**O God of the universe, yours is the glory. Your breath is our breath; your life pulses within us. In you, we live and rejoice. We give thanks for the gift of Easter resurrection and trust in your goodness and love. Reconcile us to you and guide us back to you in the Spirit of the risen Christ, we pray. Amen.**

**Hymn # 155 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" verses 2-3**

to embody compassion, to care for creation.

**Make us people of new life.**

Bind us together as one body, siblings in Christ, called and sent.

**Root us in your peace and your grace.**

*We partake of the elements - servers will pass the elements in the pews please take one of each. Instructions for partaking will be offered here.*

### Prayer After Communion

Let us pray:

**Loving God, we give you thanks for this meal of resurrection life. You have fed us with love, renewed us in hope, and called us by name. As Mary was sent from the garden to share the good news, send us now into the world - to live as people of new life, to share your love, to work for justice, and to call one another by name. Amen.**

\* **Hymn MV # 121 "Hey Now Singing Hallelujah"**

*(refrain, verses 1,3,5, refrain)*

Faith Friends / The Lord's Prayer

**Hymn MV # 214 "May God's Sheltering Wings"**

*We Listen to God's Word*

Reading: John 20:1-18

\* **Hymn MV # 169 "When Hands Reach Out Beyond Divides"**

Meditation

*We Respond to God's Word*

**Choir Anthem ~ "Hallelujah, Sing with Glory!"**

The Offering

**Offertory Hymn MV # 191 "What Can I Do?"**

Prayers of the People/ Prayer Book is Read

*We Go to Love and Serve God*

\* **Hymn "That Eastertide with Joy Was Bright"**

That Eastertide with joy was bright;  
the sun shone out with fairer light, alleluia, alleluia!  
when, to their longing eyes restored,  
the apostles saw their Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Loving God, in the beginning, you brought life out of chaos, and planted goodness within creation.

**Your love is the source of all life.**

In Jesus, you walked among us-tending the world like a gardener, nurturing love, justice, and belonging.

**Your love took root among us.**

When fear and violence sought to end that love, you did not abandon us.

**Your love remained steadfast.**

On the first morning, while it was still dark, you raised Christ from the grave-meeting us in the garden of our grief, calling us by name into new life.

**Resurrection is your promise,  
and love is your way.**

And so, with all creation- with every living thing renewed and made whole- we join in praise:

**Holy, holy, holy are you, God of life and love.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

#### *Words of Institution*

On the night before he died, Jesus shared a meal with his friends. He took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them, saying: "This is my body, given for you."

**We remember his love that never lets us go.**

Then he took the cup, saying: "This cup is the new covenant, poured out for you and for many."

**We remember his grace that makes all things new.**

#### *Invocation of the Spirit*

Pour out your Spirit on these gifts of bread and cup, and on us, your people.

**Make us one in the risen Christ.**

As we are fed at this table, call us again by name-

**and send us out to share your love.**

Give us courage to live resurrection-to resist injustice,

#### Opening Prayer:

**Comforting God, on this Easter morning, we remember the women in the garden and give thanks for their faithful witness. As you met them in fear and grief, fill us with Easter hope and faith. As you sent them to proclaim the good news, inspire us to live and share your risen love. Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. Hallelujah. Amen.**

#### *Passing of the Peace*

\* **Hymn # 155 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" verse 4**

#### *Sacrament of Baptism*

#### *Opening Invitation*

In baptism, we celebrate not sin to be erased but blessing to be claimed. We remember that each of us is created in love, held in grace, and called into community.

Today we rejoice in this sacred moment of belonging- where love is named, promises are made, and new life is celebrated.

#### *Presentation of the Candidate*

*The parents and godparents are invited to come forward with the children to be baptised. Children named in the community.*

#### *Affirmation of Original Blessing*

Beloved of God,  
we believe that you were created in love,  
that you are held in grace,  
and that nothing can separate you from the love of God.  
Today, we celebrate that truth  
and welcome you into the life of the Church.

#### *Promises - Parents & Godparents*

Do you promise to nurture this child in love to encourage their spiritual curiosity, and to support them as they grow in faith, compassion, and justice?

*Parents & Godparents:*

**We do, God being our helper.**

Do you promise to teach them, by word and example, that they are beloved of God, and to help them live with respect for all people and for creation?

*Parents & Godparents:*

**We do, God being our helper.**

*Promises - Congregation*

Do you, as a community of faith, promise to welcome this child, to support and uphold them and their family, and to walk alongside them in their journey of faith?

**We do, God being our helper.**

Do you promise to be a community that reflects God's inclusive love- working for justice, seeking peace, and nurturing the spiritual life of all?

**We do, by the Grace of God.**

*Thanksgiving Over the Water*

Loving God, your Spirit moved over the waters of creation,  
**bringing life and beauty into the world.**

Through water, you sustain all living things.

**Through water, you remind us of renewal,  
hope, and possibility.**

Bless this water,

**that it may be for us a sign of your grace-  
ever-flowing, ever-renewing,  
and always calling us into deeper life.**

Act of Baptism

Olivia Leanne, Amelia Grace you are a beloved child of God,  
created in love and blessed beyond measure.

I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit, Mother to us all.

*Anointing, and Blessing with Laying on of Hands*

May you grow in wisdom and wonder, in compassion and  
courage. May your life be a reflection of God's love in the world.

**Presentation of Baptismal Certificate and Candles**

**Congregational Welcome**

*We welcome the newest members of Christ's Universal  
Church. The congregation may cheer, clap, sing!*

**\* Hymn # 173 "Thine Is the Glory"**

*Easter Communion*

As we come to this time of Communion, we acknowledge that  
this table does not belong to me. It does not belong to this  
church. **This table belongs to the risen Christ.**

It is Christ who meets us here- the one who called Mary by  
name in the garden, the one who comes to us in our grief and  
our joy and welcomes all into a meal of love and acceptance.

**All are welcome at this table.**

Come as you are-beloved, known, and called by name.

**We come to be nourished by resurrection love.**

*The Great Thanksgiving*

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to the God of life.

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