

WESLEY UNITED CHURCH

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Wesley United Church is a community of Jesus Christ nurturing spiritual growth,
pursuing social action, and loving and caring for ourselves and others.

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4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER EARTH SUNDAY

April 22, 2018 10:30 a.m.

Assisting in Worship

Reader: Linda Gunningham

Congregational responses are indicated by bold italics.

* You are invited to stand

WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY

PRELUDE

*WE SING VU #373 As Comes the Breath of Spring

1 As comes the breath of spring
with light and mirth and song,
so does your Spirit bring
new days brave, free, and strong.
You come with thrill of life
to chase hence winter's breath,

to hush to peace the strife
of sin that ends in death.

- 2 You come like dawning day
with flaming truth and love,
to chase all glooms away,
to brace our wills to prove.
How wise, how good to choose
the truth and its brave fight,
to prize it, win or lose,
and live on your delight.
- 3 You come like songs at morn
that fill the earth with joy,
till we, in Christ newborn,
new strength in praise employ.
You come to rouse the heart
from drifting to despair,
through high hopes to impart
life with an ampler air.
- 4 You breathe and there is health;
you move and there is power;
you whisper, there is wealth
of love, your richest dower.
Your presence is to us
like summer in the soul;
your joy shines forth and then
life blossoms to its goal.

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GATHERING WORDS

We gather as human creatures seeking our place in the midst of the goodness of Creation.

We give thanks for Creation and all that is in it!

We give thanks for thunderstorms and snow storms and of perfect spring days bringing the promise of new life.

We give thanks for Creation and all that is in it!

We give thanks for mountains and hills, fruit trees and cedars!

We give thanks for Creation and all that is in it!

We give thanks for wild animals and cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

We give thanks for Creation and all that is in it!

Let us celebrate Mother Earth and all that She has brought us.

We give thanks for Creation and all that is in it!

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

We light this candle in remembrance of the Christ, calling us to inclusivity, diversity and radical neighbour love so that we might open our hearts to More Voices:

seeking Wisdom through listening, caring, and connection.

WELCOME

OUR OPENING PRAYER

...Unknowable Mystery,

We honour the presence of the holy in our midst.

May the “kin-dom” flourish among us.

*May we have only what we need each day that all
might have enough and more tomorrow.*

*May we be as generous in offering forgiveness as we
have been humbled and grateful in being forgiven.*

*May we be strengthened through our trials; and may
we face evil with courage, truth and love.*

*As we pray in Jesus’ name, may we also walk in his
way. Amen.*

BELLS

Grandeur
by Karen Thompson

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

*WE SING VU #412

This Is the Day (v.1,4)

WE LISTEN

SUNG PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

HEBREW BIBLE

Psalms 148:5-14

GOSPEL

John 10:11-16

As we reflect on these words from our tradition,

may we find wisdom for living.

BELLS

Green Blade Riseth
arr. Kevin McChesney

SPECULATION

MV #97 Listen, God is Calling

WE RESPOND

*WE SING MV #37

Circle of God

MINUTE FOR MISSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR PRAYERS

WE ARE CHALLENGED TO SHARE

OFFERTORY

*OUR RESPONSE

Wesley Offering Song

People let us work together, striving for community

All are welcome in the circle, centre of diversity

Sharing, caring, learning, growing

Rising to each neighbour's needs

Celebrating all creation, following where Jesus
leads

*WE DEDICATE OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*WE SING MV #135

Called by Earth and Sky

*WORDS OF MISSION & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE