

# Bayview United Church

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## Conference Call Worship Service

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## Second Sunday after Easter

Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020

11:00 a.m.

### Moment of Silent Reflection:

**Joyfulness** is an inner wellspring of peace and happiness. It is beyond ordinary happiness because it is not an occasional emotional reaction to luck or circumstances. It is a deep sense of wellbeing that fills us with delight and hope. We appreciate the gift of life, and savor its richness. We enjoy simple pleasures. We find the humour in things. We allow joy to carry us through the painful times. We take ourselves lightly and remember to play. Joy comes when we are being true to a soulful purpose. It gives us an abiding sense that all is well.

(Virtues Project)

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## Praising God

**Prelude** Adagio Cantabile from Sonata Op. 13  
("Pathetique") Beethoven



### Words of Welcome

#### Call to Worship

Let us take a moment to open our hearts to worship and praise God...

As the disciples huddled behind locked doors, Jesus came to them saying, "Peace be with you!" The disciples were filled with great joy when they saw the risen Christ alive and with them. Jesus invites us to bring our doubts, our fears, our questions, and our uncertainty as we live each day. But in return, he asks us to be ready to receive renewed hope and trust in the power of the Risen One so we can live as God's resurrected people. Let us proclaim our faith as we worship and celebrate this good news, Christ is risen!

**Opening Prayer (together)**

God of Easter Life, we feel the stirrings of hope and peace in our hearts bursting forth. We give thanks that we can bring our doubts to worship, just as Thomas approached the risen Christ with his doubts. You accept us as we are, mixtures of doubt and faith. Renew our lives with Your love and joy this day. Amen.

**Hymn (164)** "The Day of Resurrection" vs.1&3

1 The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;  
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God!  
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,  
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of  
victory.

3 Now let the heavens be joyful,  
let earth its song begin,  
the round world keep high triumph,  
and all that is therein;  
let all things seen and unseen their notes  
of gladness blend,  
for Christ indeed is risen, our Joy that has no end.

**Prayer for Grace (together)**

Transforming God, sometimes we doubt that new life is possible when we have setbacks. We quickly crawl back into old cocoons, old habits and old routines that take away our zest for living. Against all odds, the discouraged followers of Jesus felt him to be present and as a result, they came out of hiding. Help us when we get discouraged to renew our faith, our

energy and our strength. May we be open to the risen Christ walking with us on life's journey. Amen.

**Assurance of Grace**

In Christ, all walls are broken down. With God all things are possible. New life begins again. We are an Easter people, thanks be to God!

**Listening for God's Word**

**Gospel Lesson** John 20:19-31 C. MacLean  
(Jesus appears to the disciples and to Thomas.)



**Solo** "Mary, Did You Know?"  
Mark Lowry/Buddy Greene  
Penny Tibbles Cookson, Mezzo Soprano

**Sermon** "Faithful Doubter" Rev. Cooper

**Hymn (352)** "I Danced in the Morning" vs. 1 & 5  
1 I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
and I came from heaven and I danced on the earth;  
at Bethlehem I had my birth.

**Dance, then, wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the dance, said he,  
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.**

5 They cut me down and I leap up high;  
I am the life that will never, never die;  
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;  
I am the Lord of the dance, said he. **R**

## **Responding to God**

### **Prayers of the People**

#### **The Lord's Prayer (together)**

**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 lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory.  
For ever and ever. Amen.**

**Hymn (173)** "Thine Is the Glory" vs. 1 & 2  
1 Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son:  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes where the body lay.

**Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son:  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast  
won.**

2 Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb!  
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.  
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
for the Lord now liveth: death hath lost its sting. **R**

### **Commissioning and Benediction**

May God bless you and keep you.  
May God's face shine upon you,  
And be gracious to you.

May God look upon you with kindness,  
And give you peace. (Numbers 6:24-26)  
And until we meet again,

May God hold you in the palm of God's hand.  
(Irish Blessing)

**Postlude** "Crown Him with Many Crowns"  
Bridges, Thring/ George Elvey

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**Thank you** for joining in to listen to the Conference  
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uplifting and meaningful. We are living through

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uncertain times and it is nice to know we are together in this time of worship. May your hearts be touched with a spirit of peace and calm knowing God is always with you to guide, support and care for you.

**Many thanks** to B. Kai for coordinating our Conference Call, to C. MacLean for reading our scripture, and to K. Quinton, L. Lazar, and P. Tibbles Cookson for inspiring us with their music.

**God bless you**, stay well, stay safe and we hope you tune in next week...same day, same time, same phone number.

**May you have a Blessed Easter Season!**

