

**OUR MISSION:**

The Mission of Leaside United Church is to grow a caring and vibrant spiritual community that embodies God's unconditional love following the teachings of Jesus and takes responsibility for being co-creators of a world that works for all.



As an affirming ministry, we celebrate the diversity of God's creation. We celebrate the richness of our community when we have diversity in age, gender identity, racial/cultural backgrounds, sexual orientation, ability and family configurations. We seek to create a safe place with an open invitation to bring every aspect of one's whole self into one's participation within this ministry.

## ORDER OF SERVICE

April 4, 2021

Easter Sunday

Prelude – Finale from Symphony No. 6 by Louis Vierne

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer

Junior Choir Anthem – Alleluia, Allelu by Susan Callaway

Welcome, Acknowledgment, Mission

Opening Hymn – VU 155 Jesus Christ is Risen Today\* (Tune: EASTER HYMN)

*Jesus Christ is risen today, hallelujah!  
Our triumphant holy day, hallelujah!  
Who did once upon the cross, hallelujah!  
Suffer to redeem our loss. Hallelujah!*

*Light and love abound today, hallelujah!  
Joyful hope is here to stay, hallelujah!  
Wisdom dwells in every heart, hallelujah!  
Justice now must play a part, hallelujah!*

*In earth's beauty we find peace, hallelujah!  
Gratitude and hope increase, hallelujah!  
Pure delight is ours to share, hallelujah!  
Love and new life everywhere, hallelujah!*

*Sing we to our God above, hallelujah!  
Praise eternal as God's love; hallelujah!  
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, hallelujah!  
Praise the Son and Holy Ghost. Hallelujah!*

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 25:6-9

Mark 16:1-8

Moderator's Easter Message: Peter the Fisher and Mary (of Magdala)

Offertory solo – I Know that My Redeemer Liveth from Messiah by G. F. Handel

Reflection

Closing Hymn – VU 173 Thine is the Glory\* (Tune: JUDAS MACCABAEUS)

*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.*

*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 has lost its sting.  
Thine is the glory, risen conquering Son:  
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

*Sing out the story, ever old and ever new.  
With a promise of renewal, hope springs into view;  
As we travel on life's pathway flowing like a stream,  
Now the vision is unfolding living out the dream.  
Sing out the story, ever old and ever new.  
With a promise of renewal, hope springs into view.*

Easter Prayer

Choral Response – Hallelujah Chorus from Messiah by G. F. Handel

Easter Greetings and Wishes for Peace

## Commissioning and Sending Forth

Postlude – Fugue in C from Sonata no. 2 by Felix Mendelssohn

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## OFFERING LEADERSHIP TODAY

Emily Gordon, Minister  
Janis Fertuck  
Fraser Holman  
Heather Marshall  
Teddy Uttangi

Everyone who shared Easter greetings

Music Leadership  
Matthew Boutda, Director of Music (Leaside)  
David Jafelice, Music Director (Northlea)  
Joint Northlea and Leaside Virtual Choir  
Junior Virtual Choir  
Zoe Lei, Guest Organist  
Cynda and Thomas Fleming, Guest Trumpets  
Section Leads  
Rachel Wood, Soprano Lead  
Kayla Ruiz, Soprano Lead  
Sheila McCoy, Alto Lead  
Stephanie Kallay, Alto Lead

Chris Norman, Tenor Lead  
Joshua Clemenger, Tenor Lead  
Kristian Lo, Bass Lead  
Peter Bull, Bass Lead

