

**SAINT LUKE'S UNITED CHURCH**

House of Friendship

**April 29, 2018**

**Easter 5**

**10:30 a.m.**

<sup>5</sup> I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit (John 15:5)

Welcome to Saint Luke's, the House of Friendship, where all are welcome regardless of age, gender, race, ethnic origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, differing abilities, or economic circumstances.

**PLACING OURSELVES BEFORE THE WONDER OF GOD**

**Hymn Sing** **Praise Team**  
**Organ Prelude** John Sigerson

**Spoken at the back of the sanctuary** David Hallman

We have gathered to worship God.  
We have come seeking comfort, Inspiration, community, and insight.

We have come to open ourselves to the power of God's presence in our midst.

We have come to offer up the seasons and the turnings in our lives, and to ask God's help in our learning and in our growing.

♪Hymn VU 675 **Will Your Anchor Hold**

**Welcome** David Hallman

**Territorial Acknowledgement**

Sung Call to Worship "**Come All You People**" from Hymnal **MV #2**

**Opening Prayer** David Hallman

**Profession of Faith** (seated; in unison)

(During Easter Season, we will re-trace profession of faith by the primitive church before the Gospels were written down and Paul began to write. The poetic form of this confession is different from the rest of the letter, suggesting that it is a hymn, which Paul inherited from the Christian church as he was converted.)

[Jesus] was manifested in the flesh,  
vindicated in the Spirit,  
seen by angels,  
preached among the nations,  
believed on in the world,  
taken up in glory. (1 Timothy 3:16)

♪ **Sung response**

Because he lives, I can face tomorrow,  
Because he lives, all fear is gone,  
Because I know he holds the future  
And life is worth the living, just because he lives.

**LISTENING TO THE WORDS OF GOD**

**Gospel Lesson** John 15:1-8 Rey Rivera

♪Hymn VU 577 **I've got Peace like a River**

**Christian Lesson** 1 John 4:7-21 Doug Mills

**Anthem** **The Call**

**Sermon** **Ice on the Vine** Andrew Macpherson

♪Hymn VU 606 **In Christ there is no East or West**

**SHARING GOD'S LOVE WITH OTHERS**

**Joys and Concerns** David Hallman

**Presenting our tithes and offerings**

We abide in God and offer our lives. God use even what is pruned for the growing. Let us bring the first fruits of our lives, the first fruits of our vines to God today.

**Offertory** Praise Team

**Doxology** (VU 401 v.5)

Now in response to the life you are giving,  
Help us, O Creator, to offer our living,  
Seeking a just and a healing society,  
Worship and Work must be one!

**Prayer of Dedication** Andrew Macpherson

**Prayer of the People** Andrew Macpherson

Let us also remember those victims in the City of Toronto who were killed by the driver of a van. Let us pray for the healing of all involved.

♪Hymn VU 950 **Stay with me, remain here with me**

**Commissioning and Benediction**

**Postlude**

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Saint Luke's United Church uses a Territorial Acknowledgement developed by Emmanuel College, University of Toronto. "We acknowledge that the Creator entrusted the land on which we gather to

First Nations Peoples. We strive to decolonize our hearts, minds, and spaces; to make right with all our relations. May it be so.”

Please sign the Guest Book in the Narthex and join the congregation for a time of fellowship after the service.

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Check this schedule each week.

Service	March 4	March 11	March 18
Ushers	Peter Kopplin Marion Mallette Cornelio Ocampo	Bob Keel Volunteers needed	Adeline Asencio Merlin Atayde
Counters	Peter Kopplin Doug Mills	Cornelio Ocampo Eva Palecpec	Julie Chan Atayde Edna Lisondra
Presiders	Youth	Sarah Rachel Camerino	Andrew Macpherson

Readers please check this schedule each week.

Date	Readers	Scripture Lessons
May 6	Henrietta Semple Cornelio Ocampo	John 15:9–17 Acts 10:44–48
May 13	Judy March Miriam Ocampo	John 17:6–19 Acts 1:15–17, 21–26
May 20	Joyce Zate Andrew Olutayo	John 15:26–27; 16:4b–15 Acts 2:1–21
May 27	Cesar Abrenica Evangeline Palecpec	John 3:1–17 Isaiah 6:1–8

**Next Week**

**Scripture Lessons for May 6**

**Acts 10:44–48** The gift of the Holy Spirit comes as Peter preaches.

**Psalms 98** Sing to God a new song.

**1 John 5:1–6** To love God is to obey God’s commandments.

**John 15:9–17** Love one another as I have loved you.

**Tuesday Study Group** On The Old Testament by Christine Hayes at Yale (cf. <http://oyc.yale.edu/religious-studies/rfst-145>)

**Today**

**Pastoral Prayer of this week:**

Those in need of your prayers:

Ruben Flores, Anita Dorotheo, Marion Mallette, Mary Finlay, Ches MacIsaac, Rev. Gordon Winch, Kingsley Martin,

Arnel, Mariza, Ivan and Olivia Agustin; Stephen and Arsenia Agustin (The Pastoral Care Committee will put names for you to remember in your prayers. Please speak to Olga Semple, Rev. Hoon Kim or the church office)

**Spring at a Glance**

Rev. Hoon Kim delivers daily devotional, TeleHope, to you on internet and/or hand phone. Give him your e-mail address and/or hand phone number.

**April 8-29:**

Youth and Sunday School will lead us through Earth Day celebration, helping us our responsibility both as stewards and members of the earth.

**May 1 – St. Philip and St. James**

In the gospel of John, **Philip** is the third disciple to be called by Jesus, and it is recorded that Philip then brought his friend Nathaniel to Jesus. Philip is also named in the account of the feeding of the 5000 (John 6), and in John’s account of the Last Supper. Philip’s request to Jesus, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied” (14:8) leads to Jesus’ farewell discourse. Philip also is a key player in this week’s gospel reading.

The **James** referred to this day is James, the son of Alphaeus (Matthew 10:3). Some scholars believe this is also the person referred to by Jerome as James the Less,” and “James the Younger” who, in Mark’s gospel, is a witness at the crucifixion. James, the author of the epistle, is believed by some to be yet another man, most likely the brother of Jesus, mentioned by name in Matthew 13:55 and elsewhere. Both Philip and James are celebrated on the same day because the church in Rome, where their relics rest, was dedicated on this day in the year 560 CE.

**Minutes for Missions**

**Building Resilience and Hope in Indigenous Children**

Our gifts for Mission & Service support the important work of The Healing Fund. Let us hear a story of how The Healing Fund is building resilience and hope in Indigenous children and youth.

Pimicikamak Cree Nation (pronounced as pim ih chik uh mak) is a Cree-speaking Indigenous community north of Lake Winnipeg in Cross Lake, Manitoba. Pimicikamak means “where a lake lies across the river.” The community initiated a three-day suicide prevention strategy by inviting Indigenous and non-Indigenous artists to their community to create art with their children, youth, and families.

Using an Indigenous framework called Circle of Courage, the project was created to promote strength, resiliency, and healing among the participants by fostering their sense of belonging, mastery, independence, and generosity. Through various creative arts such as drum-making, storytelling, painting, singing, songwriting, music, and comedy, participants were recognized for their talents and gifts. It strengthened the participants’ relationships with each other as well as their relationships with adults and Elders in the community. With guidance from the artists, the youth were also able to build their leadership skills by helping coordinate parts of the project. Every evening, participants generously shared their artwork with the community, thus creating a narrative of healing and hope. Our gifts for Mission & Service support this and other healing initiatives.

If Mission & Service giving is already a regular part of your life, thank you so much! If you have not given, please join me in making Mission & Service giving a regular part of your life of faith. Loving our neighbour is at the heart of our Mission & Service.

## TeleHope

### Hand-Me-Downs

Renew the thinking in your mind by the Spirit and clothe yourself with the new person created according to God’s image in justice and true holiness. (Ephesians 4:23-24; Colossians 3:12-17)

When they are growing up, children wear hand-me-downs: clothes, often darned or patched and passed down from older brothers and sisters. Some hand-me-downs were better than others. They also wear attitudes, behavior, beliefs, and responses that were handed down — received from my parents and other role models. Some were good and acceptable; others were not.

When they grow up and start to earn a living, they cast off their drab hand-me-downs, buy new clothes, and take responsibility for what they wear. When we invite Jesus into our lives, we prayerfully sort through our spiritual and behavioral hand-me-downs and ask God to take away my soiled, broken, and destructive behavior, beliefs, and attitudes and to clothe me anew in the Spirit.

Dear Lord, please grant us forgiveness, strength, and grace to put aside hurtful attitudes, speech, and actions. Adorn us with the bright clothing of faith and love. Amen.

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