

SAINT LUKE'S UNITED CHURCH

House of Friendship

April 1, 2018 Easter 10:30 a.m.

⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.' (Mark 16:7)

PLACING OURSELVES BEFORE THE WONDER OF GOD

Piano Prelude

Hymn Sing

♪Hymn VU 173 Thine Is the Glory

Call to Worship Youth

One: Out of the darkness of grief and despair comes a message of hope. Christ is risen.

All: We run to the tomb to see for ourselves. And it is true. Christ is risen.

One: We hear a voice call our name, and we know our risen Lord is with us now and always.

All: Christ is risen. Christ is risen, indeed. Thanks be to God.

Opening Prayer Youth

Easter: Lighting the Christ Candle

Rosa: It's hard to forget when you hear the stories of Jesus – suffering, bleeding, dying. The cross reminds us of all that Jesus suffered.

Babalola: But the cross is empty. (*Point at the cross.*) The tomb is empty. (*Point at the tomb.*) Jesus is alive! Hallelujah! (Light the Christ Candle)

Loving God, we thank you for our world, in all its beauty. We thank you for the gift of each other. We thank you for the love Jesus lived. We thank you for the tomb where Jesus was laid. We thank you that Jesus is alive. We thank you that each day is a brand new day. And we thank you that Jesus is with us always. Amen.

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 Mark 16:1–8 Japeth Panganiban
Christian Lesson 1 Corinthians 15:1–11 Peter Kopplin

Anthem

Sermon

Love Is Alive

Rev. Hoon Kim

SHARING GOD'S LOVE WITH OTHERS

Joys and Concerns

Youth

Presenting our tithes and offerings

As the women drew near to the tomb on Easter morning, ready to give care to a loved one, may we reach out with actions of care and justice and compassion. And as the women left the empty tomb and shared the amazing news of resurrection, may we witness to the life that is rising up within and all around us.

Offertory Youth and Sunday School

Doxology (VU 542)

May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,
and gladly, as thou bleesest us, to thee our first-fruits give.

Prayer of Dedication

COMING TOGETHER TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Invitation

♪Hymn 352 I Danced in the Morning (vv 1, 4, 5)

Communion Prayer (on screen) Revs. Gordon Winch and Hoon Kim

Communion servers:

Communion

Come through the center aisle, sit in the first pews, receive the communion and return to your seats by the side aisles.

VU 161 Welcome, Happy Morning
VU 162 The Glory of Our King
VU 808 On Eagle's Wings

Prayer after Communion

♪Hymn VU 158 (t: 330) Christ Is Alive

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude

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.

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
April 8	Carmen Pokala Shaolin Kou	John 20:19–31 Acts 4:32–35
April 15	Anita Quiacos Edna Lisondra	Luke 24:36b–48 1 John 3:1–7
April 22	Karun Remala Kathryn Manankil	John 10:11–18 1 John 3:16–24
April 29	Rey Rivera Doug Mills	John 15:1–8 1 John 4:7–21

Next Week

Scripture Lessons for April 8

Acts 4:32–35 The believers shared everything in common.

Psalms 133 How pleasant it is when God's people are together.

1 John 1:1–2:2 God is light; walk in the light.

John 20:19–31 Jesus appears to the disciples; but Thomas is not there.

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,

Rafael, Sally, Ron and Samantha Tan; Jimmy Thompson; Artemio and Adeline Toledo

(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)

Winter 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 1 Happy Easter
8 a.m. Sun Rise Service led by Women's Ministry
10:30 a.m. Easter Morning Service

Musicians for January
Evelyn Camerino
Rosa Lim

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

Broken Becomes Beautiful

We all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. (2 Corinthians 3:18; Ephesians 4:14-16)

With sea glass, the sea is the sculptor. A bottle breaks, and the pieces are cast into the sea. Waves and tides tumble the shards; their sharp, rough edges are smoothed. At the same time, seawater reacts chemically with the glass, pitting and frosting the surface. The sea transforms the broken, discarded glass into colorful gems.

God accepts our broken selves and begins to work in us. Our rough edges, our sinful natures, are worn away. We are transformed into souls pleasing to God. Christians who are maturing reflect the beauty of the Holy Spirit at work in them. God requires a whole heart, while cares for broken ones.

Dear Lord, we want to grow close to you. Help us to obey your word always. Amen.

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