

**WE GATHER**  
**JESUS SHOWS UP FOR US!**  
**EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2021**

**Introduction** *(Elizabeth Henderson)*

**Territorial Acknowledgment:** *(Elizabeth Henderson)*

**Introit:**

**WE ENTER INTO GOD'S PRESENCE**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle:** *(Rev. Roni)*

The Easter promise is grounded in the resurrection  
of Jesus Christ, from death to life,

**a promise that we celebrate during this Easter  
season, a promise graciously extended to each of us by Jesus.**

This is a grace that, through the Holy Spirit,  
Empowers our community life to new and deeper experiences.

**We light this Christ candle naming that gracious gift and promise.**

*Written by: Bill Perry, Havelock-Trent River P.C. Havelock, Ont.*

**Call to Worship:** *(Rev. Roni)*

Today is the Second Sunday of Easter, here in the church we celebrate  
seven full weeks of Easter which began last Sunday.

Easter joy is for you and for all.

Easter hope stirs in creation.

May your spirit swell with new life in Christ.

Let the borders of God's compassion expand in your hearts.

**We join our voices and our lives**

**to share this joy and hope**

**as we worship together.**

*Written by: Robin Wardlaw, Toronto, Ont.*

**Opening Prayer:** *(Rev. Roni)*

Eternal God, source of all life, we marvel at the great gift of  
resurrection. Your sacred name is echoed throughout the universe  
along with the jubilant cry of the resurrected Christ. Your message of  
justice, forgiveness, and new life resounds in all spheres of life. May  
we mirror your grace. **Amen.**

*Written by: Laura Turnbull, Penticton, B.C.*

*The Call to Worship. Liturgy for Lighting the Christ Candle and  
Are adapted from "The Gathering L/E 2021 (Year B)"*

**Opening Hymn:** "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" VU#155

**Prayer of Confession:** *(Rev. Roni)*

When despair casts a long shadow;

when tears cannot be held back;

when grief overwhelms us;

when fear overcomes us;

when we are terrified;

you amaze us.

You overturn death into life after death.

You roll away the stone from death's dark cave,

making room for first light, a new day and hopeful possibilities.

When we're going through upheaval,

when we doubt, you show up for us once more!

When we are not all there, you show up later for us

and you bless us with your peace!

**Words of Assurance:** *(Rev. Roni)*

We lean by faith into the mystery of Easter hope. Hallelujah! Christ Is

Risen! Thank you God for your gift of new life. **Amen!**

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

**Prayer of Preparation:** *(Rev. Roni)*

God of grace,

we come to you today, seeking a credible sign of Easter Hope.

Open our hearts,

that we might hear your truth anew.

Be with us on the journey that leads to eternal life. **Amen.**

*Adapted from the Abingdon Worship Annual 2021, Worship Resources for Easter Sunday,  
written by: Mary Petrina Boyd.*

**Psalm #133 (NRSV)**

**One:** Listen to what the Spirit is saying through the wilderness.

***All: Come and pray in us Holy Spirit.***

**Piano Solo:** Performed by John Henderson

**Gospel Reading:** John 20: 19-31

**One:** This is the Good News of Jesus Christ.

***ALL: Glory to you O Christ.***

**Sermon:**“Jesus shows up for us when we’re not all there!” (Rev. Roni)

**Response to the Word:** (Rev. Roni)

The shadows of night gave way to the dawn of a new day. Instead of death, we are invited to make space for new possibilities, new life, life beyond death. We know that it has come to past, but we don’t know how? We trust God’s hope. We believe! Lord help our unbelief!

**Amen.**

### **WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

**Announcements:**

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Offertory Blessing:** (Elizabeth Henderson)

Generous God, we offer you our gifts as best we can.  
Although we don’t share everything in common,  
as those first believers did,  
we are sharing these gifts,  
that they may be used for your common good.

Bless these gifts with the power of your Holy Spirit.

Empower us to bear witness to resurrection hope, **Amen.**

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written by: Mary Petrina Scifres.*

**Lighting of the Memory Candle** (Rev. Roni)

**Pastoral Prayer** (Rev. Roni)

### **SENT TO SHOW CHRIST’S LOVE**

**Hymn:** “In the Bulb there Is a Flower” VU#703

**Benediction:** (Rev. Roni)

Go with joy and bear witness to the risen Christ.

Now may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,

and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with you this day and forevermore,

**Alleluia! Amen!**

**Go now in peace:** (Elizabeth Henderson)

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid.**

**God will go with you each hour of every day.**

**Go now in faith, stead-fast, strong and true.**

**Know God will guide you in all you do.**

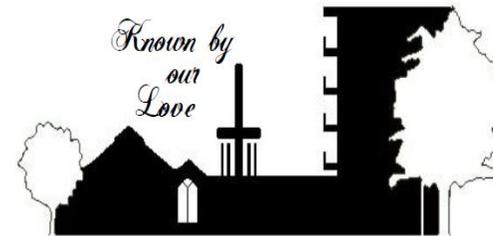
**Go now in love, and show you believe.**

**Reach out to others so all the world can see.**

**God will be there watching from above.**

**Go now in peace, in faith and in love.**

**Postlude**



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welcoming faith community, nurturing  
spiritual life and sharing God's love  
and grace as experienced in Jesus Christ.***

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Of Easter  
April 11, 2021***

