

**BULLETIN NOTATIONS**

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\* *Indicates to please stand, if able*

*The resurrection is not merely important to the historic Christian faith;  
without it, there would be no Christianity. It is the singular doctrine  
that elevates Christianity above all other world religions.*

***Adrian Rogers***

PRELUDE “Welcome Happy Morning”  
“The Day of Resurrection”

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

RELIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

**CHORAL INTROIT:** “Sound the Trumpet” by D. Peterson

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Christ has risen from death.

**He has broken the chains of the grave.**

The devil has been given a blow behind the ear!

**Where O death is your sting?**

Where O grave is your victory?

**Death has been swallowed up in victory.**

And death shall have no dominion!

**Hallelujah. Thanks be to God.**

Let us worship. Let us pray.

**GATHERING PRAYER:** *(in unison)*

**Our gracious and loving God,  
as we look into an empty tomb  
we see only freedom.**

**Freedom from the fear of death and the burden of guilt.**

**This is not an empty place,  
it is full of Your presence  
as we make a home for You  
to live in our praises.**

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**May we gain strength from our worship  
to live out our lives as Easter people.  
May You be honoured this morning.  
In the Name of our Risen Christ we pray. Amen.**

\*HYMN VU 155: “Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

**CONFESSION OF OUR EASTER FAITH:** VU 918 – The Apostles’ Creed

**DOXOLOGY:**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.**

**Praise Him all creatures here below;**

**Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts.**

**Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

SOLO: “The Trumpet Shall Sound” – *B.F. Handel*  
*Soloist: John Donald*

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Matthew 28:1-10 *READER: Keith Rae*

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, ‘Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, “He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.” This is my message for you.’ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, ‘Greetings!’ And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.’

Let us hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**Thanks be to God.**

INVITATION TO OFFERING

**\*SUNG RESPONSE:** VU 540

Grant us, God, the grace of giving,  
with a spirit large and free,  
that ourselves and all our living  
we may offer faithfully.

**\*OFFERING PRAYER:** *(in unison)*

Gracious God,  
You have taught us that it is better to give than to receive.  
You have blessed us with abundance  
and we can never out-give you.  
Receive these offerings that come from our hearts  
as well as our hands.  
May Your blessing magnify their benefits.  
We pray in the Name of Jesus who gives us all things. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM: "Risen! Christ is Risen!" L. Larson

PASTORAL PRAYER

*(Lord hear our prayer, and in your love, answer)*

**THE LORD'S PRAYER:** *(sung - VU 959)*

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil  
for the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,  
now and forever.

**\*HYMN VU 159:** "The Strife Is O'er"

MESSAGE: "From Inside the Tomb"

**\*CLOSING HYMN HWC 213:** "Because He Lives"

**1 God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus,  
He came to love, heal, and forgive;  
He lived and died to buy my pardon,  
An empty grave is there to prove my Saviour lives.**

**Refrain**

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.

**2 How sweet to hold a newborn baby,  
And feel the pride, and joy he gives;  
But greater still the calm assurance,  
This child can face uncertain days because He lives. Refrain**

**3 And then one day I'll cross the river,  
I'll fight life's final war with pain;  
And then as death gives way to victory,  
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives. Refrain**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CHOIR POSTLUDE:** "Hallelujah Chorus" – G.F. Handel

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MARY MAGDALENE LOOKED AT THE RISEN CHRIST  
AND THOUGHT HE WAS A GARDENER.  
SHE HAD NEVER SEEN A RISEN CHRIST BEFORE  
UNTIL THE GARDENER SAID, "MARY".  
THE INFINITE, ALL-KNOWING, CREATOR GOD  
REACHED OUT ACROSS THE UNIVERSE  
AND TOUCHED THE HEART OF THIS WOMAN  
WHEN HE CALLED HER BY NAME  
AND STOOD BEFORE HER IN THE FORM OF THE RISEN JESUS.  
AND SO, GOD CONTINUES TO TOUCH HEARTS  
AND CALL US BY NAME BECAUSE OF THE RESURRECTION.  
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The evidence for Jesus' resurrection is so strong that nobody would question it except for two things: First, it is a very unusual event. And second, if you believe it happened, you have to change the way you live. **Wolfhart Pannenberg**

**We welcome and thank John Donald for enriching our service today with music on the trumpet.**

**LARGE PRINT HYMNS and RESPONSIVE READINGS** are available on the pew as you enter the sanctuary.

**AFTER WORSHIP**, everyone is invited to stay for refreshments and fellowship in the Board Room & Friendship Room on the lower level.

**PRAYER LIST**  
As we face life's challenges, we are encouraged by those who surround us with their prayers. If you would like your name to appear on the prayer list, please tell the minister or a member of the Pastoral Care Committee.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**REMINDER:** Everyone is asked to please wear your name tags at church on Sundays, to make it easier for newcomers to remember your name.

**BIRTHDAYS:** If you are new to the congregation and would like to be included in the monthly birthday acknowledgements in the bulletin, please contact Sandra in the office so she can add you to the list.

**BIBLE STUDY:** Following the worship service. Those interested are invited to gather in the Friendship Room with your coffee at 11 for a look at a new study on James will begin on May 4.

**183<sup>rd</sup> ANNIVERSARY:** April 27<sup>th</sup> is our Anniversary Sunday service which will be followed by a lunch.

**ACN ANNUAL SPRING SHOW:** The annual spring show put on by the A Cappella Niagara Chorus is on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> starting at 2:00 pm in the sanctuary. For tickets (\$15 each) contact John Donald or Bob Laing.

**FEDERAL ELECTION HAS BEEN CALLED:** As with the recent Provincial Election, Fonthill United Church will be a polling station for the upcoming Federal Election to be held on Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. Election officials will set up the upper hall early that morning and the polls will probably be open from 9:00 A.M to 8:00 P.M. We expect a heavy turnout. Elections Canada is asking for, as they need, workers during the election to contact Robert Ciarlo either by email: [35068.35072 Robert.ciarlo@elections.ca](mailto:35068.35072.Robert.ciarlo@elections.ca) or by phone: (289) 237 0324 if interested. If you have any questions on this short term rental please do not hesitate to give me a call. Thanks, Jim Bradley.

**UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS**

- Apr 27 – 9:30 am 183<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Sunday Service
- May 4 – 9:30 am Sunday Service
- May 11 – 9:30 am Sunday Service
- May 18 – 9:30 am Sunday Service

**TO MAKE A DONATION TO FONTHILL UNITED CHURCH, YOU ARE WELCOME TO:**

- 1) Mail a cheque to the church at: Fonthill United Church, Box 926, Fonthill ON L0S 1E0.
- 2) Drop your cheque donation, anytime, through the mail slot in the exterior office door at the church.
- 3) Bring cash donations into the office when the church office is open.
- 4) Send an e-transfer to: [fonthilu@vaxxine.com](mailto:fonthilu@vaxxine.com).
- 5) Sign up for the pre-authorized remittance program (PAR). Contact the church office to register.

***Donations on Sundays may be placed in the offering plate at the entrance to the sanctuary. We thank you for your support!***

**THE WEEK AHEAD AT FONTHILL UNITED**

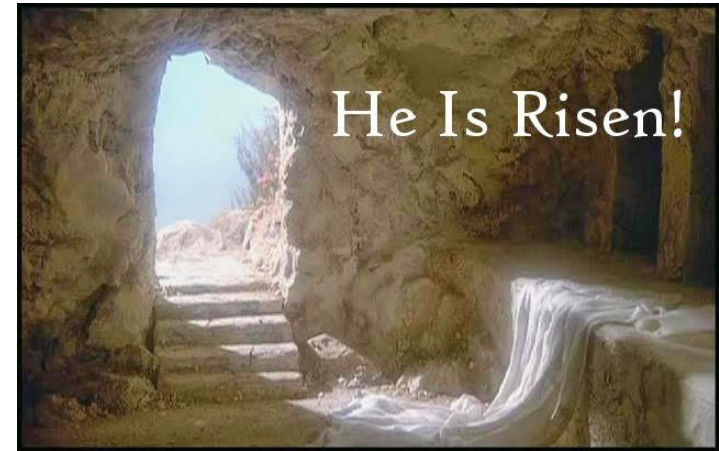
Monday April 21		Easter Monday
Tuesday April 22	8:00 am	Montessori Preschool
	9:00 am	Badminton
	2:00 pm	Music Lessons
	2:00 pm	Games & Social
Wednesday April 23	8:00 am	Montessori Preschool
	1:30 pm	Pickle Ball
	2:30 pm	Music Lessons
	3:30 pm	Music Lessons
	6:00 pm	Cubs
	6:00 pm	A Cappella Practice
Thursday April 24	8:00 am	Montessori Preschool
	9:00 am	Badminton
	2:00 pm	Music Lessons
	3:00 pm	Choir Practice
Friday April 25	8:00 am	Montessori Preschool
	12:30 pm	Music Lessons
	6:30 pm	Pickle Ball
Saturday April 26	9:30 am	NAUC Mtg
Sunday April 27	9:30 am	183 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Sunday (lunch to follow)

# Fonthill United Church

## April 20, 2024

## Easter Sunday

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### MISSION STATEMENT

Words inspire us. Music uplifts us.  
 United in God's love,  
 we strive to be an inclusive community,  
 learning together and supporting others with compassion.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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