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Our Mission

To send our people into the world
restored, refreshed, forgiven, and joyful;
to live as Christ would have us live,
with love and justice as our goals.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

*Congregation please stand, as you are able, and join congregational responses in **bold print**. (Listening aids are available in the narthex, large print bulletins with hymns are available from the usher's table.)

The Worshippers Approach God

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE:

Prelude on "St. Columba"

(The King of love my shepherd is)

Henry Ley

(the Christ Candle is lit)

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

We are called to rejoice and to proclaim good news.

For we are an Easter people!

We come together as people limited by space and time.

But free to be born anew, to a greater and wider life in Christ.

Let us worship God in whom we live and move and have our being.

*PRAYER OF APPROACH:

**Bring us to the mirror of your love, O God.
Let us gaze into the depths of our souls,
finding your loving power woven within.
Let us shape the words of faith with our lips,
that we may proclaim our wonder at your faithfulness,
sharing with each other your joy. Amen.**

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN: **626**

I Heard the Voice of Jesus

KINGSFOLD

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Forgive us, God, when we do not see the needs of those around us.

Forgive us, God, when we do not hear their cries for help, for justice, for healing.

Forgive us, God, when we do nothing, feel helpless, or wait for others to do what must be done. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*HYMN: **710**

Shall We Gather at the River

HANSON PLACE

CHILDREN'S TIME

(Following the Children's Time, the children and youth are invited to go to Sunday School)

We Listen for the Word of God

SOLO:

Easter

(Soloist: Andrew Thomson)

Text: George Herbert

Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams,
from "Five Mystical Songs"

Rise, heart; thy Lord is risen. Sing his praise without delays,
Who takes thee by the hand, that thou likewise with him may'st
rise:

That, as his death calcined thee to dust,
His life may make thee gold, and much more, Just.

Awake, my lute, and struggle for thy part with all thy art.
The cross taught all wood to resound his name who bore the same.
His stretched sinews taught all strings, what key
Is best to celebrate this most high day.

Consort both heart and lute, and twist a song pleasant and long:
Or since all music is but three parts vied, and multiplied;
O let thy blessed Spirit bear a part,
And make up our defects with his sweet art.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Acts 9:36-43 read by Hartley Stinson

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

We give you thanks, O God.

ANTHEM:

The Lord's my Shepherd (Brother James Air)

arr. by Gordon Jacob

(text found at VU #747; melody found at VU #748)

The Lord's my Shepherd; I'll not want;
He makes me down to lie in pastures green,

He leadeth me the quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again
And me to walk doth make within the paths of blessedness
E'en for His own name's sake.

Yea though I pass through shadow'd vale,
Yet will I fear no ill; for Thou art with me,
And Thy rod and staff me comfort still.

My table Thou hast furnished in presence of my foes;
My head with oil Thou dost anoint,
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my days
Will surely follow me;
And in my father's heart always
My dwelling place shall be.

THE GOSPEL READING: John 10:22-30

read by Ruth McKenzie

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: "The Back Story"

*HYMN: **273**

The King of Love

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We Respond to the Word

THE RECEIVING OF THE GIFTS

THE OFFERTORY:

Pastorale

J. S. Bach

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE: 538**

For the Gift of Creation

GIFT OF CREATION

CHORAL INTRODUCTION TO PRAYER: 377 (verse 3)

Holy Spirit, Hear Us

ERNSTEIN

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.**

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

**For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

Sending Forth

***RECESSIONAL HYMN: 506**

Take My Life and Let It Be

MOZART

***BLESSING**

***BENEDICTION:**

The Festal Amen (see insert)

Michael McKay

POSTLUDE:

Trumpet Finale

F. Manfredini

We thank John Standing for leading the choir this morning.

*We also thank Jim & Pat Richtik for the floral display
at the front of the sanctuary.*



Please join us for coffee, tea and juice
in the narthex following worship.



Please plan to stay for a brief congregational meeting.

Welcome to Worship

We extend a special welcome to all our guests and newcomers. Please sign our guest register and introduce yourself to an usher so that we may help you feel at home. Would you like someone to phone you about St. Andrew's River Heights United Church? Please leave your phone number in the register and a representative of the Fellowship and Pastoral Care Committee will be happy to contact you.

You are welcome to take this bulletin home with you.
If not, please place your bulletin in the paper-recycling
bin.



The Anthem this week

Apart from the melody, "Crimond", the most familiar musical setting of the 23rd Psalm from the Scottish Psalter of 1650, "Brother James Air" is the most well known. "Brother James" was Brother James Leith Macbeth McBain, a true Scottish name if ever there was one, who composed this melody near the end of his life in 1915. The tune apparently came to him spontaneously! This arrangement for choir by English composer, Gordon Jacob, who was much better known as an orchestral composer, was published in 1934.

Sunday School

The scriptures in the Sunday School this week are Acts 9:36-43, Psalm 23, Revelation 7:9-17 and John 10:22-30. The Sunday School will be talking about ways that God cares for us, helping us to heal and assuring us that we are always embraced by God in life, in death, and in life beyond death.

Senior Choir Notice

There will be no Senior Choir practice on Thursday, April 29. Rehearsals will resume on May 6 and May 13.

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