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# St Andrew's By-The-Lake United Church

## Welcome to this time of worship here on this Easter Sunday

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As you sit to prepare for worship, you are invited to acknowledge the land on which our church stands and the spirit of those First Peoples who named this area  
**Katorokwi – the meeting place on the flat rocks.**  
We also acknowledge the enduring presence of First Peoples who continue to remind us to honour the places where our feet stand.

◆ an invitation to stand in body or spirit  
Congregational responses and hymn titles appear in **bold** type

Today we welcome families and friends as we worship and celebrate the Good News of Easter Day. The invitation is for each of us to find new meaning and courage for the Songs of our Hearts.

### Gathering in Community

#### Welcome and Greetings / Life and Work/ Mission and Service

**Prelude:** *Interlude* Elizabeth Hill

#### Call to Worship:

*The sun has risen. There is light in this new day.*

**We come into this place to celebrate.**

*As we grow into the Light we find new meaning and hope.*

**Stones of darkness, and the fears of death roll away.**

*We are an Easter people,*

**Ours is an Easter faith,**

*Our tears are freed to flow and heal, we rise in Joy to live.*

**We declare the risen Christ. We rise in Joy to live.**

◆ **Hymn:** *Joy Comes with the Dawn...* VU #166

**Morning Prayer & The Lord's Prayer** (please see back cover)

### Sharing Our Faith

**Easter Gospel:** Matthew 28:1-10

**Anthem:** *Sing and Rejoice* Tom Mitchell

**Conversation Time:** *What does it mean to you to be an Easter people? What is the challenge for you in responding to this message?*

◆ **Hymn:** *Because You Live, O Christ...* VU #178

**Readings and Reflections:** read by Louise Potter  
May the Spirit bless us with wisdom and wonder, as we ponder the meaning of these words for our lives. **Blessed be God forever.**

**Responsive Psalm 118** (part One with refrain after each line) VU #837

*I Have Seen the Lord:* based on John 20:1-18

**Reflection Time:** *Bearing witness*

◆ **Hymn:** *Bathe Me in Your Light...* MV #82

### Responding to G\*d's Grace

**Mission Minute:** Fran McLean

#### **Presentation of Our Gifts and Offerings**

**Offertory:** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow...* VU #541

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

**praise God, all creatures high and low;**

**give thanks to God in love made known:**

**Creator, Word and Spirit, One.**

◆ **Prayer of Dedication**

**Prayers of the People:**

*Prayer Candle – today is lit with respect and in solidarity with First Nations housing projects that are thinking outside the box.*

◆ **Hymn:** *Give Thanks for Life...* VU #706

◆ **Blessing and Going Forth:**

*Sing the Song of your Heart and let the light of love and courage empower you to witness the Way of Life.*

*May God's grace enfold you. May the Risen Christ meet you. May the Spirit of all that is Holy fill you with Joy.*

♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ *Go Now in Peace ...* MV #211

**Go now in peace, guided by the light of Christ**

**So you may be nourished by the Word of Life.**

**Postlude:** *Fugue in F* Dietrich Buxtehude

The original idea of Christianity as a faithful way of life has begun to displace the enforced system of creeds that has defined the church for fifteen hundred years. As we gather to worship you are invited to seek the more-than-literal meaning of the stories and teachings that shape our lives together.

Resources consulted and adapted for this service include: *Seasons of the Spirit, Easter, 2017.*



## FAITH, FILM & FICTION

If you are someone who enjoys reading novels and/or viewing films, you may be interested in the monthly Faith, Film and Fiction discussion group which looks at the religious and spiritual dimension of a film or novel.

Participants are welcome to attend one or all of the sessions. Please read the novel and/or view the film ahead of our meeting; each participant prepares one question to help guide our discussion.

This month we will meet at 6 pm at Saber's Taste of India Restaurant, 2786A Princess St.. to enjoy a meal together as well as our discussion. All are welcome!

**May 2, 6:30-8 pm** Anita Rau Badami, *The Hero's Walk*

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## Music West

presents

## 84, Charing Cross Road

*Adapted for performance from Helene Hanff's novel of the same title*



*“unmitigated delight”... “a real life love story”...  
“a timeless period piece”!*

**Heather Bonham as Helene Hanff  
&**

**Peter Aston as Frank Doel**

**Friday, May 5, 7:30 pm**

**St. Andrew's By-The-Lake United Church**

Tickets: \$20, \$15 students/seniors (65+), \$10 children under 13  
Available from the church office 613-389-8082 & at the door