

**St. Paul's United Church**

April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Easter Sunday

\* = please stand as you are able

**Prelude:**

**\*Greeting**

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all,  
*and also with you.*

**Introit**                      This is the Day                      MV 122  
*This is the day that God has made, we will rejoice and be glad.  
This is the day that God has made, we will rejoice and be glad.  
Singing hal-le-lu, singing hal-le-lu, singing hal-le-lu,  
We will rejoice and be glad!  
Singing hal-le-lu, singing hal-le-lu, singing hal-le-lu,  
We will rejoice and be glad!*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship (Responsive)**

Hallelujah! Christ is Risen!

*Christ is risen indeed! Hallelujah!*

Hallelujah! Darkness has been vanquished!

*The bright light of hope has come! Hallelujah!*

Hallelujah! Come let us worship and celebrate the Good News!

*Hallelujah! Christ is risen! Hallelujah! AMEN!!*

**Gospel Reading:**      Luke 24:1-12

**Opening Prayer**

**\*Opening Hymn**      Jesus Christ is Risen Today      VU 155

**Prayer of Reconciliation (Unison)**

*Gracious and Patient God, we come before you with so many things which weigh us down. We would like an "easy" faith, one that doesn't cause us to look within ourselves, to identify those many ways in which we have turned from you. But faith is never easy. It*

*requires our very souls. Forgive us, God, for all those things which we have neglected to do that would have helped someone else. Heal our hearts. Prepare our lives to be of service to you. We long for your presence and your healing touch. In silence we wait.*

(silence)

**AMEN.**

**Assurance of God's Love**

Confirmation of Lauren Ryan (*Purple Insert*)  
Sacrament of Holy Communion (*Yellow Insert*)

**Hymn**                      Jesus Loves Me (vs 1)                      VU 365  
*Jesus Love me this I know, for the Bible tells me so,  
Little ones to him belong, in his love we shall be strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

**Prayers of the People**

**\*Hymn**                      Oh A Song Must Rise!                      MV 142

**Offertory**

**\*Dedication Verse**                      MV 191

*What can I do? What can I bring?  
What can I say? What can I sing?  
I'll sing with joy! I'll say a prayer!  
I'll bring my love! I'll do my share!*

**\*Dedication Prayer (Unison)**

*Thank you, God, for the gift of this amazing day of resurrection! We pray that you will take our excitement and use it to bring light and hope to those trapped in darkness and despair. Use these gifts of money and care to empower our work with those who strive and struggle. Use the gift of our very lives to empower our calling to carry your Incarnate Love into the world. We pray this with the boldness of those who have encountered the living Christ. AMEN*

**Epistle:** 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

**Anthem  
Message**

**\*Hymn** Thine is the Glory VU 173

**\*Commissioning (*Responsive*)**

We have come from darkness and despair to hope and joy.

*We have been transformed by new life.*

Go forth to witness and to testify to the message of hope we have received this day.

*Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia! AMEN.*

**\*Benediction**

**\*Choral Closing** You Shall Go Out With Joy VU 884

**Postlude**