

## **Easter Sunday - April 27, 2025**

**Congregational responses are in bold.**

(\*) Indicates Standing

I take my bouquet of despair to the only place big enough to embrace it: the body of Creation. I set it before the altar of the water and soil.

- Avery Davis Lamb, "Resting Where God's Presence Unfolds Like the Fiddlehead Fern"

### **We Come Together**

**Prelude...** (*this is an opportunity for us to appreciate the gift of music and prepare our hearts for worship*)

**\*Introit:** Sing Your Joy vs. 1 **VU#253**

### **Lighting of the Christ Candle**

### **Land Acknowledgement**

### **Announcements**

**Call to Worship** (*on screens*) *From Everyday Psalms by James Taylor. Copyright © 2005 Wood Lake Books. Adapted. Used with permission.*

**\*Hymn:** The Day of Resurrection **VU#164**

**Opening Prayer:** (*unison on screens*)

**We are your witnesses, O God,  
that, in you, suffering and death  
do not have the final word.**

**Praise be to you, for the dawning of this new day;  
a day when gentleness rules over might,  
Spirit makes a way for true community,  
and love always wins.**

**This is the day you have given us  
we will rejoice and be glad in it. Amen.**

**Personal Prayer** Veni Sancte Spiritus **MV#75**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Children's Hymn:** This is the Day (ref, v1, ref) **VU#175**

### **Children's Learning Time**

## **Children's Prayer:**

**Doubts are funny things.**

**The word doubt is a funny word.**

**When we are little, we really don't understand but then we  
grow up and there they are... doubts.**

**Thomas' story tells us that doubts are okay.**

**So, God, thank you for loving me just like I am.**

**Even when I am like Thomas.**

**Amen.**

**Children's Hymn:** This is the Day (ref, v1, ref) **VU#175**

### **We Listen to the Word**

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Reader:** Tracy

## **Introduction to Scripture**

### **Scripture Lesson:**

**Readings from the Early Church:** Acts 5:27–32

*(Peter speaks before the Sanhedrin.)*

**Gospel:** John 20:19–31

*(Thomas doubts until he sees Jesus for himself.)*

**Response** (*seated*): It is God's special word:

**"Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"**

**Sermon:** From Belief to Faith

**Anthem:** The Glorious Day

**Prayers of the People** (*on screens*)

**\*Hymn:** You Tell Me That the Lord is Risen

**VU#185**

### **We Respond to the Word**

## **Invitation to the Offering**

### **\*Sung Dedication:**

In Gratitude and Humble Trust

**VU#544**

**\*Offertory Prayer:** *(unison)*  
**May these gifts be multiplied**  
**as we conceive of God’s abundant love**  
**and give birth to the ways**  
**of love and justice in our world. Amen**

**\*Hymn:** Christ is Alive **VU#158**

**\*Blessing** *(on screens)*

**\*Choral Blessing:** You Shall Go Out With Joy **VU#884**

**Postlude**

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**Volunteer Schedule:**

<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>April 27</b> Kim & Kevin	<b>May 4</b> Howard & John
<b>Screens:</b>	<b>April 27</b> Erik	<b>May 4</b> Tracy <b>May 11</b> Kevin

This Week’s Calendar			
Tues	10:00am	Craft Group	Kitchen
Wed	7:00pm	Choir Practice	Sanctuary
Sat	8:00am	Pancake Breakfast	Church Hall

\*Tai Chi is offered on Mon, Wed & Fri \*

**Upcoming Dates:**

May 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 8am- 11:30am – **Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser!**  
Bring a non perishable food donation to help us reach our goal of  
collecting 100lbs of food for the food bank!

May 4<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30am – Mount Royal’s 66<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service! This  
service will include a fun all ages history lesson “The Mount Royal  
United Church Decades Game!”

May 6<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm Women Unite gather for a gardening activity.

May 25<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30am – Our UCW lead a 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service