

Immanuel United Church
Second Sunday of Easter, April 24, 2022

Welcome

Call to Worship:

We are one family of God,
We are called to be one in community.
We have boldness before God
because we know we are loved and known
and so, in the same way let us love ALL our relatives.
Not only in word or speech
but in truth and action-
let us join together as one flock to worship the one God.
Amen.

Hymn: VU 484 *God, the All-Holy*

Prayer of Approach:

Great Spirit, Heart of Creation,
you know us and call us into bold service
to be together as one people
who celebrate your creation and share
in the bounty you provide.
We come to hear hard stories of great loss
of relationships broken.
Open our hearts to hear the cries of all our relations
and the cries of Mother Earth
so that we may be empowered to act in love for one another.
We need you with us Great Spirit and give you thanks. Amen.

Scripture: John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As

the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Choir Anthem: VU 509 *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*

Reflection: Wounds of Reconciliation - offered by Adrian Jacobs

Ganosono of the Turtle Clan, Cayuga Nation of the Six Nations Haudenosaunee Confederacy at Grand River Territory, ON. Adrian is the father of five and grandfather of two grandsons and one granddaughter. He lives as guest on Anishinaabe Treaty One territory as Keeper of the Circle of Sandy-Saulteaux Spiritual Centre. He teaches in the areas of Indigenous history, culture and contemporary issues.

Ha Na is away on holiday this week our guest speaker is Adrian Jacobs. At the time of printing this we did not have a copy of his reflection.



Hymn: VU 510 *We Have This Ministry*

Offering:

VU 540 *Grant Us, God, the Grace*

**Loving god, Creator and Sustainer,
may these gifts, given gratefully,
be brought to life through
the power of your creative spirit.
Multiply and use them to bring the word
and the touch of Jesus to your people
in this place and throughout the world. Amen.**

Prayers of the People: offered by Marian Mathews

VU 916 *A Paraphrase of the Prayer of Jesus*

**Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver
Source of all that is and that shall be.
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo
 through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed
 by peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done
 by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
 sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,**

now and forever.

Amen

Hymn: MV 79 *Spirit, Open My Heart*

Commissioning and Benediction:

**Let us go forth from this time of worship,
recommitted as followers of the Way of Jesus
to working for reconciliation and right relations,
open to the wisdom of God's Spirit guiding us day by day.
Go now to be faithful caretakers of God's good earth!**

VU 701 *What Does the Lord Require of You*

**What does the Lord require of you?
What does the Lord require of you?
To seek justice, and love kindness,
walk humbly with your God.**