

**Bethel Presbyterian Church**  
**Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS**  
**Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022**  
**Easter Sunday**



**Mission Statement**

To share the gospel of Jesus Christ with our community in our worship and our living.

**Vision Statement**

Our vision is to be a local community of believers where: Jesus Christ is the head.

The Bible has the ultimate authority as the true, infallible and complete word of God.

Salvation through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and belief in His finished work on the cross is preached.

The Gospel of Christ is spread in our community, our nation, and around the world in both word and action.

Believers encourage each other and hold others in higher regard than themselves so that each may use the gifts God has given him/her to the glory of God.

## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

### **OUR APPROACH TO GOD**

**Prelude**                      **Belkolora**

**Call to Worship**

**Prayer of Adoration & Confession (The Lord's Prayer)**

**Hymn #252 He is Lord (2x)**

He is Lord, He is Lord! He is risen from the dead and he is Lord!  
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ  
is Lord.

### **WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

**Old Testament Lesson**

**Isaiah 65:17-25**

17 For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. 18 But be ye glad and rejoice forever in that which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy. 19 And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying. 20 There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die a hundred years old; but the sinner being an hundred years old shall be accursed. 21 And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them. 22 They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands. 23 They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the Lord, and their offspring with them. 24 And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear. 25 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat

straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the Lord.

**Responsive Lesson**

**Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24**

O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: because his mercy endureth for ever. 2 Let Israel now say, that his mercy endureth forever. 14 The Lord is my strength and song and is become my salvation. 15 The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tabernacles of the righteous: the right hand of the Lord doeth valiantly. 16 The right hand of the Lord is exalted: the right hand of the Lord doeth valiantly. 17 I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord. 18 The Lord hath chastened me sore: but he hath not given me over unto death. 19 Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will go into them, and I will praise the Lord: 20 This gate of the Lord, into which the righteous shall enter. 21 I will praise thee: for thou hast heard me, and art become my salvation. 22 The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner. 23 This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes. 24 This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

**N.T. Epistle Lesson**

**1 Corinthians 15:19-26**

<sup>19</sup>If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable. <sup>20</sup>But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. <sup>21</sup>For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup>For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup>But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. <sup>24</sup>Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must

reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.

**N. T. Gospel Lesson**

**John 20:1-18**

The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre. <sup>2</sup>Then she runneth, and cometh to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and saith unto them, They have taken away the LORD out of the sepulchre, and we know not where they have laid him. <sup>3</sup>Peter therefore went forth, and that other disciple, and came to the sepulchre. <sup>4</sup>So they ran both together: and the other disciple did outrun Peter, and came first to the sepulchre. <sup>5</sup>And he stooping down, and looking in, saw the linen clothes lying; yet went he not in. <sup>6</sup>Then cometh Simon Peter following him, and went into the sepulchre, and seeth the linen clothes lie, <sup>7</sup>And the napkin, that was about his head, not lying with the linen clothes, but wrapped together in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup>Then went in also that other disciple, which came first to the sepulchre, and he saw, and believed. <sup>9</sup>For as yet they knew not the scripture, that he must rise again from the dead. <sup>10</sup>Then the disciples went away again unto their own home. <sup>11</sup>But Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping: and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulchre, <sup>12</sup>And seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. <sup>13</sup>And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my LORD, and I know not where they have laid him. <sup>14</sup>And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup>Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence,

tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away.  
<sup>16</sup> Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master. <sup>17</sup> Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.  
<sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the LORD, and that he had spoken these things unto her.

**Hymn # 254                      Jesus is risen from the dead**

Jesus is risen from the grave; Jesus is risen from the grave; Jesus is risen from the grave. Hallelujah!

Peter will soon be smiling; Peter will soon be smiling; Peter will soon be smiling. Hallelujah!

Thomas will stop his doubting; Thomas will stop his doubting; Thomas will stop his doubting. Hallelujah!

Jesus will meet his people; Jesus will meet his people; Jesus will meet his people. Hallelujah!

Jesus is here in bread and wine; Jesus is here in bread and wine; Jesus is here in bread and wine. Hallelujah!

Jesus will live forever; Jesus will live forever; Jesus will live forever. Hallelujah!

**Sermon                              Up from the grave . . .**

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD**

**Special Music                      Belkolora**

**Offering & Doxology**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession**

**Presentation of the Sunday School**

## **WE GO OUT IN SERVICE**

### **Hymn # 258 Thine be the glory**

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won; angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.

Refrain:

Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son,  
Endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb; Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom; let the Church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing; for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life; life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love: bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

### **Benediction**

### **Postlude**

### **Announcements**

We welcome everyone to this service of praise this morning. Reading this morning are Carol Ferguson and Richard Dulvy.

### **From the Interim Moderator:**

I would like to inform the members and adherents of Bethel Church that the Search Committee is in the process of completing the Congregational Profile. The committee held its latest meeting on April 11. Thank you to all who assisted by filling out the "Pastoral Skills and Interest Inventory". Once

the profile is completed, it will be sent to the Session for approval. We will continue to keep you up to date as the process unfolds. R. Ritchie Robinson, Interim Moderator

**Thank you** to all the volunteers from our congregation and others who helped clean our sanctuary following the recent paint job.

The Finance & Maintenance Committee, formerly the Board of Managers, will meet on **Monday April 25th** at 7.00 pm... details to be announced at a later time.

### **To the Choir Fund**

In loving memory of Earl MacLeod from wife Geraldine and family

#### **Mission Moment**

In Afghanistan, an excited Salma had just passed Grade 4, but Salma's father didn't want her to continue her education because the school was too far away. When a meeting with the school didn't change his mind, community and religious leaders involved with a girls' education project visited Salma's parents. **They explained the importance of education for girls from both human rights and religious perspectives. After a few hours of discussion, Salma received permission to return to school.** Unfortunately, the current political situation in Afghanistan means many children are faced with uncertainty about their futures, particularly girls. This education project is supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development.

## **Prayer Partnership**

**Sunday, April 17 (Easter Sunday)** We pray that we will be filled with the joy of Easter and a desire to live in new ways that reflect the gospel.

**Monday, April 18** We give thanks for programs the church supports through Presbyterian World Service & Development that empower girls to rise above disadvantage and discrimination to pursue their goals.

**Tuesday, April 19** We pray for presbytery and synod clerks as they provide churches with wise and compassionate advice.

**Wednesday, April 20** We pray for the members and work of the Assembly Council.

**Thursday, April 21** We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew.

**Friday, April 22 (Earth Day)** We pray for the well-being of the Earth's ecosystems and for those displaced and harmed by the climate crisis.

**Saturday, April 23** We pray for the members and work of the Gender, Sexuality and Inclusion Advisory Committee.

**The brightly coloured Easter Eggs displayed at the front of the Church are a reminder of the renewal of Creation and the renewal of our own lives in the Resurrection. Names listed in the bulletin, represented by these eggs, are in memory of those who have now passed into Eternal Life, but are always remembered. The Sunday School would like to thank all who have supported this project making a total of \$1,145.00.**

## **Easter Memorials**

1. In loving memory of Bill Sneddon from the Sunday School
2. In memory of Lincoln & Bessie MacKenzie from Stuart, Florence, & Chris MacKenzie
3. In memory of Parents John Angus & Alice MacLeod, brother-in-law Jim; Nephew John Wedsworth, Grandparents Duncan & Margaret Ferguson, Grandparents John; Alexina MacLeod, Friend Joanne Simon from Margie MacLeod
4. In memory of John & Helen Ferguson & Lillian Hagel from Keith & Carol Ferguson
5. In memory of Kathleen Cleland, James Cleland, Ellie Catto, Grace Sneddon, George Sneddon, & Bill Sneddon from Catherine & David Sneddon
6. In memory of Earl Taker, Gertrude Lynk, Cletus Lynk, Robert MacIntyre, Jim Wedsworth, Charlene Muggah, Kay Reid, & Cheryl Conrod from Diane & Fred Lynk
7. In memory of Jean & James MacQueen from John & Beth Matheson
8. In memory of Ellen & Sandy MacDonald, Rosie & Angus MacAskill, Marie MacDonald & William MacAskill from Alixe & Gus MacAskill
9. In loving memory of our precious Mother & Wife Peggy Ross, brother-in-law & son-in-law Lloyd MacKenzie, Love Gar, Myrna, & Linda Ross
10. In memory of loved ones from Eileen MacLean
11. In memory of Douglas & Christopher Davis from Merle Davis
12. In memory of Hilary Alexander & Barbara Williams from sister Chris McCall
13. In memory of Walter Hardy placed by Sister Glenda Hardy
14. In memory of Florence & Duncan MacQueen, Walter Hardy, Art MacQueen, Jessie & Glendon Hardy, love Kathy Hardy
15. In memory of brother Donald MacPherson, sister Shirley (MacPherson) Bonaparte & daughter Darlene Kyla MacKillop from Thelma MacKillop

16. In memory of Don, Hugh, & Pam Morrison, & Roberta Muldowney from Valerie Rhude
17. In memory of parents Gordon & Mary Penny, & husband Roderick from Eileen MacNeil
18. In memory of our parents Duncan & Florence MacQueen, Clifford & Alice Penny from Wayne & Mary Penny & brother Art MacQueen from sister Mary & Wayne Penny
19. In memory of our grandfather Les Moulard given by Lucie & Madelyn March
20. In memory of Wendy MacDonald & Cheryl Conrod from Sandra MacLeod
21. In loving memory of our grandparents given by Jennifer & Jason March
22. In memory of Frank MacLean and Connie Braunmiller from Flossie MacLean
23. In memory of deceased grandparents Jack & Margaret, Duncan & Christine Campbell, Parents Ena, & Peter Jessen & brother Alf from Susan & George Jessen
24. In memory of Donald & Effie Ferguson, Jean MacQueen, & Howard Hillier from Wendy & Gordon Ferguson
25. In memory of brother Billy from Tom MacRae
26. In memory of Toss & Ollie MacAulay, Marguerite & Henry Gillespie from Harold & Lynn Gillespie
27. In memory of parents Bertha & Duncan MacAulay, Florence MacAulay, Billy & Patsy Hannam from Fannie MacAulay
28. In memory of deceased family members from Sharon McKay
29. In memory of husband Stewart Morris and son Glenn Morris by mother Betty Morris
30. In loving memory of father Stewart Morris & brother Glenn Morris from daughter & sister Joyce Coffin, Ryan & Nathan Coffin
31. In memory of Chris Greaves, Cecil Greaves, Kaye Greaves, Roderick Matheson, & Sara Elaine Matheson from Charles & Linda Greaves

32. In loving memory of Dougal & Ruby MacAulay, Leo & Gertie MacIntyre, and Jeannie MacIntyre from Dennis & Jean MacIntyre
33. To be remembered Chrissie MacMillan, Angus MacDonald, Adele MacLeod, Mary McKenna & Parker MacLeod from Duncan & Greta MacLeod
34. In memory of my parents Mary & William Grant from Mildred MacLean
35. In memory of deceased family members from Larry & Christine Victory
36. In loving memory of nephew Andrew Morrison from Thelma MacKillop
37. In memory of parents Murray & Carrie Morrison & brother David Morrison from Marie Hill
38. In memory of Roy Ferguson, & Daniel Ferguson given by Leah Ferguson
39. In memory of parents Toss & Ollie MacAulay from Carol & Glenn MacLeod
40. In memory of Andrew Morrison, & Scott MacDonald from Ben & Heather Furey
41. In loving memory of Father, grandfather, & great grandfather Lewis Maxwell from Donnie & Kim Brown, Ryan & Tracy Brown, Dustin & Cindy Brown & children
42. In loving memory of Mother & Grandmother Germaine George from Ryan; Tracy Brown, Alexander, Ariana, & Sophia
43. In loving memory of Aunt Faye Musgrave from Cindy & Dustin Brown, Denyra, Caius, Zander
44. In loving memory of friend & Cousin Linda Oram from Donnie & Kim Brown & Family
45. In memory of Gordon Brown (Jr.) from Lucy & Russell MacKinnon
46. In memory of Elmer Thompson, Donald & Viola MacLellan, and Hubert & Lexi MacDonald from Mabel Thompson
47. In memory of Elmer Thompson from Nelson & Marlene Thompson

48. In memory of Elmer Thompson from Donalda Thompson
49. In memory of our grandfather Elmer Thompson from Jennifer & Allison Thompson
50. In memory of Willie Crane, Geraldine Ayre, Jennifer Gardiner, & David Gardiner from Ivan & Linda Henderson
51. In memory of Jean & Parker Townsend from Julia & Allan Townsend
52. In memory of parents Gordon & Mary Penny, husband Murray MacIntosh, sister Connie, and daughter Sylvia from Ada MacIntosh and families
53. In memory of the Ellis and Snow Families from Wayne & Hazel Ellis
54. In memory of parents Jean & James MacQueen from Eleanor, Audrey, Barbara, and Mary Elizabeth
55. In memory of deceased family members and members of Bethel Church from Donna & Bob Lyle & family
56. In memory of parents Duncan & Florence MacQueen, parents Annie & David Robertson, and brother Art MacQueen from Donnie & Linda Robertson
57. In memory of parents Marguerite & Henry Gillespie from son Gordon & family
58. In memory of Iris Gillespie from husband Gordon and family
59. In loving memory of Jack MacDonald from Dorothy MacDonald
60. In memory of Byron MacLeod, Joan Jessome & Iris Gillespie from Geraldine & Iylah MacLeod & families
61. In memory of deceased family members and friends from Sharon Morrison