

Sunday, April 5, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.
(Easter)

EPWORTH UNITED CHURCH

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Worship theme: *“Meeting The Risen Christ”*



Know Christ Jesus and Make Him Known

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As the “welcoming music” begins, *let’s settle our hearts in quiet prayer*, and *give your cell phone a holy rest*

***When you see the * please stand if able.**

WELCOMING MUSIC ‘The Strife Is ‘Oer’

WELCOMING and ANNOUNCEMENTS: (A)

***CHRIST CANDLE & CHORAL INTROIT:**

VU 314, ‘Come Now, Almighty King’ (v.2)

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** (Responsive) (A)

Friends, the stone is rolled away—The Lord Jesus Christ is risen from the dead!

He is risen indeed! In our sorrow, the Lord calls our name.

In our fear, the Saviour speaks His peace.

The risen Lord stands among us today. We turn, we see, we rejoice!

Come, let us worship the Lord—our Saviour, alive, present, and full of life!

***OPENING PRAYER:** (Unison) (A)

Risen Lord Jesus Christ, You call us by name, and everything changes. You speak peace, and our hearts come alive again. Fill this place with Your presence and Your Spirit. Open our eyes to see You, our hearts to receive You, and our lives to rejoice in You. We worship You—our living Lord. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN:** VU 155, ‘Jesus Christ Is Risen Today’

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (Responsive) (M)

Risen Lord, You stood before us—yet we did not recognize You.

We confess, we often miss You in our daily lives.

You called our name—yet we were distracted.

We confess, we have not stayed with You.

You spoke peace—yet we held on to fear.

We confess, we have closed the doors of our hearts.

Risen Lord, have mercy on us.

Call us again, speak Your peace, and bring us back to You. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: (M)

SCRIPTURE READING: (Responsive) (A)

John 20: 11-23 (NIV)

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¹¹ Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb

¹² and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus’ body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

¹³ They asked her, “Woman, why are you crying?” “They have taken my Lord away,” she said, “and I don’t know where they have put him.”

¹⁴ **At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.**

¹⁵ He asked her, “Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?” Thinking he was the gardener, she said, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.”

¹⁶ **Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means “Teacher”).**

¹⁷ Jesus said, “Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”

¹⁸ **Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: “I have seen the Lord!” And she told them that he had said these things to her.**

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"

²⁰ **After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.**

²¹ Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."

²² **And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit.**

²³ If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

THE LORD'S PRAYER: (Unison) (A)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: ;Jesus Is Risen allelujah'

EXCHANGE OF GREETING:

(Friends, let's take a moment to stand and greet each other. Turn to someone around you, shake hands with a joyful smile, and say, "Christ is Risen, indeed!" "Hallelujah!")

CHILDREN'S STORY TIME:

CHILDREN'S HYMN: 'Lord, I Lift Your Name On High'

MESSAGE: "Stay And See!"

***HYMN:** BH 216, 'Christ Arose' (v.1,3)

PRAYER:

OFFERING INVITATION:

***OFFERING RESPONSE:** BH 624, 'Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow'

***OFFERING PRAYER:**

***CLOSING HYMN:** VU 586, 'We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection'

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION:** 'May The Peace Of God' (v.1)

May the peace of God our heavenly Father,

And the grace of Christ the risen Son, And the fellowship of God the Spirit. Keep our hearts and minds within His love.

[Refrain] *And to Him be praise for His glorious reign. From the depths of earth to the heights of heaven. We declare the name of the Lamb once slain - Christ eternal, the King of kings.*

EXITING MUSIC: 'Easter Song'

All the songs are under CCLI Licence #473801; Streaming Licence #C24-2712179

Announcements & Celebrations

Socks – Congratulations – we have collected over 2000 pairs of socks for The Downtown Mission. Don't stop now!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr. 5, 9–10am: Easter Breakfast followed by the regular church service at 10:30 am

Apr. 12: Church Membership and Confirmation

Apr. 12, 3pm: Soli Deo Gloria Singers Concert, Leamington – see Memorial Hall bulletin board

Apr. 18, 7–10pm: 1920s Dance - see posters on the bulletin boards

"Youth & Adult Joint Discipleship & Sharing Group" – Saturdays from 1:30–2:40p.m. followed by sports and pool games! It's open to everyone. Join this joyful time of faith, friendship, and growing in the Lord together. We're diving into The Way – Discipleship Pathway (<https://theway.app/login>)

Wednesday, 10 – 11:30; Discipleship group (Bible study), **"Abide in Christ."** Join us as we use **The Way** material (<https://theway.app/login>) to grow spiritually in the Lord Jesus Christ and deepen our daily walk with Him. Everyone is welcome—please invite others to come along on this journey of faith.

We are selling 4 inch fruit pies for \$4.00 during the month of April. Please place your order on the form in Memorial Hall.

Our bus trip to Grand Bend is Wed, June 24th. We are going to see the Tony Award-winning dance spectacular "42nd Street". Please make cheques to Shoreline Tours & Travel for \$195/ticket and postdated to May 1st. ~Fundraising committee

A motion was passed at the Official Board Meeting to establish a Coffee Committee that will be in charge of supplying the coffee for coffee time. If interested in joining this committee, please contact Doug Quick (dquick@kingsvillegolf.com)

The Official Board is starting a new group called Bright Ideas and is looking for members of the congregation to join this group to discuss ideas on how to move forward as a church – start new programs? Get more people involved? Get more people coming to church on Sunday?

Envelopes, pieces of paper and pencils have been placed in the pews to give us suggestions and comments that you think would help our church. Please write your comments, seal the envelope and put it on the collection plates. All suggestions/ comments are being reviewed and discussed. If you wish to have a response, please include your name and someone will get an answer to you. Thank you.

If you have a subscription to Broadview Magazine, please see Memorial Hall bulletin board for update.

Outreach Ministry

Franklin Gardens, Leamington – Rev. Joshua will be available the 1st Thursday of each month for resident requested visits. **Venvi (Chartwell)** services are cancelled until further notice. **Royal Oak** service is the 3rd Thursday of the month at 2:00 p.m. **Southgate** services are the 4th Thursday each month at 1:30 p.m.

April Food Bank needs: Cereal. Snack Cups, Cookies, Rice

Pass The Bucket Money this month will be used to purchase and erect a sign showing groups and organizations we support.

HELP – The Committees of the Official Board are looking for volunteers to make “treats” for coffee time following the service, and also to help prepare for and clean up after the time of fellowship. Cookies may be brought to the kitchen when you come to church and just join the crew in the kitchen to offer your help. Thank you for helping.

WOMEN’S MINISTRY HAPPENINGS

Saturday, 9:30 a.m. Chair Yoga

Renewal Challenge 2026 – Let’s Grow Fresh in Christ!

Renewal Challenge 2026 is a joyful, church-wide journey of letting the Holy Spirit gently renew our hearts, renew our minds, and renew our love for the Lord Jesus Christ and for one another. We prayerfully adopted this journey at our Annual Congregational Meeting. **“Be transformed by the renewing of your mind”** (Romans 12:2).

This week’s practice: This week’s practice: *Don’t just say “He is risen.” Stay and See.*

- 1.Look Up:** Once a day, pause and say: *“Risen Lord Jesus, call my name today—and let me see You.”*
- 2.Stay Close:** Read (John 20:10–23). Where is the Lord inviting you to stay instead of rushing away—prayer, Word, silence, or trust?
- 3.Live It Out:** Carry resurrection life into someone’s day—a word of peace, a gentle presence, or a simple act of love that says, “Jesus is alive.”

PRAYER

Sunday morning Prayer meeting is held in the parlour at 9:45 am. Everyone is welcome to join.

If you are in need of prayer, meet at the front of the church after service. Our prayer group will pray with you.

For Healing and Strength: Lloyd and Mary Arner, Helen Buckler, Hugh Steffans, Margaret Turville, all shut-ins, and those who need our prayers.

For Missions: Global Mission partners of the United Church of Canada, the Agape School in Haiti, leaders of Canada, Epworth UC leaders and ministries.

If anyone would like to contact or have a visit with Rev. Kang, please call the church office (519-733-4154) or Rev. Kang directly (519-818-1834).

•Your church needs your faithful and generous financial contributions to support our ongoing missions locally globally and to pay the bills.

•For offerings, give to the church in your favoured method.

1) Online giving can be done from the website www.epworthkingsville.com

2) PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) can be arranged through Adele Sims Or give at the church office.

3) **E-Transfers** - you can now use e-transfer for your weekly giving (free service). The email address is:

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