A Mission Church
We Gather to Worship God on
Sunday, April 28, 2019 at 10:30am

SERVING YOU TODAY
Worship Leader: Mike Ruggi
Music Leader: Torin W. Chiles
Reader: Kathy Ruggi
Welcome Team: Frank & Theresa Walsh, Dave & Marybeth Goodreau,
              Paul Loftus, Ellen Faubert
Counters: Jim Hoskin, Ann McClatchey, Ian McCrimmon
Hall Shepherd: Jim Hunter
Nursery: Carol Fisher, Lesley Banks
Sunday School: Monica Sass, Telly Lengkey, Pat Taylor
Hospitality: Worship Committee
Stewart Library: Open every Sunday
Note to Visitors: Church School at New St. James starts at 10:30am, when the children meet downstairs. They join the congregation in the sanctuary for Our Church Family Together. For directions to the Lower Hall, please ask an usher.

* Please stand, if able

We Gather to Worship God

Prelude Once He Came in Blessing (Gottes Sohn 1st Gekommen) J.G. Walther (1684-1748)

* Trumpet Fanfare for Entry of the Bible (please stand if able)

* Processional Hymn # 78 This is the day (This is the day)

* Welcome to New St. James (Please turn and greet one another)

Responsive Call to Worship
L: Jesus Christ, we greet you! Your hands still have holes in them, Your feet are wet from the dew; And with the memory of our names Undimmed by three days of death You meet us, risen from the grave. We fail to understand how; we puzzle at the reason why. But you have come: Not to answer our questions, But to show us your face.

C: You are alive and the world can rejoice again. Hallelujah!

Introit Rejoice, The Lord Is King S. Pethel (©2011)
Rejoice, the Lord is King, your Lord and King adore. Rejoice, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore. Lift up your heart, lift up your voice, rejoice, again I say rejoice!

Unison Prayer of Approach
Almighty and Everlasting God, We come before you as your servants. We come before you as a resurrection community, an Easter people, and we ask your holy and transforming presence. Look with favour upon your people. Open our hearts to your living power. Cleanse us from every impurity and forgive our sin. Lead us and teach us and grace us with your presence and make us messengers of the good news of Christ Jesus our Lord. Even though we are weak and tempted, we know we can be strong in our love for you as we seek to be steadfast in your sight. Give us courage, inspiration, and power to be a person who brings glory and honour to your name and to the name of Christ Jesus our Lord and Saviour. Amen

Words of Assurance - Worship Leader
Solo   I Know That My Redeemer Lives   J. Helgen (©2005)
I know that, my Redeemer lives! He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ever-living head! He lives triumphant from the grave; He lives eternally to save; He lives exalted, throned above; He lives to rule His church in love. He lives to silence all my fears; He lives to wipe away my tears; He lives to calm my troubled heart; He lives all blessings to impart. He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to plead for me above; He lives my hungry soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need. He lives all glory to His name! He lives, my Saviour, still the same; what joy this blest assurance gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!

Unison Prayer for Illumination
Resurrected God, though we have hidden ourselves in a locked room and huddled together as ones who build barriers, send your Living Word through our locked doors and into our guarded hearts that we might be witnesses of your grace and couriers of your goodness. Grant us the trust to believe the Gospel not because we see it but because we have been seen by it and transformed through it. Amen.

First Lesson   Acts 5: 27-38   Pg. 123 in N.T.

Responsive Reading   Psalm 150
L:  Praise the L ORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!
C:  Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness!
L:  Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!
C:  Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!
L:  Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!
C:  Let everything that breathes praise the L ORD! Praise the L ORD!

*  Gloria Patri
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: World without end. Amen

Second Lesson   Revelation 1: 4-8   Pg. 245 in N.T.

Gospel Lesson   John 20: 19-31   Pg. 115 in N.T.
L:  This is the Gospel of our Lord.
C:  Thanks be to God.
Anthem  Once He Came In Blessing (Gottes Sohn 1st Gekommen)  M. Sedio (©1993)
Once He came in blessing, all our sins redressing; came in darkness lowly, Son of God
most holy; bore the cross to save us; hope and freedom gave us. Still He comes within
us; still His voice would win us from the sins that hurt us; would to truth convert us
from our foolish error ere He comes in terror. Thus, if we have known Him, not
ashamed to own Him, nor have spurned Him coldly, but will trust Him boldly, He will
then receive you, heal you, and forgive you. Those who then are loyal find a welcome
royal. Come, then, O Lord Jesus, from our sins release us; let us here confess You, 'til
in heaven we bless You.

Sermon  “Doubting Thomas”  Mike Ruggi

We Respond in Faith and Service

* Hymn of Faith # 260  Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord (Alleluia No. 1)

Prayers for the World

Offering and Offertory  Once He Came In Blessing (Gottes Sohn 1st Gekommen)
J. Leavitt (©1998)

* Doxology

* Dedication of Offering

Our Church Family Together

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Prayers for New St. James

The Lord’s Prayer
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be
done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we
forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.
* **Hymn # 466**  
  *Praise the Lord* with the sound of trumpet (Praise the Lord)

* **Commissioning and Benediction**

  **Postlude**  
  *I Know That My Redeemer Lives! (Duke Street)*  
  W. Held Handel (©1972)

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**IN MEMORY**

The flowers at the front of the Sanctuary are to the glory of God and in loving memory of Bert (August 18, 1988) and Reta (April 18, 2016) Hare, placed by Gord and Charlene.

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**HOT OFF THE PRESS!**

Pick up the newest copy of the NSJ newsletter. They are available at the doors.

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**EASTER SUNDAY BREAKFAST**

Many thanks to all those who helped with preparation, serving, cleanup and to those who attended Easter Sunday breakfast. It was a wonderful time of food and fellowship.

  On behalf of the Christian Education Committee, Marg McGugan

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**NEW ST. JAMES BOOK CLUB**

The NSJ Book Club will meet Monday, April 29th at 1:30pm in the Stewart Library. This month we will be discussing *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger. Everyone is welcome.

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Dear Friends: I have made a decision that after 50 years at Cherryhill Apartments, it is time to make a move. I have moved to Manor Village, 230 Victoria Street, Suite 438, London, N6A 2C2 (effective April 15th). My phone number will remain the same.

  Ruth Evans
On behalf of the congregation, the Mission and Social Action Committee has donated $1,000 to the May Court Club of London for its school nutrition program; $1,000 to Merrymount Family Support and Crisis Centre; $800 to Knox Presbyterian in Teeswater for its cropshare program run by the Canadian Foodgrains Bank; and $800 to PWS&D for relief from the flooding and cyclone that affected Malawi.

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**FOOD CUPBOARD**

Please consider donating soups, canned vegetables, tuna, cereals, diapers, women’s sanitary supplies, toiletries, and 250, 500, 750 ml plastic containers to St. Paul’s Daily Bread Program. Baskets are located at all entrances.

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**PASTORAL CARE**

Please let the church know of illnesses, hospitalizations, births, deaths, and confidential prayer requests, by calling the office at 519-434-1127. Please contact Mary Lou McCrimmon to activate the prayer chain.

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**STEWARDSHIP:** The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.

*Ghandi (1869-1948), activist*

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**THE STEWART LIBRARY** - Copies of Our Daily Bread are available in the Stewart Library and in the bookcase outside New St. James Hall, at no charge.

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**Rebuilding businesses and dreams**

In Malawi, Lucia and her husband care for their six orphaned grandchildren. It’s a lot of work to meet the needs of a large family, but Lucia was earning a good income running a grocery store—a dream she’d always had. When her husband fell ill, Lucia used all her earnings to pay hospital bills and could no longer afford her grandchildren’s school fees. When her husband was discharged, Lucia had no money left to rebuild the business she loved. An answer to her prayers, Lucia received a loan to get her store running again through a Presbyterian World Service & Development-supported self-help group. “I was worried about how I would pay school fees and provide for my grandchildren’s basic needs,” Lucia said. “Self-help groups have really helped.”

*PWS&D empowers families out of poverty*

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**MISSION MOMENTS**

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