

At Saint Luke's we proclaim how much we love Jesus Christ and gratefully acknowledge Him as our Lord. We emphasise the importance of forging a personal relationship with Him.

We honour the Bible as the Word of God and tell everyone the Good News – proclaim the Gospel – of Jesus Christ.

We are grateful for the privilege of prayer – direct communication with God – and make it central to our community and personal life.

And we have a regular Healing Service where we pray for all who will come, to be set free from sickness and disease, from demonic oppression and for their salvation – their rescue and restoration in Jesus Christ.

So come in. Sit down. Listen and learn of God and His love for you. Pray and worship with us. And when you are ready, let us welcome you into His family and our community.

Welcome to Saint Luke's United Church  
a Jesus-centred Christian congregation –  
*“the House of our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

*“...Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”*  
*(Philippians 2:11, KJV)*

## SAINT LUKE'S UNITED CHURCH

The House of our Lord Jesus Christ

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## SAINT LUKE'S UNITED CHURCH

House of Friendship

April 21, 2019

Easter Sunday

10:30 a.m.

Welcome to Saint Luke's, the House of Friendship, where all are welcome regardless of age, gender, race, ethnic origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, differing abilities, or economic circumstances.

### Organ Prelude:

\*♪ **ProceSSIONAL Hymn VU 224**

(Choir to process down the aisle on this Hymn)

**Sing a happy hallelujah**

**Welcome**

(Please remain standing)

### Territorial Acknowledgement

#### \*Call to Worship

Dr. Peter Kopplin

(Please remain standing)

One: Jesus returns, He Rises from the dead, death has been transformed.

This is the House of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**All: There is joy, enthusiasm, and the return of our Lord is celebrated as He enters our hearts.**

One: We are reminded of the resurrection and this gives all Christians hope is the face of despair and grief.

**All: Jesus returns home, Christ Jesus is God incarnate.**

One: The Gift of Christ is his Universal Love and his death atonement for our sins. His suffering is a sign of his embrace of our flaws.

**All: Christ Jesus is a voice for all humanity. Christ Jesus is the healer for all peoples.**

One: **Our Love of Christ requires our commitment to Him.**

**All: We ask Christ Jesus to provide us with grace and love.**

### \*Opening Prayer

Dr. Peter Kopplin

**Profession of Faith** (seated; in unison)

With the Church through the ages,  
we speak of God as one and triune:  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

We also speak of God as  
Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer  
God, Christ, and Spirit

Mother, Friend, and Comforter

Source of Life, Living Word, and Bond of Love,  
and in other ways that speak faithfully of

the One on whom our hearts rely,

the fully shared life at the heart of the universe.

(A Song of Faith)

### Minutes for Missions

If Mission & Service giving is already a regular part of your life, thank you so much! If you have not given, please join me in making Mission & Service giving a regular part of your life of faith. Loving our neighbour is at the heart of our Mission & Service.

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Caretaker on duty: Prince Graham, Matthew Cardinal,  
Kelly Adams.

Please sign the Guest Book in the Narthex and join the congregation for a time of fellowship after the service.

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\* (The asterisk indicates to Please Stand if you are able)

**Today**

**Pastoral Prayer of this week:**

Those in need of your prayers:

Ruth Carbonell, Judy March and her Aunt who has passed, Josephine Agustin (Mother of Nestor Agustin) Carmen Justo, Lorna Agustin (Sister of Nestor and Edith Agustin), Miriam Bayot and the family of Emma Baquisa and David Hallman.

(The Pastoral Care Committee will put names for you to remember in your prayers. Please speak to Olga Semple, Rev. Andrew Macpherson or the church office)

**Next Week**

**Scripture Lessons for April 28**

Acts 5:27-32	Peter speaks before the Sanhedrin.
Psalms 118:14-29	God is my strength and my song.
Revelation 1:4-8	John greets the seven churches of Asia.
John 20:19-31	Thomas doubts until he sees Jesus for himself.

If you wish to volunteer, please ask the minister or see the church office.

Date	Readers	Scripture Lessons
April 21	Dr. Terry Burrows	Isaiah 65:17-25 1 Corinthians 15:19-26
April 28	Samuel Awe	Acts 5:27-32 Revelation 1:4-8
May 5	Neftalie Abrenica	Acts 9:1-6 Revelation 5:11-14
May 12	Olga Semple	Acts 9:36-43 Revelation 7:9-13

\*🎵 Hymn

**Onward Christian Soldiers**

**LISTENING TO HOLY SCRIPTURE**

**Old Testament**

Isaiah 65:17-25

**New Testament**

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

**Anthem:**

We give our thanks

🎵 Hymn MV 187

**Gospel Reading**

**Luke 24:1-12**

**Sermon**

**The beauty of emptiness**

Rev. Andrew Macpherson

**Announcements**

**(Joys, Concerns, and Ministry Updates)**

Dr. Peter Kopplin

**SHARING GOD'S LOVE WITH OTHERS**

Dr. Peter Kopplin

**Sharing of the Peace of Christ**

**Jesus said: "When you are offering your gift at the altar,  
If you remember that your brother or sister  
Has something against you,  
Leave your gift and go;  
First be reconciled to your brother or sister,  
And then come and offer your gift."  
The peace of Christ be with you all**

**Let us Share the Peace of Christ**

**Inviting Our Gifts & Offerings**

**Rev. Andrew Macpherson**

We abide in God and offer our lives. God use even what is pruned for the growing. Let us bring the first fruits of our lives, the first fruits of our hearts to our neighbours following Christ’s teachings.

**Offertory Music**

**\*Doxology: God Of All Good**

**VU #539**

♪ God of all good, our gifts we bring to you,  
use them your holy purpose to fulfil,  
tokens of love and pledges brought anew,  
that our whole life is offered to your will. ♪

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Reflection: Holy Communion (The Eucharist)**

**Remembering the Lord’s Supper**

**Sharing the Meal**

*All are welcome to come forward to receive,  
taking first the bread offered, and dipping it into the cup.  
The words offered as you receive will be  
“the bread of life” and “the cup of love”*

*Those unable can be served where you are*

**Prayers of the People**

**Rev. Andrew Macpherson**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

\*♪ **Hymn VU 606**

**In Christ there is no east or west**

Commissioning and Benediction

**Postlude:**

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Service	April 21	April 28	May 5
Ushers	David Domingo Sabina Domingo Merlin Atayde Julie Chan Atayde	Nestor Agustin Leonida Agustin Olga Semple Henrietta Semple	Peter Kopplin Vilma Garcia Windlove and Winda Agamao
Counters	Julie Chan Atayde Edna Lisondra	Rose Marie Agustin Olga Semple	Peter Kopplin Doug Mills
Presiders	Dr. Peter Kopplin	Dawnlove Agamao	Dawnlove Agamao

**April and May News**

Happy Easter and Blessings to you and your family.

The following Healing Service will take place Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup> 12:15 pm in the Chapel.

Dawnlove Agamao will be leading the worship service on Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup> and Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup>.

Dr. Peter Kopplin will be leading the worship service on Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup>.

The Shining Waters Regional Council Meeting will take place May 24<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 in Barrie, ON.