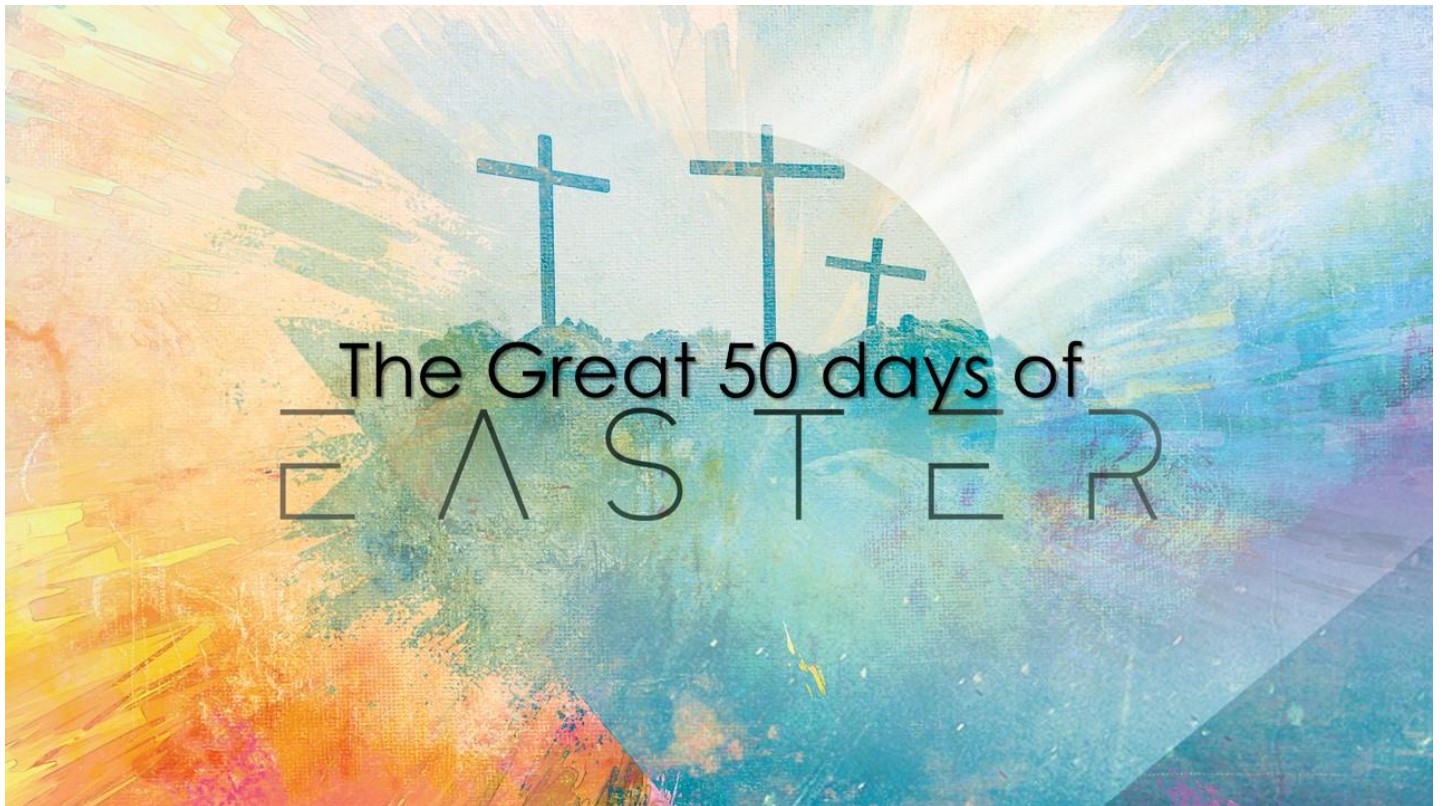


First Presbyterian Church

Edmonton, Alberta

(Founded 1881)



3rd Sunday of Easter

11:00 am – April 23, 2023

PRELUDE and PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: “The Peace of Christ be with you.”

People: “And also with you.”

WELCOME AND INTIMATION

LIGHTING of the CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT #259 *This Joyful Eastertide

WE APPROACH GOD

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

***HYMN: #263 They set out on their homeward road**

PRAYERS OF APPROACH AND CONFESSION (*responsive*)

L: God, as we continue in the season of Easter reflecting on the resurrection, we acknowledge that we react in diverse ways to the news that Christ is risen.

P: Of course, we are happy—Christ is risen!

But, if we are honest:

Like the first disciples, we may also be confused, terrified, doubtful, and sad.

Although Christ is risen and we are glad,

Pain, fear, and anxiety are still realities we struggle with.

Although the Risen Christ is with us,

We cannot always recognize him.

Although the Risen Christ wants to walk with us,

Sometimes the journey seems too hard.

As we come into this Easter space together today,

For thy glory we were first created to share both the nature and kingdom divine;
now created again, that our lives may remain throughout time and eternity thine.

We with thanks do approve the design of that love which has joined us to Jesus' name;
so united in heart, let us nevermore part, till we meet at the feast of the Lamb.

Hallelujah we sing to our Father and King, and our rapturous praises repeat;
to the Lamb that was slain, hallelujah again; sing, all heaven, and fall at his feet.

SHARING A STORY

HYMN: # 252 *He is Lord

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

RESPONSIVE READING: PSALM 116:1-4,12-19 (Refrain 1)

GLORIA PATRI #594

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, amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Gospel Lessons: Luke 24: 13-35

SERMON: Symbols for the Journey

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

HYMN: #665 *Lord Jesus, you shall be my song

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Responsive Liturgy)

L: (...) God in your compassion,

P: Hear our prayers.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY #830**

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ
all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore.***

OFFERTORY PRAYER

WE TAKE CHRIST'S LOVE TO THE WORLD

HYMN: #249 *The day of resurrection

BENEDICTION

*** #777 Send me Lord (Thuma Mina)**

**Postlude: Toccata on "All creatures of our God and
King"/"Now let the vault of heaven resound"**

arr. JK Kloppers

WARMEST GREETINGS: We are pleased to welcome all who join us this morning. Refreshments will be served after worship in the Newcombe Room, past the front of the sanctuary.

Worship is live streamed at
<https://www.twitch.tv/firstpresbyterianedmonton/>

We welcome Javed Sommers to our pulpit this morning. Javed is an Elder at First and currently serves the congregation as our Treasurer.

The lay reader this morning is Betty Kolodziej.

Our vibrant **Church School** meets every Sunday during worship. Youth group is not yet meeting but if you have a child grade seven and up that is interested let us know. Watch the bulletin for upcoming events. For further information: *churchschool@firstpresbyterian.ca*

Food Bank Depot on Tuesdays 1:30-2:30pm is served by our dedicated volunteers.

BIBLE STUDY: Letter to the Hebrews Our study and discussion continues on Wednesday nights, March 1st through to April 19th all via ZOOM. Please let Nick Knoppers know so you can receive the ZOOM link. Email jo.k@shaw.ca. Or contact Rev. Harry.

Donations: Thank You for all the ways you give! Here are some options: mail a cheque or your church envelope with enclosed cheque (please do not mail cash); Click donate button for PayPal on church's website; e-transfer to

Treasurer@firstpresbyterian.ca (auto-deposit is set up, so no need to use a secret question). Best of all, please consider pre-authorized remittance (PAR); more information here: <https://presbyterian.ca/plannedgiving/pre-authorized-remittance-par-program>. If you have any questions about donating or church finances, contact the Treasurer, Javed Sommers, at treasurer@firstpresbyterian.ca.

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First Presbyterian Church is located on Treaty Six Territory, lands of many First Nations, including the Cree, Dene, Anishinaabe, Nakota Sioux and Blackfoot peoples, as well as the Métis. First Church repudiates doctrines of colonization and repents for the harm done to Indigenous Peoples by colonization and residential schools. First Church wants to build relationships based on justice, love of neighbour, and mutual respect between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples

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