

CHARLESWOOD MENNONITE CHURCH

April 20, 2025

Paska Breakfast 9:30 am | Worship Service 10:45 am

Worship Leader: Jonathan Neufeld

Children's Time: Julia Thiessen

Technician: Kent Haase

Ushers: Linda & Sig Schroeder

Speaker: Lisa Enns

Song Leader: Bob Wiebe

Pianist: Verna Wiebe

Easter

Christ Confronts Death

WE GATHER

Handbell Prelude: *Raise Your Joys and Triumphs High*

Call to Worship:

The Stone is rolled away!

Why look for the living among the dead?

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

No nonsense here! Christ confronts death, affecting the universe.

Christ confronts death, affecting each of us.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

Dressing the Cross! Songs: VT 351 *Oh, How Great Is Christ the Lord*
VT 72 *Alleluia*

Welcome and Introductions

Hymn: VT 333 *Low in the Grave He Lay*

WE HEAR THE WORD

Scripture Reading: Luke 24:1-12 (see insert)

Time for All God's Children

Hymn: VT 346 *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

Sermon: "Remembering the Past Before Moving Forward"

RESPONDING

Confession and Words of Assurance

All: *Loving and merciful God,
We confess that we have sinned against you.*

One: We have not loved you with all our thoughts,
words and actions.

Many: **We have sinned through what we have chosen to do
and what we have chosen to neglect.**

One: We have not fully accepted your love for us.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.

Many: **We linger in the shadows of fear and death, afraid to fully
embrace the love you showed us through the resurrection.**

All: *We repent before each other and before you, our loving God.
Please help us open our hearts to your love.
Help us fully live in the love you showed us in Jesus' death and
resurrection so we may better share your peace in your world,
rejoicing in your name. Amen.*

Hymn: VT 565 *Christ Is Alive, and Goes Before Us*

Prayer & Reflective Silence on Offering

Easter Prayer

SENDING

Announcements

Hymn: VT 341 *Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia!*

Benediction

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Luke 24:1-12 ~ *The Resurrection of Jesus*

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.' Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.