

WATERFORD UNITED CHURCH
Sunday, April 12, 2026
Easter 2
Rev. Randy MacKenzie

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

CENTERING TIME

For the Sake of Tiny Resurrections *Sarah Speed*

LIGHT THE CHRIST CANDLE:

Through the lighting of the Christ Candle, we remind ourselves of Jesus' presence in our midst. Through the lighting of the Christ Candle, we take a moment to open ourselves to the love and grace of God, that we celebrate in this time of worship.

CALL TO WORSHIP/ OPENING PRAYER:

One: Peace to you this day as you come through open doors

All: **God's peace to you.**

One: Peace to you who hide behind locked doors

All: **God's peace to you.**

One: Peace to you who come with more doubt than faith

All: **God's peace to you.**

One: Peace to you who are seeking the path to life.

All: **We come, trusting in God's goodness and grace.**

OPENING PRAYER

God of resurrection, You have rolled the stone away and the tomb of our world has been opened wide. With the dawn has come a new creation. Let our celebration today, empty our tombs, renew our lives, and release Your power in and among us; through the risen Christ we pray. Amen

HYMN: Thine is the Glory

VU #173

PRAYER OF CONFESSION and WORDS OF GRACE *(together):*

Resurrection God, You have given us life in a beautiful world, now emerging from the dormancy of a harsh winter's rest. We hear the dawn chorus that promises a new day and draw comfort from the voices of loved ones. Thank You for our experiences of life this week – those that have brought pleasure and joy, as well as those that have difficult and even hurtful which we name in a short time of silence.

(reflect upon the events in your life this past week)

Sometimes our trials in life seem greater than our faith to overcome them. Gracious God, You do not condemn us for our doubts and struggles, But speak to us of peace and hope amidst them.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: People of God, fearful and faithful, doubting and dutiful, the Holy Spirit of God breathes life, healing and forgiveness into us. Let us receive God's peace and wholeness.

All: **In trust and joy we receive God's peace. Amen**

HYMN: The Church is Wherever

VU #579

YOUNG AT HEART: How do you know?

God Sightings

HYMN: You Tell Me That the Lord Is Risen

VU #185

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Prayer for Illumination

Stories of the Early Church: 1 John 1: 1 – 2.2

Stories of Jesus: John 20: 19 – 29

MESSAGE: Is Seeing Believing?

Offering and Offertory Prayer:

As we remember the words of Jesus "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Let us share of our gifts today, according to the blessings that God has given to each of us.

Doxology: Praise God

VU #541

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Jesus Christ, our burdens know, Praise Spirit through whom our hearts grow, Praise Three-in-One, from here below.

Prayer: (together) God of all peoples and God of all places, we present these offerings that they may be used to extend Your liberating reign. With them we offer our varied ministries, that each of us may be a part of Your answer to the cries of the world.

**PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND CONCERN
LORD'S PRAYER**

CLOSING HYMN: We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection VU # 586

SENDING FORTH:

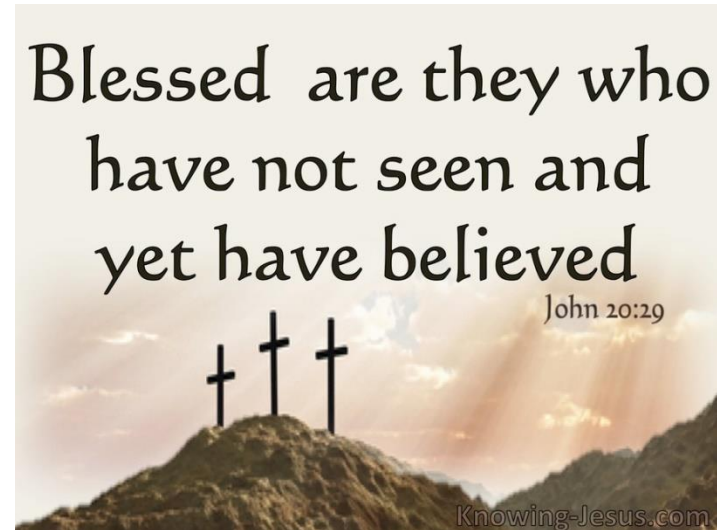
God the Creator bless you and keep you,
God the Redeemer save and direct you,
God the Spirit teach you and guide you,
On this day, and forevermore.

CHORAL BLESSING: Go Now in Peace
Go now in peace, never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true
Know he will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe
Reach out to others, so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.
Amen, Amen, Amen.



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**Worship Leader: Rev. Randy MacKenzie
Music: Chris Savory**



Today we are gathered in the traditional territories of several indigenous nations with gratitude. As settlers, we take on the responsibility of learning about historic and current relationships, and our desire to engage in building right relations. We are also mindful of broken covenant, and the need to commit ourselves to deep reconciliation and healing.

The Waterford United Church is a place where everyone is welcome regardless of their ability, age, class, ethnicity, gender, race, or sexual orientation.

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