



Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024, 10:30am

Sailing Together - Easter 2024

During the Season of Easter, the first followers of Jesus prepared to set sail as a community centred in the Way of Jesus. The ship became a symbol of the Church—with sails hoisted the Church is propelled by the winds of the Spirit.

Welcome Aboard!

We invite you to be part of our growing community.



- Join FBCH as a member
- Become a Monthly Supporter
- Volunteer today - Contact the staff and find ways you can contribute regularly
- Find many treasures - Subscribe to our weekly News Notes on our website and stay in the loop
- Stay connected - Life is a voyage, and so is our social media feed. Stay onboard for all the good stuff!

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**Stand as you are able*

Gathering in the FBCH Sanctuary

Prayer candles are available in the north transept if you would like to light one as part of your prayer this morning. For more information about the life of FBCH, visit our website: fbchalifax.ca or like us on social media.

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Prelude

Lynette Wahlstrom

Suite liturgique -Bédard

Ringling of the Trinity

Welcome

Paula Zanello Antunes

***Call to Worship**

Dahrl Whitney

In the beginning, before time, before people, before the world began,

God was.

Here and now, among us, beside us, clearer than air, closer than breathing,

God is.

In all that is to come, when we have turned to dust and human knowledge has been completed,

God will be.

Not despairing of earth, but delighting in it, not condemning the world, but redeeming it through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit,

God was, God is, God will be.

***Prayer of Approach**

Everlasting God, we gather in your presence in the company of human companions to worship you and to live out the values of the Way of Jesus. May your Spirit guide us to form a community of trust and respect for one another and all our neighbours. Amen.

***Processional Hymn (next page)**

In Christ There Is No East or West 318

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their
 3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in

him no south or north, but one great fel - low -
 high com - mu - nion find; his ser - vice is the
 e'er your race may be. All chil - dren of the
 him meet south and north. All Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
 gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
 liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
 one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

This text formed a very small part of an elaborate Christian missionary pageant in the early 20th century, yet it has endured while the grander aspects of that production have faded away. It is set to a simple 19th-century tune that does not get in the way of its message.

TEXT: John Oxenham, 1908, alt.
 MUSIC: Alexander Robert Reinagle, 1836

ST. PETER
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 (alternate tune: MC KEE, 317)

Lighting of the Christ Candle

***Psalm Reading: Psalm Psalm 146:1-2, 7-10**
The Inclusive Bible

Dahrl Whitney

Hal H. Hopson

Refrain



Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord. Praise the name of the Lord.

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Alleluia! Praise the LORD, my soul! I will praise you all my life; I will sing praise to my God while I live!

O LORD, you keep faith forever: you secure justice for the oppressed; you give food to the hungry; you set captives free; R
You give sight to the blind; you raise up those who were bowed down; you love those who do justice; you protect strangers; you sustain orphans and the bereaved—but you thwart the way of the corrupt.

The LORD will reign forever through all generations. Alleluia!

Praise the LORD, my soul! I will praise you all my life; I will sing praise to my God while I live! Alleluia! R

Children's Hymn

God Welcomes All 399



God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;



God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

This "short song," as the Iona Community calls it, can be especially effective as a means of setting a welcoming tone for a service (especially an ecumenical one). Like most such songs, it needs to be sung several times, adding and improvising harmony with each repetition.

TEXT: John L. Bell, 2008
MUSIC: South African song; transcr. John L. Bell, 2008
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***Blessing of the Children**

Beloved children of our church family: may God's Spirit be with you as you enter into the stories of our faith; may your imaginations be opened to encounter God's love for you and all the world; and may you be formed to care for others as you discover the Way of Jesus. Amen.

Children going into Primary-Grade 6 are invited to go to Godly Play.

***Doxology - OLD HUNDREDTH**

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

Donations

All contributions to FBCH support our mission and ministry and are greatly appreciated. Offering boxes are located at the side doors at the back of the Sanctuary. You can also go to our website fbchalifax.ca and click on the Ways to Give link for information about how to financially support the ministries of FBCH, including e-transfers or setting up recurring donations.

New Testament Reading: Acts 5:1-11

New Revised Standard Version

^{5:1}But a man named Ananias, with the consent of his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property; ²with his wife's knowledge, he kept back some of the proceeds, and brought only a part and laid it at the apostles' feet.

³'Ananias,' Peter asked, 'why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back part of the proceeds of the land? ⁴While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, were not the proceeds at your disposal? How is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You did not lie to us but to God!' ⁵Now when Ananias heard these words, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard of it. ⁶The young men came and wrapped up his body, then carried him out and buried him.

⁷After an interval of about three hours his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. ⁸Peter said to her, 'Tell me whether you and your husband sold the land for such and such a price.' And she said, 'Yes, that was the price.' ⁹Then Peter said to her, 'How is it that you have agreed together to put the Spirit of the Lord to the test? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out.'

¹⁰Immediately she fell down at his feet and died. When the young men

came in they found her dead, so they carried her out and buried her beside her husband. ¹¹And great fear seized the whole church and all who heard of these things.

Spoken Reflection

Rusty Edwards

Sailing with Peter: Keep Trust

Anthem

Tenors and Basses, Senior Choir

Then Sings My Soul - Hine, arr. Mary McDonald

Prayers of the People

Dahrl Whitney

Lord's Prayer

**Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and
ever. Amen.**

***Recessional Hymn (next page)**

The Church's One Foundation 321

1 The chur-ch's one foun-da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord.
 2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op-pressed,
 4 Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth has un - ion with God, the Three in One,

She is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
 by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis-tressed,
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more:
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won:

From heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride.
 One ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we,

With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
 And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 like them, the meek and low - ly, may live e - ter - nal - ly.

This hymn was one of twelve written by an English curate to affirm the articles of the Apostles' Creed with biblical allusions such as 1 Corinthians 3:11 here. Though not created for this text, the tune was joined to it in 1868, and the two have been inseparable ever since.

Benediction

Rusty Edwards

Amen

Postlude

Lynette Wahlstrom, Organ
Amazing Grace - Pardini



The Week Ahead at FBCH

For details go to fbchalifax.ca or read News Notes

Sunday, April 28

10:30am - Sunday Worship; Sanctuary

Wednesday, May 1

6:30pm - Book Study; Online

6:30pm - Queer Spirit Church; Sanctuary

Thursday, Maay 2

7-9pm - Senior Choir; Sanctuary

Sunday, May 5

10:30am - Sunday Worship; Sanctuary

11:45am - Just Lunch & Youth Group; Assembly room



Truth & Reconciliation

Each Sunday, we list one of the Calls to Action issued by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada. These Calls to Action remind us of Jesus' calling to love God and love our neighbours. May they guide us to put loving justice into action.

Legacy: Justice

31. We call upon the federal, provincial, and territorial governments to provide sufficient and stable funding to implement and evaluate community sanctions that will provide realistic alternatives to imprisonment for Aboriginal offenders and respond to the underlying causes of offending.

Lay Leaders

Dahlr Whitney, Deacon
Alice Chan-Yip, Lay Leader

Church Staff Team

Paula Zanello Antunes, Community Engagement Lead
David Bourque, Lay Minister
John Dalton, Lay Minister
Rusty Edwards, Senior Minister
Jean Ferguson, Congregational Coordinator
Arla Johnson, Minister of Inclusive Community
Chip Murray, Custodian
Katie Pezzutto, Lead Godly Play Storyteller
Lynette Wahlstrom, Director of Music

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Easter 2024 Monthly Supporter Goal

Our goal for the season of Easter is to grow participation in our monthly giving plan (often referred to as Preauthorized Offering Plan or POP). Consistent, monthly support gives FBCH predictable income to support our mission and ministry.

*Our goal is to double the number of
Monthly Supporters to 88 donors.*

Watch us achieve our goal in Easter:

