

COLEBROOK UNITED CHURCH

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Third Sunday of Easter

April 15, 2018

10:00 AM.

We Gather

Welcome

We are a caring, serving community,
faithfully journeying and trusting in the mystery that is God,
seeking joy, peace and justice for all.

Call To Worship:

One: God who brings sight to the blind;

**All: Open our eyes to the things that we refuse to
acknowledge.**

One: God who brings sound to the deaf;

**All: Open our ears that we may hear the hard truths we
want to ignore.**

One: God who softens hardened hearts and opens closed minds;

**All: Touch us with your compassion and healing as we
come together to worship.**



Gathering Hymn: *Let Us Build a House*



MV 1

Life and Work of the Congregation

Lighting of Christ Candle:

One: As we light the Christ candle, we boldly proclaim:

**All: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness does
not overcome it.**

One: In the midst of hopelessness, we open ourselves to
embrace hope;

**All: for the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness
does not overcome it.**

One: In the face of death, we open ourselves to embrace life;

**All: for the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness
does not overcome it.**

Centering Hymn: *Gather Us In*

MV 7

Acknowledgement of First Nation Territories

Prayer of Approach: Adapted from Guerrillas of Grace by Ted Loder

**Gentle us, Holy One, into an unclenched moment, a deep
breath, a letting go of heavy expectancies, of shriveling
anxieties, of dead certainties, that, softened by the silence,
surrounded by the light, and open to the mystery, we may be
found by wholeness, upheld by the unfathomable, entranced
by the simple, and filled with the joy that is you.**

Sharing the Peace of Christ

One: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.



We Proclaim

Learning Together:

Song: *Jesus Loves Me*

VU 365

Scripture Reading: Luke 24:36-48

Reflection: Am I Being Stupid?

Hymn: *Open My Eyes*

VU 371

Presenting our Gifts and Offerings:

Offertory

Our Sung Response: *Doxology*

VU 541

A Time of Prayer

Joys and Concerns

Song of Preparation – *And When You Call for Me* MV 96

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

We Go Forth

Hymn: *Jesus, You Have Come To the Lakeshore*

VU 563

Commissioning and Benediction

Hymn: *When You Walk from Here*

VU 298

Postlude

