

Even after all they had seen

and heard on Easter Day, seven disciples decided to return to their old careers as fishermen. Our resurrected Lord finds them on the Sea of Tiberias. Seeing that their catch is dismal, Jesus tells them to cast their nets in a new direction. The haul was huge.

Sitting down to an ordinary breakfast of fish and bread, they knew the identity of their host, but were too afraid to speak up. Jesus tells them that they cannot repeat the past. They cannot go back to their old ways and careers.

A new life awaits them.

"Follow me," Christ commands them. Go into the world and minister to my people.

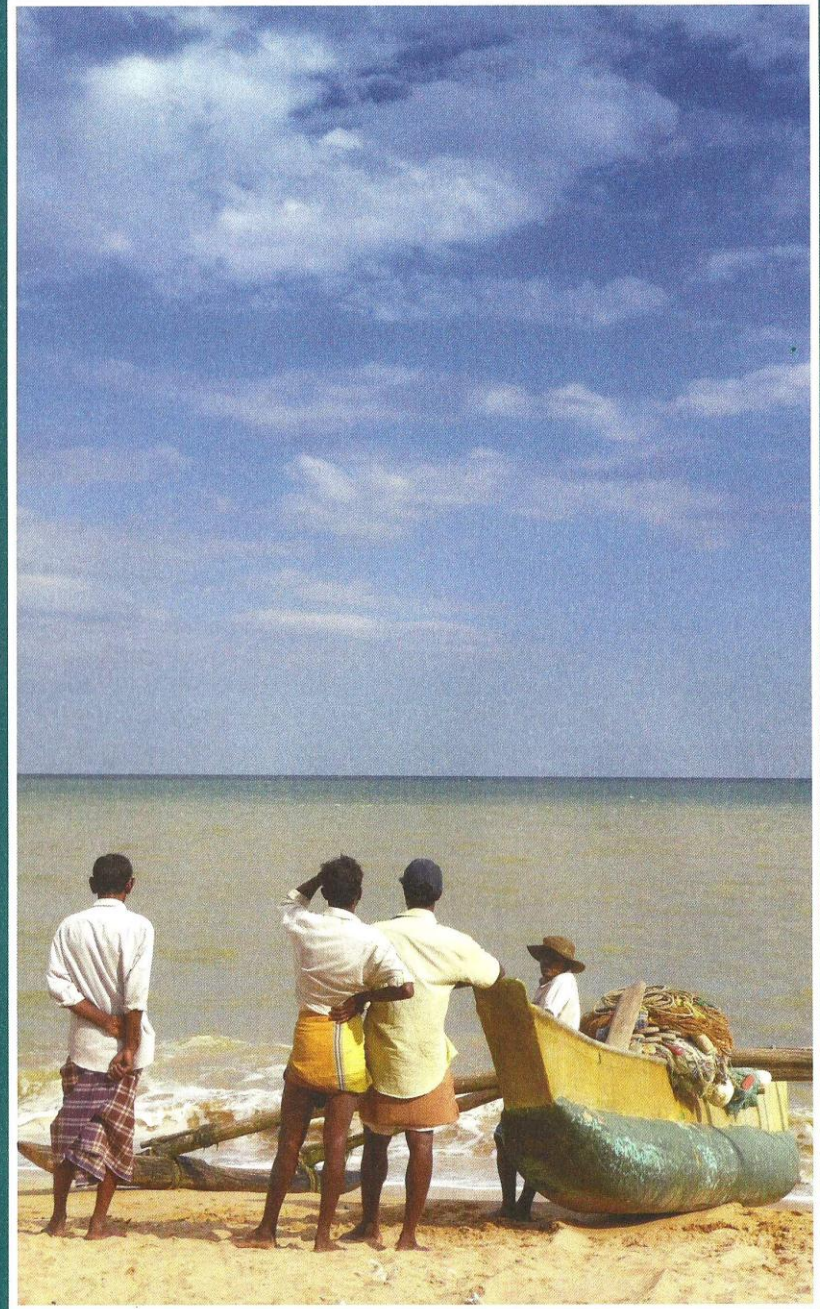
Every new day thereafter will bring to these disciples joys, challenges and trials.

Each new day dawns upon us in the same way. We can never repeat the past. We can only go forward in faith, following our Lord.

Every Sunday is a "little Easter." May God, who shattered death and brought through Christ's resurrection new life, fill us with great joy in trust and believing.

The Rev. Keith McKee is minister at St. George's Church in London, Ontario.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, April 14, 2013

Third Easter of Sunday

Please stand at items marked * if you are able.

Passages in **Bold Print** are to be spoken in Unison

Organ Prelude – Hymn and Quiet Reflection

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Bert Vancook

Pianist - Sheila Rowan Music Director- Kendall House

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Introit

* Entry of the Bible

Call to Worship

* Hymn: *At the dawning* # 248

Opening Prayer:

Lord Jesus, here we are this morning as your followers : your wounded hands and feet in the world today are ours. At times we have been the frightened ones, staying at a distance, worried about our safety or our reputations. But you come close to us, bringing peace and challenge, unlocking our potential and setting us free.

At times we have been the doubting ones, when creeds conflict or when certainty has evaded us. But you come close and allow us to speak our minds, accepting us and setting us free.

At times we have been the confused ones, feeling far from you with questions that don't have answers. But you come close through our fear, through our doubt, through our confusion. Help us to continue our work, liberated and united by the love of the resurrected one, Jesus, in whose name we pray. (Iona Community)

Assurance of Pardon

Exchanging the Peace of Christ

Music

* Hymn: *Jesus is risen* # 254

(Children come to the front during the last verse)

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Preparation

Lead me, Lord, lead me in your righteousness; make your way plain before my face; for it is you, and you, God only, who makes me to dwell in safety.

Bible Readings:

Acts 9: 1-6	P. 127	N.T.
Psalms 30	P. 505	O.T.
John 21: 1-14	P. 115 & 116	N.T.

Gloria

594

* Hymn: *From Heaven you came* # 379

Sermon

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Tithes and Offerings

* Offertory Response 11

My table thou has furnished, in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows

Prayer of Dedication

O God, you have come among us in Jesus that we might have life in all its abundance. We return from that abundance gifts that are intended to help others. Use them to bring life to the world, we pray through Jesus.

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer (debtsdebtors)

* Hymn: *Precious Lord, take my hand* # 675

Blessing

Response: *Go now in peace* (Besig/Price)

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.



Prayer Concerns:

Marie Huffman (Roseview)
and her granddaughter, Bronwyn

Emile Chiasson

Douglas Anderson

Thank you this week to:

Greeters: Betty Irwin and Betty Irving

Lay Reader: Lloyd Jones

Fellowship Time: Leslie Shaw and Janet Taylor

Elevator Operator: Cameron Noy

Offering Counting: Val Calder and Isobel Telford

Offering Collection: Russ Brown, Don Munn, Joyce Nystrom, Janet Taylor

Visiting: Leslie Shaw and Betty Irving

Next week's volunteers: April 21st

Greeters: Betty Irwin and Betty Irving

Lay Reader: Sandra Allan

Fellowship Time: Isobel Telford and Val Calder

Elevator Operator: Doug Brown

Offering Counting: Lynae Grace and Myrna Grace

Offering Collection: Russ Brown, Don Munn, Joyce Nystrom, Janet Taylor

Visiting: Leslie Shaw and Betty Irving

Upcoming Events at First

Tuesday, April 16th - Mission Study: Poverty - 1:15pm

Wed., April 17th - Board of Managers - 6:30 pm

Thur., April 18th - Bible Study - 10 am

- Choir Practice - 7 pm

Applications to register for summer camp (July 5-11) and/or applications for staff or volunteers are available in the Church Office.

**Scouts Spaghetti Dinner
Saturday, April 20, 2013**

4:00 -6:00 pm

Adults \$10.00

Children 5-12 \$8.00

Children 4 and under free

Take-Out available - bring you own container

Lakehead Choral Group presents their annual spring concert, titled "The Four Elements" on Wednesday, April 24th at St. Agnes Church.

Tickets \$15 at the door

Advance tickets \$12 - at Rollason Flowers, Hull's Family Bookstore, the Finish Bookstore/Family Nook or any Choral Group member or call 622-5988

**Men's Annual Spring Tea
Saturday, April 20th 1:00-3:00 pm**

Lakeview Presbyterian Church

278 Camelot Street

tickets available at the door - \$4

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

Our Mission purpose is to put our faith into action through mission education, community outreach, and personal and financial support both at home and abroad.