

PALGRAVE UNITED CHURCH

April 28, 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Sing A New Song**

**Prelude**

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

**Territorial Acknowledgement**

**Welcome and announcements**

**Call to Worship:**

From the routines of work and home;

**we come to worship God.**

Anxious about our well-being and the well-being of others;

**we come to worship God.**

With concern for the politics, violence and divisions of our world;

**we come to worship God.**

Grateful for the blessings that we daily enjoy;

**we come to worship God.**

In the midst of our fears and our hopes:

**we trust in God's power and presence, as we offer our prayer and our praise; in Jesus' name.**

Let us worship God.

**Hymn:**                      This is God's Wondrous World      VU 296

## **Gathering Prayer**

**Gracious God, source of life and love, we gather in your presence, acknowledging your love for us. No matter who we are, your love encircles us - gently leading, guiding and blessing, giving us significance and restoring our purpose in the midst of your wonderful creation.**

**We praise you for your love and your faithful presence in our lives.**

**As we share in this time of worship, may your Spirit move in our hearts and minds.**

**Open our eyes to recognise your presence among us; open our hearts to the love that you have for us and open our minds to the truth you will reveal to us.**

**Examine our attitudes and actions; lay bare the things we need to confess, and guide us on the paths that lead to life.**

**We pray in the name of Your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ, in whom we find life and salvation.**

**Hymn:** It Only Takes A Spark VU 289

**Scripture Reading:** John 15:1-8

**Sermon:** Stay Connected

**Hymn:** Three Things I Promise MV 176

**Prayer of thanksgiving and intercession**

**Offering**

**Hymn**            All the    Way My Saviour Leads Me    VU 635

**Benediction and Commissioning**

**Sung Response**            Halle, Halle, Halle    VU 958