

# Opening Prayers for 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter, April 26, 2020

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## Welcome

Welcome to St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Hamilton for this brief worship on Sunday, April 26. My name is Mark Lewis and I am the newly appointed Interim-Moderator of St. Paul's. I hope this time of worship will be meaningful for you.

## Call to Worship (Luke 24:30-32)

He sat down to eat with them, took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke the bread and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he disappeared from their sight. They said to each other, "Wasn't it like fire burning within us when he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us."

## Opening Prayer

Tender and loving God, we come to you in the name of Jesus. As we enter into worship today, we do so with a deep desire to feel your presence and your love. In this season of isolation many of your children feel lost, lonely and frightened. Come and minister to those people now, O God. Let us all know how much you care for us. Let us feel the warmth of your presence. And give us the strength to show love and kindness to all the people around us so that we can help each other through the sadness of this day into new joy. We ask this in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray saying together:

*Our Father, 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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen*