

*Alleluia!*





THE LORD'S DAY  
EASTER SUNDAY  
APRIL 20, 2025 – 10:45 AM

GREETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE – “Fugue in C Major” .....Dietrich Buxtehude

ENTERING INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One Voice: Christ is Risen.

**All Voices: Christ is Risen Indeed!**

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CHORAL INTROIT .....The Chancel Choir  
“Risen Indeed” .....Allen Pote

CONVENING PRAYER

## \*CONVENING HYMN – “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

1 Christ the Lord is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 Love's re-deem-ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 Lives a - gain our glo-rious King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!

All cre - a - tion, join to say Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri-umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Death in vain for - bids him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Once he died our souls to save, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Made like him, like him we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!

Sing, ye heavens, and earth re - ply, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Al - le - lu - ia!

WORDS: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.  
 MUSIC: *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

EASTER HYMN  
 7.7.7.7. Alleluias

## \*CALL TO CONFESSION

## \*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving God, we confess that at times we do not share in the joy of the resurrection but are caught in the worries of the world. We confess that we do not always live in the spirit of new life but remain discontent, grumbling and anxious. Forgive us for not sharing in the Good News. Forgive us when we find it more comfortable to worry and complain than to risk the joy and encouragement of new life in Christ. Call us back to Your ways, O God, to seek hope and reconciliation, restoration and peace. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.**

## \*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

## \*OUR GRATEFUL RESPONSE – “Alleluia No. 1”

The musical score is written for a four-part setting of 'Alleluia No. 1'. It features a treble and bass staff for each of two vocal parts. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with chords indicated above the staff. The lyrics are arranged in four lines, with the first line of the first system and the last line of the second system containing the full 'Alleluia' text. The second system of the first part ends with a double bar line, and the second system of the second part also ends with a double bar line.

Chords: G, C, Am7, D, C/D, D, C/G, G

1 Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,  
2 He's my Sav - ior, Al - le - lu - ia, he's my Sav - ior, Al - le - lu - ia,  
3 He is wor - thy, Al - le - lu - ia, he is wor - thy, Al - le - lu - ia,  
4 I will praise him, Al - le - lu - ia, I will praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,

Chords: G, C, Am7, D7, C/D, D7, C/G, G

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!  
he's my Sav - ior, Al - le - lu - ia, he's my Sav - ior, Al - le - lu - ia!  
he is wor - thy, Al - le - lu - ia, he is wor - thy, Al - le - lu - ia!  
I will praise him, Al - le - lu - ia, I will praise him, Al - le - lu - ia!

WORDS and MUSIC: Jerry Sinclair (1943-1993)

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ALLELUIA  
L.M.

CONVERSATION WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH.....Diane Curtis  
Grades 1-6 are invited to go downstairs for 'Kid's Church'

ANTHEM - .....The Chancel Choir  
"Christ is Risen! Christ is Alive!.....Larson/Wren

## SERVICE OF GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION.....Elder Jack Hittle

## HOLY SCRIPTURE

New Testament – 1 Corinthians 15:20-26

Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Old Testament – Psalm 24:3-5, 7-10 (Responsive)

Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD? Who may stand in his holy place?

**The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god.**

They will receive blessing from the LORD and vindication from God their Savior. ...

**Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.**

Who is this King of glory?

**The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.**

Lift up your heads, you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

**Who is he, this King of glory?**

*Unison:* **The LORD Almighty--he is the King of glory.**

## PREACHING TEXT

Gospel – John 20:1-18

Early on Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. She ran and found Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved. She said, “They have taken the Lord’s body out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!” Peter and the other disciple started out for the tomb. They were both running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He stooped and looked in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he didn’t go in. Then Simon Peter arrived and went inside. He also noticed the linen wrappings lying there, while the cloth that had covered Jesus’ head was folded up and lying apart from the other wrappings. Then the disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in, and he saw and believed—for until then they still hadn’t understood the Scriptures that said Jesus must rise from the dead. Then they went home. Mary was standing outside the tomb crying, and as she wept, she stooped and looked in. She saw two white-robed angels, one sitting at the head and the other at the foot of the place where the body of Jesus had been lying. “Dear woman, why are you crying?” the angels asked her. “Because they have taken away my Lord,” she replied, “and I don’t know where they have put him.” She turned to leave and saw someone standing there. It was Jesus, but she didn’t recognize him. “Dear woman, why are you crying?” Jesus asked her. “Who are you looking for?” She thought he was the gardener. “Sir,” she said, “if you have taken him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will go and get him.” “Mary!” Jesus said. She turned to him and cried out, “Rabboni!” (which is Hebrew for “Teacher”). “Don’t cling to me,” Jesus said, “for I haven’t yet ascended to the Father. But go find my brothers and tell them that I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.” Mary Magdalene found the disciples and told them, “I have seen the Lord!” Then she gave them his message.

One Voice:     The word of the Lord!

**All Voices:     Thanks be to God!**

SERMON – “Through the Eyes of Mary” .....Jeff Wildrick

PASTORAL PRAYER with The Lord's Prayer

**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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING - God's Tithes/Our Offerings

OFFERTORY - "Risen is the King" .....Gene Clarke

\*DOXOLOGY – "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH - An Easter Creed for the Easter People

**We believe in an Easter God who transforms darkness into light, hatred into love, and despair into hope. We believe God is always working for good, changing every Good Friday nightmare into an Easter dream of new possibility.**

**We believe in the risen Christ who befriends us on our roads of searching and worry; who touches us through song and silence, word and gesture; who calls us by name to enter the dance of life.**

**We believe in the Spirit, the hidden presence behind every resurrection, who beckons us to leave tomblake safety to trust the gracious invitation of Christ to live joyfully.**

**We believe we are an Easter people, a sign that with God, all things are possible!**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
Amen!**



# \*SENDING HYMN – “Christ Arose!”

1 Low in the grave he lay- Je-sus my Sav-ior, wait-ing the com-ing day-  
 2 Vain-ly they watch his bed- Je-sus my Sav-ior, vain-ly they seal the dead-  
 3 Death can-not keep his prey- Je-sus my Sav-ior, he tore the bars a-way-

*Refrain*

Je-sus my Lord!  
 Je-sus my Lord! Up from the grave he a-rose, with a  
 Je-sus my Lord! he a-rose,

might-y tri-umph o'er his foes; he a-rose a vic-tor from the  
 he a-rose!

dark do-main, and he lives for-ev-er with his saints to reign. He a-

rose! He a-rose! He a-rose! Hal-le-lu-jah! Christ a-rose!

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE - "March Pontificale.....Jacques Lemmens

Director of Music Ministries  
Randall Curtis



*Lilies in the chancel this morning given in celebration of our  
Risen Lord and with love...*

in gratitude for everyday of Pastor Dobi's service to us  
given by the Congregation

in memory of our parents  
given by Ed and Linda Camlin

in memory of Ronald "Bo" Artman  
given by his wife Cherri and family

in honor of Darlene Artman, New Covenant Partner  
given by Congregational Life and Fellowship Committee

in honor of Lyn Cepris, New Covenant Partner  
given by Congregational Life and Fellowship Committee

in honor of Pastor Jeff  
given by the Congregational Life and Fellowship Committee

in memory of our parents Blaine and Shirley  
given by Gail Gongaware and siblings

in memory of our dad Gary  
given by Gail Gongaware and siblings

in memory of Bill Fay  
given by Mary Jane Fay and family

in memory of my brother Frank Reigelman  
given by Mary Jane Fay

in honor of Jane Margaret Schamberg  
given by her great grandmother Mary Jane Fay

in memory of David and Margaret Graham  
given by daughters Karen Shilling and Janice Harbison  
and their families

in memory of Albert and Martha Redfoot  
given by grand-daughters Karen Shilling and Janice Harbison  
and their families

in memory of Joan Stoyer  
given by Lucy Wheaton

in memory of Clayton and Myrene Stoyer  
given by Lucy Wheaton

in memory of Vince and Jean McCready  
given by Lucy Wheaton

in memory of Archie and Ellen Wallace  
given by Jeff and Brenda Wallace

in memory of Bob and Peggy Volpe  
given by Jeff and Brenda Wallace

in memory of Steven Wallace  
given by Jeff and Brenda Wallace

in memory of Andy Eddy  
given by parents Ben and Patty Eddy

in memory of Dr. and Mrs. W.D. Gamble  
given by Mimi and Irv Milheim

in memory of Rev. Dobi and in honor of Bonnie Dobi  
given by the Blum family

in honor of Journey and Rae  
given by Mauna and Papa

in memory of Shirley K. Miller and Paul W. Miller Jr.  
given by Jim and Janie Miller and family

in memory of Ken and Gladys Nye; Jim Nye and Jeff Nye  
given by Jim and Janie Miller and family

in honor of our family: Keith, Lori and Maria Miller; Ben Miller;  
Matt, Kelly, Henry and Rachel Minner  
given by Jim and Janie Miller

in memory of Lynn D. Gruber and Randall Gruber  
given by Treasa Gruber

in memory of Marget Trezona  
given by Treasa Gruber

in memory of Donald Craine  
given by his loving wife Alice

in memory of Rev. David Dobi  
given by Small Group

In memory of Donald Deist  
given by Dale and Barbara Deist

in memory of Edna Deist  
given by Dale and Barbara Deist

in memory of Dorothy Hanft  
given by Dale and Barbara Deist

in memory of Bill Hanft  
given by Dale and Barbara Deist

in honor of Oscar Hanft  
given by Dale and Barbara Deist

in honor of grandchildren Lily and Liam Wilson;  
Riley, Benji and Josie Holden; Dominic Deist  
given by Dale and Barbara Deist

in honor of Josie, Sidney and A.J. Hart  
given by Pat and Kaye Williams

in memory of Jim and Naomi Williams  
given by Pat and Kaye Williams and family

in memory of Merrell and Eleanor Powell  
given by Pat and Kaye Williams and family

in memory of Jack, Marjorie and Dale Dershimer  
given by Drew, Ericka and Jack Dershimer

in memory of Merton Hutton  
given by Drew, Ericka and Jack Dershimer

in memory of David Schreiber, Bill Groover and Nikki Ensbrenner  
given by Doug, Michele and Dillon Groover

in memory of our grandparents  
given by Doug, Michele and Dillon Groover

in memory of David A. Dobi  
given by Jim and Janie Miller

in honor of Bonnie Dobi  
given by Jim and Janie Miller

in memory of Joe and Kay Gallino  
given by their grandchildren

in memory of Anna Walker  
given by her children and grandchildren

in memory of LeRoy Walker  
given by his children and grandchildren

in memory of Grandma Ruth  
given by her children and grandchildren

