



Easter

A time of *Hope*

A season of *Renewal*

A reason to *Rejoice!*

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

EASTER SUNDAY

March 31, 2024

10:00 a.m.

We Gather with Others in God's House

Words of Welcome

We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds for Worship

Prelude

"The Strife is O'er"
Chancel Choir

Victory

We Give Praise and Adoration to God

Opening Prayer

Bentley Johnson, Liturgist

Glory To You, O God: you have won victory over death, raising Jesus from the grave and giving us eternal life. Glory to you, O Christ: for us and for our salvation you overcame death and opened the gate of everlasting life. Glory to you, O Holy Spirit: you lead us into the truth. Glory to you, O Blessed Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

*Hymn

"Christ Is Alive!"

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*Confession of Sin

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace. Forgive us, god of mercy.

Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. (silent prayer)

*Assurance of Pardon

*Passing the Peace

Hymn

"Thine Is the Glory" verse 1

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"Adagio for Strings"
String Ensemble and Kosumo Morishita, organ

Samuel Barber
arr. Jamin Hoffman

Children's Sermon

Special Music "Crown Him Lord This Easter Day!" Don Besig
Chancel Choir

"Christ Arose" arr. Greg Howlett
Kosumo Morishita, piano

Pastoral Prayer and 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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

Anthem "Easter Joy" arr. Karen Lakey Buckwalter
Handbell Choir

Prayer of Illumination

Reading Mark 16:1-8 (NT Pg. 66)

Special Music "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" arr. Paul Thompson
String Ensemble

Sermon "Afraid to Share the Good News?" Dr. Jones

Anthem "Easter Song" arr. Michael Ryan
Handbell Choir

Affirmation of Faith (Unison) The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

We Depart to Live and Love as Christian Disciples

*Hymn "Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!" #248

*Benediction and Offering
(After service, ushers will be standing by the doors with offering plates to receive your tithes and offerings)

Postlude "Allegro Maestoso" from *Water Music*
George Frideric Handel



TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

We Welcome Visitors - Thanks for worshipping with us! Please complete a yellow card and bring it to an usher in the back after worship.

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering envelopes were in the bulletins last week. If you would like to give to that offering please ask an usher for an envelope or write OGHS in the 'for line' on your check.

Today is a special musical Sunday with songs from our Chancel Choir, bell choir and strings quintet. It is appropriate that we celebrate Jesus' resurrection with music.

There will be no GriefShare or Youth Group this afternoon.

The Church office will be closed tomorrow, Easter Monday.

Adult Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. in Room 1 today, starts a six week series: **Don't Give the Enemy a Seat at Your Table**. This series will include a video presentation by Louie Giglio followed by a class discussion. Following is a brief description of the series: Our minds spinning seemingly out of control with thoughts that are not only unproductive, but potentially destructive and harmful. These thoughts are not of God. No, they're from the Enemy lurking, ready to seize any opportunity to lie his way into your mind and claim control over your life. But God has other plans for you.

Monday, April 1st, tomorrow. is the deadline to apply for FPC Post-secondary school education scholarships! Applications for the fall 2024 term are available in the church office or print from our website. The deadline to submit applications to the church office is by the end of the workday on Monday, April 1st. FPC members and their member dependents or children may apply for scholarship assistance.

PRAYER LIST

Pat Bishop

Bill Blackwell (brother of Mary Kauffman)

Tania Blackwell (sister-in-law of Mary Kauffman)

Andy Carlisle

Ella and Ray Charnley

Shirley Cochran

Billy Davis (grandson-in-law of David Demarest, cancer diagnosis)

Linda Deyton (sister of Annette Pickard)

Mina DiGeronimo

Ruth Fraser

Gabby Gates (friend of Dave Bice)

Joe Glenn (friend of Mary Kauffman)

Dorothy Halliwell (sister-in-law of Pat Interdonato)

Bill and Barbara Harrel

Chris Hasselkus

Andrea Mogg Jacque

Victoria Johnson (great-granddaughter of Christine)

Lloyd Kauffman (husband of Mary)

Lanier Lance (sister of Bill Tucker)

John Koch (brother-in-law of Debbie Koch)

Gloria Miller

Jodi Miller (daughter-in-law of Ginny Miller)

Wendi Moore (on the death of her uncle Bob Dillinger))

Annette Morris (friend of Mary Kauffman)

Fritz Rain (friend of Marybeth Olson)

Ruthanne and John Reiss

Frank Roberts

Michael Rou (cousin of Dr. David Albright)

Mike Scalf (loss of his mother, friend of Julia Wirono)

Kim Scalf (fighting cancer, friend of Julia Wirono)

Janie Scott

Rev. Ed Tenhor

Bob and Renee Timmer

Ann VanDenburgh

Robert Webber (brother of Ginny Miller)

William Wright