

March 31, 2024
The Resurrection of the Lord
Easter Sunday

PRELUDE "Sheep May Safely Graze" Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TWO-CENTS-A-MEAL HUNGER OFFERING

BELL INTROIT "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty" arr. Moglebust

OPENING SENTENCES

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

This is the day that the Lord has made;

Ps. 118:24

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

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GOSPEL LESSON John 20:1-18 N.T. page 88

PRAYER OF THE DAY

+HYMN: GTG #232 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" EASTER HYMN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All-knowing, all-powerful God,

we confess that, even on this most holy day,

we have difficulty believing in the victory over death

shown to us in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

We confess our utter dependence on you not only for life

but also for faith, hope, and love.

Without your astonishing appearance to our ancestors

and your stunning presence throughout the ages,

we would be lost.

Forgive us and transform us,

that in every way our work and prayer will

make whole what is broken and give peace on earth. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Ps. 118:17; Ps. 118:14

... who lives and reigns, now and forever.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

+HYMN: GTG #238 "Thine Is the Glory" JUDAS MACCABEUS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

... God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Children and youth are dismissed to Sunday School

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Waltz in A-flat Major" Schubert

+RESPONSE: GTG #606 OLD HUNDREDTH

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 25:6-9 O.T. page 497

PSALM

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;

God's mercy endures forever.

Let Israel now declare,

"God's mercy endures forever."

The LORD is my strength and my song,

and has become my salvation.

Shouts of rejoicing and salvation

echo in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!

The right hand of the LORD is exalted!

The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

I shall not die, but live,

and declare the works of the LORD.

The LORD indeed punished me sorely,

but did not hand me over to death.

Open for me the gates of righteousness;

I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.

"This is the gate of the LORD;

here the righteous may enter."

I give thanks to you, for you have answered me

and you have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected

has become the chief cornerstone.

By the LORD has this been done;

it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the LORD has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 N.T. page 135

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 16:1-8 N.T. page 42

RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE

John 14:1, 6

Jesus said: I am the way, the truth, and the life. Believe in me.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "Worthy Is the Lamb" Choplin

SERMON "Terror and Amazement" Rev. Bill Pinches

+HYMN: GTG #826 "Lift High the Cross" CRUCIFER

We will sing the first two verses with the choir, as directed.

The choir will sing an interlude in place of the third verse.

We will rejoin the choir on the refrain, and then sing the fourth verse.

+CHARGE

... Tell the story of hope. **Amen.**

+BLESSING

... this day and always. **Alleluia!**

CHORAL BENEDICTION "Hallelujah!" Handel

**You are invited to join us
for fellowship and refreshments
after worship in the Memorial Room.**

SERVING US TODAY

Liturgist: Katharine Wise

Guest Organist: Laura Johnson

Guest Musicians: Arianna Argentieri (violin);

Po-Chen Chang (cello); Derrick Gehring (trumpet);

Jack Louvar (trumpet); Natasha Kubit (violin); George Smith (viola)

Greeters: Kurt Immekus and Nancy Sue MacDonald

Next Week's Greeters: Tom and Tonya Seely

Sound: Marty Subject

Livestream: Tami Chapman

Security: Dan Baker

CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE

#78. Death of Peter:

Early Christian writings say that Simon Peter was crucified upside-down in Rome after the great fire in Rome, which the Emperor blamed on Christians. (c. AD 64)

THE STUDY CATECHISM

Question 1. What is God’s purpose for your life?

God wills that I should live by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, for the love of God, and in the communion of the Holy Spirit.

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ELDERS

Class of 2024: Jerry Ambrose, Lucinda Davenport, Loren Harkness, Tonya Seely.
Class of 2025: Doreen Chapman, Mary Garland Jackson, Monte Shuck.
Class of 2026: Bruce Archer (*Clerk of Session*), Ginnie Gibson, Jane Hamelink, Tim Hammond

DEACONS

Class of 2024: Donna Hujsak, Issie Nielsen, Camille Subject.
Class of 2025: Marge Clarke, Julie Dart, Timothy Pinches, Tom Seely (*Moderator*).
Class of 2026: Ron Dlouhy, Bill Leutscher, Sandy Leutscher, Nancy Sue MacDonald, Laurie McGonigal

EVENTS THIS WEEK

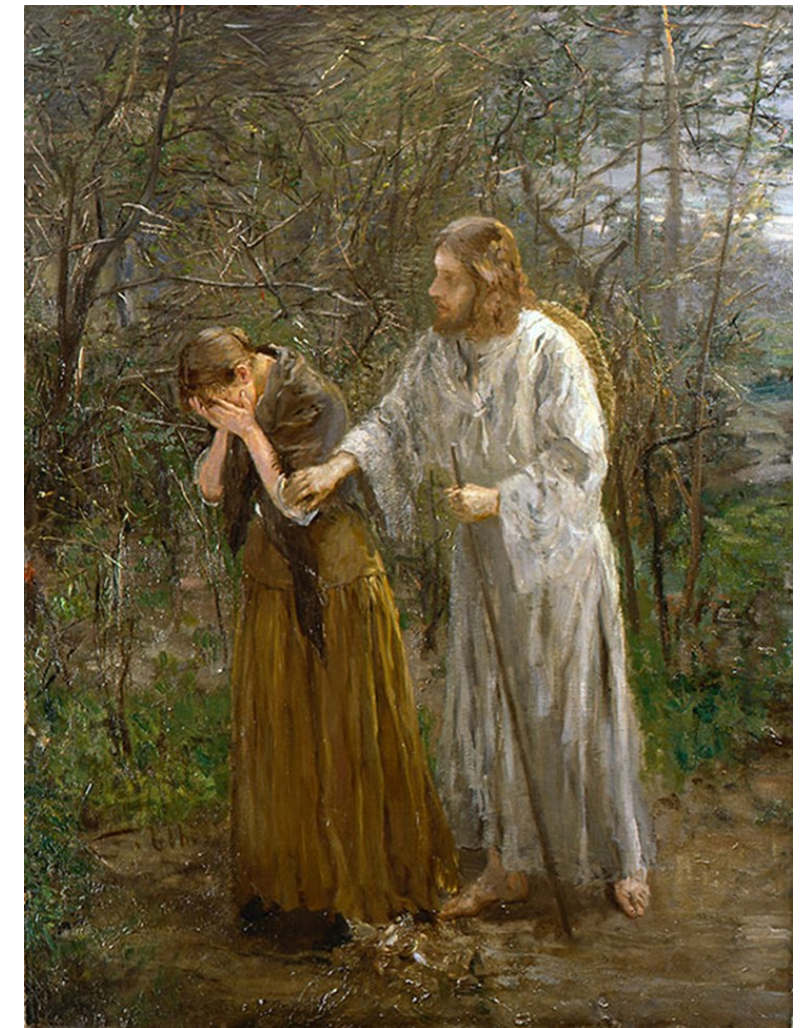
Today	<i>Happy Easter!</i>	
Monday	Mission Committee	4:00 pm
Tuesday	Memorial Service for Ginny Foy	11:00 am
Wednesday	Lunch Packing for Advent House	10:30 am
	Prayer Fellowship (in the Chapel)	12:00 pm
	NO Wonderful Wednesday this week	
	Wednesday Night Dinner	6:00 pm
	Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm
	Choir Rehearsal	7:10 pm
Thursday	Administration Committee	7:00 pm
	Board of Deacons	7:00 pm
Friday	Church Office closed / Pastor’s Sabbath	
Saturday	Yarners	10:00 am

BIRTHDAYS

Paul Blonshine	Apr. 1
Shirley Herrick	Apr. 2
Ted Welch	Apr. 2
Tonya Seely	Apr. 3

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by Fritz von Uhde, c. 1894

*The fruit of the Spirit
is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity,
faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
(Galatians 5:22-23)*