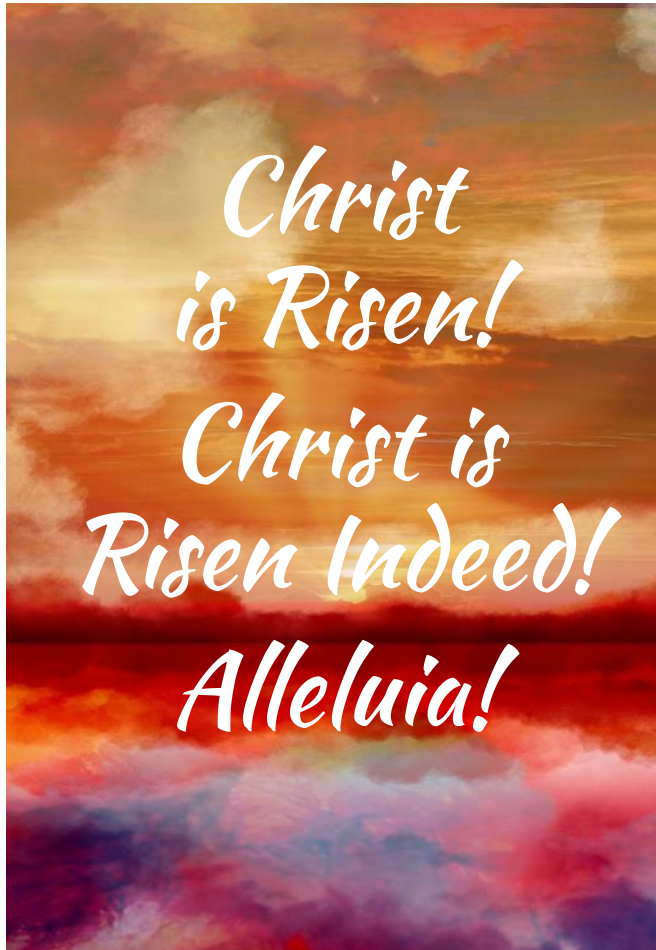


The Service for the Lord's Day



April 17, 2022

10:30 am • Easter Sunday

529 Hendrie Boulevard
Royal Oak, MI 48067
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Please silence all devices

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

For young children, the Prayground in the back of the sanctuary is open and our nursery is also available for those who prefer childcare for infants and toddlers.

I. GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

RELEASING THE HALLELUJAHS

Just before Lent, the children buried the Hallelujah away for the season. We have all been waiting for Easter to release it with joy! As our service begins today, we open the box, set the Hallelujah free, and celebrate God's triumph!

One: Our hearts are ready for Easter. We open this box and uncover the joy of the risen Christ!

All: Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

PRELUDE

“Prelude on *Thine Is the Glory*”

arr. Kenneth Grinnell

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***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: In the garden, early in the morning, on the first day of the week, we find the tomb empty.
Because Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen, indeed!

One: On this Easter Sunday, out of the chaos and disappointments of our lives, we find that sorrow has turned to joy. Because Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen, indeed!

One: New life bursts forth from seeming death. And so, we shout ‘Alleluia! Christ is risen!’

All: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

***HYMN #288**

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

Text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: *Lyra Davidica*, 1708; Arr. David Johnson ©1976 Augsburg Publishing House

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

During announcements, please record your attendance in the pew-rack Friendship pad, and pass it to others seated in your pew. Visitors are invited to share contact info so we may offer a more personal welcome.

CALL TO CONFESSION and KYRIE ELEISON

One: Even the obstacle of death has been removed between us and God. If death no longer stands in our way, we can be sure that our sin does not either. Let us confess our brokenness, that it may be washed away by the mercy of the risen Christ. Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

All: Lord, have mercy upon us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION¹

All: Risen Lord, we have seen the empty tomb, and yet sometimes we act as if we have seen nothing. We keep mistaking your holy presence for the gardener. We keep on weeping because we struggle to understand what your good news means. We cannot believe that hope could emerge like blossoms from the darkness of the ground. Nudge us toward a deeper trust in you. Give us voices to boldly proclaim, "we have seen the Lord!"

[silence for individual prayer]

One: With open hearts, we pray,

All: Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear the good news of the gospel: our Savior has been raised! In the community of the risen Christ, we find unexpected life and unending love.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

*JOYFUL RESPONSE

"Good Christians All, Rejoice"
*Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring:
"Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"*

Arr. Vaclav Nelhybel ©1977 Agape, (Admin. Hope Publishing Co.)

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: As Easter people, we share the peace we know in Christ. May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Share a no-contact sign of peace and reconciliation with your neighbors, such as a hand over your heart.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

II. PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION¹

All: Gracious God, we are always asking what is enough. As we read the Easter story, show us that your resurrection is enough to offer us hope in the midst of sorrow. Instill in us your truth: that the grace of the risen Christ is sufficient for us. Amen.

PSALM

"Psalm 118"

Hal H. Hopson

Please join in singing the refrain upon the Cantor's cue

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good. God's love endures forever. The Lord is my strength and my song, and God has become my salvation.

REFRAIN

There is a joyful sound of victory in the tents of the righteous. The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! The right hand of the Lord is exalted! The right hand of the Lord has triumphed!

REFRAIN**SCRIPTURE READING**

John 20:1-18

Pew Bible, NT pg. 119

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.**ANTHEM**

"Christ the Lord is Risen Again"

Philip Stopford

~Chancel Choir

Christ the Lord is risen again, Christ hath broken every chain. Hark, angelic voices cry, singing evermore on high, Alleluia. He who gave for us his life, who for us endured the strife, is our Paschal Lamb today; we too sing for joy, and say Alleluia! He who bore all pain and loss comfortless upon the cross, lives in glory now on high, pleads for us, and hears our cry. He who slumbered in the grave is exalted now to save; now through Christendom it rings that the Lamb is King of kings. Alleluia! Thou, our Paschal Lamb indeed, Christ, thy ransomed people feed; take our sins and guilt away: let us sing by night and day Alleluia!

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SERMON

"Christ, the Gardener"

Rev. Emma Nickel

III. RESPONDING TO THE WORD**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“This Joyful Eastertide”

Jeremy Bankson

~ Chancel Choir

“This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow! My love, the Crucified, has sprung to life this morrow. Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day prison, our faith had been in vain; but now has Christ arisen. My flesh in hope shall rest and for a season slumber till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number. Death’s flood has lost its chill since Jesus crossed the river; lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver. Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day prison, our faith had been in vain; but now has Christ arisen.”

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*DOXOLOGY

Hymn #34

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***EASTER LITANY** — Adapted from “A Blessing for You Who Are Being Planted”

One: Blessed are you who are buried. You who feel stuck in the depths of grief and despair or who sit in the pit of knowing.

All: You who are learning to trust the timing of a tender Gardener.

One: Blessed are you who are growing, you who burst with new life, fresh creativity.

All: Who understand the pain that sometimes comes with stretching, changing, pruning and being cut back.

One: And blessed are you in your season of fruitfulness.

All: You who taste the sweetness of God’s loving-kindness.

One: The God who was there all along—planting, waiting, watering, pruning, delighting.

All: The God who pays careful attention to God’s garden. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD’S PRAYER

All: 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.

IV. FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN #295

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

Text: Latin Hymn, 14th cent.; tr. 1708; Music: Robert Williams (1781-1821);
Arr. S. Drummond Wolff ©1987 Concordia Publishing House

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“The Strife is O’er, the Battle Done”

arr. David Johnson

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**Indicates please stand as you are able.*

1. *Good Enough: 40ish Devotionals for a Life of Imperfection* by Kate Bowler and Jessica Richie (New York: Convergent, 2022), p. 232.

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We extend our special thanks to the instrumentalists in today's worship.

Trumpets: Jason Draper and Daniel Head; **Trombones:** Donald Bilger and Michael Rumbell; **Timpani:** Pamela McGowan

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE, LEARN, AND WORSHIP

Christian Education

Stop by our Earth Care table today to pick up a *Yes! Magazine*, The Solving Plastic Issue. Get a recipe for making beeswax bowl covers. Our display in the CE Lobby will include samples of sustainable paper and storage products. Let's keep the conversation going with your comments about sustainable products you like and/or already use.

Mission Opportunity

Volunteers are needed to provide lunch at Starr Presbyterian Church for South Oakland Citizens for the Homeless **April 26 & May 24**. Contact Helen Dusenbury hdusenbury@gmail.com or 248-417-3044.

Spring Grounds Clean-Up • Saturday, May 7

Join us **9 am to 12 noon** as we ready the church grounds for the season. *May 14 is the rain date.*

Senior Sunday is May 15

FPCRO will honor those graduating from high school during worship on **May 15**. Seniors will use their gifts to lead us in worship on this special day.

Caring for Creation Book Discussion • Wednesday, May 18 at 7:30 pm

Join us to discuss the best-seller *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and Teachings of Plants* by Robin Wall Kimmerer. After our April focus on caring for creation, this discussion is the next step to take care of God's good world. Member Luke DeVantier will moderate. **Zoom link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88647098066> **Meeting ID: 886 4709 8066**

Flower Sale Fundraiser

Order beautiful flowers from S.T.A.G.E. Youth Ministry to plant in your garden. **Orders should be placed and paid for online (<https://tinyurl.com/2p87an35>) by April 19. Pick-up will be at Greenfield Presbyterian Church on May 21**, with more details to come. Thank you for your support!

Volunteer with Rise Against Hunger May 22

After worship on **Sunday, May 22**, we will package an extraordinary number of meals that will be sent around the world. Use this link to sign up so that a space is reserved for you!

<https://tinyurl.com/2p94mzd9>

Easter Flower Dedications — In Memory

*In Loving Memory of Fred & Margaret Brom
and Joe Brom*

*In Loving Memory of Jane Makulski
Kathie Brom*

*In Loving Memory of Melton Brown, husband
In Loving Memory of Earla Smith,
friend and neighbor*

*In Loving Memory of Beatrice & Bernard Born,
Evada's parents*

*In Loving Memory of Andrew & Allee Brown,
Melton's parents
Evada Brown*

*For both of our angels,
never in our arms always in our hearts
Cassie & Sean Coates*

*In Loving Memory of John Corwin
Vera-Anne Corwin*

*In Loving Memory of Russell J. Egan
and William Hackett
Beth & Brian De Guise*

*In Loving Memory of
Mr. & Mrs. David Robertson,
Mr. & Mrs. John McLellan, Mr. & Mrs. Kenyon
and Mary Marsh; Mrs. Martha Pattullo,
Mr. Harold Teufel, Mrs. Nettie Culver
Jan & Norm Dell*

*In Loving Memory of Marge & Bob Smith
and Glenn DeVantier
The DeVantier Family*

*In Loving Memory of James Anderson and
Pat Anderson
Sheila & Rich Durda*

*In Loving memory of my husband James W. Eddy
and friends Bob & Barbara Nelson
Skip Eddy*

*In Loving memory of Ray Werner and
Carol & John Cox
The Gilreath Family*

*In Loving Memory of our parents,
James J. & Erma Gotch, Stanley & Ethel Cutshall
Louise & Jim Gotch*

*In Loving Memory of Ann Eads
Marilyn & Tom Hill*

*In Loving Memory of
Chauncey & Phoebe Hirsch
Gretchen Hirsch*

*In Loving Memory of Barbara Ritchie
The Jarrait Family*

*In Loving Memory of Barb & Jack Kerby
Chuck Kerby*

*In Loving Memory of our parents
Joyce King & Kenneth Bissey*

*In Loving Memory of Judy Pugh
The Kline, Frieberg, and Fox-Kline Families*

*In Loving Memory of Rev. Bruce Ingles
Christine Ingles*

*In Loving Memory of Stan & Evelyn Kucharski
Kim & Steve Kucharski*

*In Loving Memory of my parents,
Bill & Dorothy Pond
Julie Matthews*

*In Loving Memory of Tillie Nelson
and her sister, Claire Mittendorf
David Nelson*

*In Loving Memory of my grandparents,
Jim & Lorene Williams, Carol & Doris Hayes
Emma Nickel*

*In Loving Memory of Jerrold C. Patterson, MD,
and our fabulous 68 years of married life!
Elizabeth Patterson*

*In Loving Memory of Ilene Popko
Harry Popko*

Easter Flower Dedications — In Memory

***In Loving Memory of Clark & Nancy Carnaby,
Cathy Jackson, and Karl Rieck***
Candace & Scott Rieck

***In Loving Memory of Alyssa Marie Zino,
Thomas Hamill, and Irene Robertson***
Mary Robertson

***In Loving Memory of Barry W. Roseborough,
and Yvonne M. Hunt***
Elaine Roseborough

***In Loving Memory of Lois & Dale Ryan,
Nancy & Joseph Nalepa***
Tere & Mark Ryan and family

***In Loving Memory of Seaber & Hazel Callahan,
and Roy Schramm***
Debbie & Bill Schramm

In Loving Memory of Mark Sutton
Marilyn Sutton and family

***In Loving Memory of my parents,
John & Josephine Taylor***
Eileen Taylor

***In Loving Memory of Ellen & Ralph Anthony,
Evadna & Elwyn Watson, Shannon Iezzi Watson***
Edie & Roger Watson

Easter Flower Dedications — In Honor

In Honor of Pat & Bill Edwards
Beth & Brian De Guise

***In Honor of Joseph Jackson, Kent Wattleworth,
and the Chancel Choir***
Helen Dusenbury

***In Honor of our precious great-granddaughter,
Roxanne Marmitt and our grandchildren***
Shirley & Ron Gillham

***In Honor of Pastor Emma Nickel
and Joseph Jackson***
The Gilreath Family

***In Honor of my friends and family
In Honor of the fabulous FPCRO music program***
Gretchen Hirsch

In Honor of Jane Page
The Jarrait Family

***In Honor of my loving and long-living uncle,
Bob Frick***
Peter Klein

In Honor of Pastor Emma and the FPCRO staff
David Nelson

***In honor of all those who help us worship God
with music***
Linda & Ken Noble

***In Honor of Joseph Jackson, Karen Kline,
and Kathy Brom***

***In Honor of Jackie & Mel Janney
Jenna & Jim Baldwin, Joanne Hoffman
and Sandra Olah***
Elizabeth Patterson

In Honor of our family
Lisette & Gerry Snider