



The Order of Worship

April 16, 2017
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

EASTER SUNDAY

THE CHURCH GATHERS . . .

The symbol of Easter is the empty tomb. You can't depict or domesticate emptiness. You can't make it into pageants and string it with lights. It doesn't move people to give presents to each other or sing old songs. It ebbs and flows all around us, the Eastertide. Even the great choruses of Handel's *Messiah* sound a little like a handful of crickets chirping under the moon.

He rose. A few saw him briefly and talked to him. If it is true, there is nothing left to say. If it is not true, there is nothing left to say. For believers and unbelievers both, life has never been the same again. For some, neither has death.

Whistling in the Dark – Frederick Buechner

PRELUDE Sinfonia Adriano Banchieri
Sonata No. 2 (from *Hora Decima*) Johann Pezel
Brass Choir

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT Praise We in Songs of Victory Melchoir Vulpius
Praise we in songs of victory That love, that life which cannot die, And sing with hearts uplifted high: Alleluia!

Cyril A. Alington

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sisters and brothers, the wonder of this day draws us together.

People: Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed!

Leader: Celebrate the triumph of goodness and new life.

People: Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed!

Leader: Rejoice in the power of transforming hope and love that never dies.

People: Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed!

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 123** (blue hymnal) Jesus Christ Is Risen Today *Easter Hymn*

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Gracious God, we confess that we are often captive to our doubts and fears. We fear death as the ending of life. We fear death as the letting go of old ways, old relationships, old self-understandings. We also confess our fear of life. We fear that which is different, we fear change that comes too fast and a future that seems too uncertain. Most of all, we fear what we become when we fear, for we fail to live joyfully in freedom as your children, we overlook those you would have us serve, and we neglect to be fully present to your holy presence. Forgive us and raise us to new life in the name of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

***KYRIE ELEISON NO. 574** (blue hymnal) arr. David N. Johnson
Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***RESPONSE** Celtic Alleluia (*sing twice*) Fintan O'Carroll

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 65:17-25

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Ellen Anderson

Children age 4 through 2nd grade are invited to go downstairs for Children's Worship.

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 28:1-10,16-20

SERMON Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

"I woke up still not dead again today"

"Still Not Dead" – Willie Nelson

***HYMN NO. 119** (blue hymnal) The Strife Is O'er *Victory*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) from *A Declaration of Faith*

In the death of Jesus Christ, God's way in the world seemed finally defeated. But death was no match for God. The resurrection of Jesus was God's victory over death. Death often seems to prove that life is not worth living, that our best efforts and deepest affections go for nothing. We do not yet see the end of death. But Christ has been raised from the dead, transformed and yet the same person. In his resurrection is the promise of ours. We are convinced that the life God wills for each of us is stronger than the death that destroys us. The glory of that life exceeds our imagination, but we know we shall be with Christ. So we treat death as a broken power. Its ultimate defeat is certain. In the face of death we grieve. Yet in hope we celebrate life. No life ends so tragically that its meaning and value are destroyed. Nothing, not even death, can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ... The Lord's Prayer

During the Prayers of the People there will be a time of silence. You are invited to use this time for personal reflection, confession, thanksgiving, and prayer.

THE OFFERING

Please sign and pass the Friendship Register found on the pew nearest the center aisle.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Christ Is Risen

Jackson New

Tune and setting by William P. Rowan

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days! Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed. In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown. Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair. Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do or dare. Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend. Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end!

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same. Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain. Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!" God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna ev'ry one!

Brian Wren

***AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology No. 514 (red hymnal) *Old Hundredth*

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**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 104** (blue hymnal) Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! *Hymn to Joy*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** Hail Thee, Festival Day! *Salve festa dies*

***POSTLUDE** Toccata (from *Symphony No. 5*) Charles-Marie Widor

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Brenda Seip and Phil Barnette

CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR APRIL 16-30: Cindy Spangler

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND HEARING DEVICES are available from ushers.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES (11:00): Fiona Collins and Griffen Oros

GREETERS (11:00): Shirley Wittman and Debbie Schmid

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

(9:00) Childcare through age 5

(11:00) Angela Grobe

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Brass and Chancel Choirs

SENIOR USHER: Larry Ridley

USHERS:

(9:00) John Styron, Jeff Bendy, Daniel Berry, Scott Brunger

(11:00) Mark Potocik, Betty and Leonard McKeegan, Charlie and Alice Mercer

OUR THANKS to Bob Adamcik and the Brass Choir for their enrichment of our worship this morning.

WILLIAM P. ROWAN received his education at Southern Illinois University and the University of Michigan. He currently serves as director of music ministries at St. Mary Cathedral in Lansing, Michigan, and is the liturgical consultant for the diocese of Lansing. The composer of many published hymn tunes, anthems, and organ works, his hymn settings have been sung at hymn festivals throughout the United States, Great Britain, and Europe. On a personal note, Bill has been a close friend ever since our student days in Ann Arbor. We were fellow organ and harpsichord students, even enjoying the opportunity to build two harpsichord kits one summer. I have been pleased to learn of his vast output as a composer! Brian Wren is an internationally published hymn-poet and writer. His hymns appear in hymnals of all Christian traditions and have been influential in raising the awareness of theology in hymn texts.

Peter Van Eenam

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING has been called by Session on Sunday, April 23rd at the conclusion of the 11:00 a.m. worship service for the purpose of hearing a report from the Nominating Committee and electing Scott Brunger, James Everett, Andrew Gordon, Shawn Owens, Susan McKeehan as Elders, Class of 2020; Clara Oakes as Youth Elder, Class of 2018; and Reed Ellis as Trustee, Class of 2020.

THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING is being collected today. A gift to One Great Hour of Sharing helps provide access to sustainable food systems, aid and shelter for those affected by natural disasters, and resources for communities working to resolve oppression and injustice.

THE ABBEY DEADLINE is today. Please send your announcements and articles to unitedprinters@comcast.net.

A STATED SESSION MEETING is next Sunday, April 23 at 12:15 p.m. in the McKinnon Room.

THE CHURCH OFFICE is closed tomorrow. We will be open Tuesday morning at 9:00 a.m.

TUESDAY MORNING BOOK GROUP: We have the honor of welcoming Holocaust survivor Dr. Henry Fribourg, UT Professor Emeritus to our next meeting on Tuesday, April 18th. He will lead our discussion of the book, *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah. This story of two sisters' experiences during WWII describes the war from these women's point of view, and their durability and resilience in the face of terrible circumstances. We will meet in the McKinnon room at 10:30 a.m. for this discussion.

MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT is Tuesday, April 18 at 7:00 p.m. The Environmental Concerns team will provide refreshments.

LADIES' LUNCH BUNCH: All ladies of Westminster are invited to gather for lunch on Thursday, April 20 at 11:30 at The Chop House (9700 Kingston Pike). Please RSVP by April 18.

WESTMINSTER PLAYERS PRESENT "The Turn of the Screw," April 28 and 29 at 7:00 p.m. The play is adapted by Jeffrey Hatcher from the story by Henry James. It is quite a mystery. We hope you'll plan to attend one of the performances.

Easter Flower Dedications

Given by:

Jack and Laura Barron. In memory of their parents; in honor of Rev. Fritz Schilling
Susan Baughman. In loving memory of Richard Baughman
Carol Beilharz, children and grandchildren. In loving memory of Clark
Vaughn Bush. In memory of Patricia Bush
Barbara Cline. In honor of the kids: Gabe and Jeff; Lisa and Dan;

Faith, Currie and Arianna

Bud and Carolyn Cunningham. In memory of their parents
Anne E. Davidson. In honor of Walt and Tucker Stevens
Christie Dowling. In memory of her father, John C. Struckmeyer
Leigh Dunlap. In memory of Julian Dunlap
Carol, Scott, Jami and Olivia Faulkner. In memory of Kenneth L. Faulkner
Flower Guild. In memory of Ruthie Carey
Susan and David Fuller; Kristel, William, Olivia and Aurora Gibbons

. In memory of Ernest E. Fuller

Suzanne and Ross Graham. In honor of their grandson, Thomas G. Daniels
John and Betty Hanes. In honor of their nieces, Amanda and Betsy
Kathy and Sky Huck. In memory of Kathy's parents, Phyllis and Albert Clark
Judy and Paul Jorden. In memory of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Kelley

and Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Jorden

Anne and John Langley. In honor of their children and grandchildren:
Mercer, Emily, Molly, Anna, Sarah, Patrick, and Bryson
Cile, Ed, Hannah and Eva Mathews; Danielle, Jim, and Aiden Hemsley

. In memory of Matt Mathews

Rob and Susan McKeehan. In memory of their parents
Sue and Hap McSween. In memory of Dorothy C. Prescott, Sidney J. Prescott,
and Harry Y. McSween, Sr.

Charlie and Alice Mercer. In honor of our church staff
John and Ibbie Muntz. In memory of Marty Richesin and Bob Pahls
Kathryn, Rick and Clara Oakes. In memory of Clara Huey and Barbara Schilling;
In honor of Fritz Schilling

Cindy and Brad Pearman and family. In memory of Lenore and Bill McClain
and Jean Pearman; In honor of Margaret Pearman

Rick and Janice Rawe. In honor of the Flower Guild
The Larry Ridley Family. In memory of Jim Park
The Rowcliffe Family. In precious memory of Irene Shurden,
beloved mother and grandmother

Tim and Joyce Ryan. In honor and memory of all of their family
and friends, both living and deceased

The Salsbery Family. In memory of Chris Salsbery and Bonnee Rainwater
Julia Tortorelli. In honor of William Joseph Martin and his third birthday
Janet, Peter and Julia Tortorelli. In memory of Alberta and William Bertelsen
and Flora and Joseph Tortorelli

Robin and Joe Ben Turner. In honor of their grandchildren
Genet Weber. In memory of Joseph and Vivian Gammon
and Joseph M. Gammon, Jr.

Renee and Bill Wiesehuegel. In memory of Shirley Rechenbach, Natalie Smith,
Ruthie Carey and Boone Wells

Jim and Linda Yates. In honor of Max and Ellie Yates;
Owen, Ian, Sarah and Grace Salsbery; Jonah and Luke Yates;
Patrick and Ryan Toomey

*Those who donated to the Flower Guild are welcome to take a potted lily following the
11:00 worship service. Please leave the basket for our future use.*

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Mary Boyd, Education Coordinator

Renee Wiesehuegel, Office Manager/Bookkeeper

Sandra Williams, Administrative Assistant

Rev. Friedrich Schilling, Jr., Pastor Emeritus

Debbie Bendy, *Abbey* Editor

"Patient Peddlers" Bike Ride – Saturday, April 29, 10:00-2:30

James and Melissa Everett are leading our first-ever "Patient Peddlers" social bike ride on Saturday, April 29, from 10:00-2:30. For kids, Mary Boyd and her crew will be hosting a bike/trike rally at the church, and a nursery will be provided for kids 3 and younger. (Drop-off for kids is 10:00 a.m. The parking lot will be closed to traffic at 10:15.) All those who are able to navigate the 3rd Creek Bike Trail are welcome to meet at the Laurel Church of Christ parking lot (3457 Kingston Pike) for a 10:30 a.m. departure. We will ride the trail and stop for lunch at Calhoun's on the River! Bring water, a helmet, and a lock (if you have it.)

Katherine Paterson is coming to Westminster!

Katherine Paterson, one of the most awarded, best-loved American writers, is coming to speak at Westminster on **Sunday, April 23 at 2:00 p.m.** Daughter of Presbyterian missionaries, Ms. Paterson grew up in China. She attended King College in Bristol and upon graduation, was a missionary in Japan for 4 years. She married a Presbyterian minister, and began her writing career by writing confirmation curriculum for the PC(USA). We're pleased to partner with Maryville College in having Ms. Paterson as our guest.

SUMMER YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES: Sign up now for two amazing summer youth events. **June 12-18** all current 8th-12th graders are eligible to go to Montreat, NC for our annual **Montreat Youth Conference**. Our summer mission work will be restoring homes with **Operation Back Yard, July 9-12**. While we do this important work, we will be staying at Maryville College and enjoying all their amenities (ropes course, gym, pool, dorms!) The OBY Summer mission work is for current 6th-12th graders. Call the office or contact Barbara Adamcik if you want to join us!!

CHURCH-WIDE PICNIC: Sign up today for the Westminster picnic to be held on Sunday, April 30th at noon at the home of Betty and Leonard McKeehan. We will be honoring our 2017 graduating high school seniors. We have hired the Knoxville Trolley to get us to and from the picnic that day.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES resumes next Sunday, April 23.

The Session

Class of 2017: Phil Barnette, Bitsy Ingram, William Milam, Bryan Powell, Brenda Seip, Youth Elder Tolson Bell

Class of 2018: Leigh Dunlap, JP Mackay, Linda Van Beke, Wes Williams, Michael Yates

Class of 2019: Debbie Babelay, Daniel Collins, Terry Crow, Cindy Pearman, Jay Schmid

Clerk of Session: Georgann Byerley

Trustees: Larry Ridley, Paul Jorden, Alice Mercer