



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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

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**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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 McKeegan 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 18<sup>th</sup>. 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 McKeegan. . . . . 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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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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> at noon at the home of Betty and Leonard McKeegan. 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