



The Order of Worship

**April 1, 2018
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.**

EASTER SUNDAY

THE CHURCH GATHERS . . .

“It has always struck me as remarkable that when the writers of the four gospels come to the most important part of the story they have to tell, they tell it in whispers. The part I mean, of course, is the part about the resurrection. He has risen. He is here. According to the Gospels there was no choir of angels to proclaim it. There was no sudden explosion of light in the sky...The way the Gospel writers tell is, in other words, Jesus came back from death not in a blaze of glory, but more like a candle flame in the dark... They are not trying to describe it as convincingly as they can. They are trying to describe it as truthfully as they can. It was the most extraordinary thing they believed had ever happened, and yet they tell it so quietly that you have to lean close to be sure what they are telling. They tell it as softly as a secret, as something so precious, and holy, and fragile, and unbelievable, and true, that to tell it any other way would be somehow to dishonor it.” -Frederick Buechner’s thoughts on proclaiming the resurrection.

PRELUDE Cantate Domino Giovanni Francesco Anerio
trans. Van Eenam
Fantasia I Adriano Banchieri
Brass Choir

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT Alleluja, Christus surrexit Felice Anerio
Alleluja. Christus surrexit a mortuis primitiae dormientium. Alleluja.
Quoniam per hominem mors et per hominem resurrectio mortuorum.
Alleluja.

*Alleluja. Christ is risen from the dead and become the first fruits of them that slept.
Alleluja. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.
Alleluja.*

I Corinthians 15:20-21

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 Mark 16:1-8, Isaiah 25:6-9

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 John 20:1-18

SERMON Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

“To no one anything they said; afraid they were for...”

***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 This Joyful Eastertide Dutch carol
arr. Charles Wood

This joyful Eastertide, Away with sin and sorrow! My Love, the Crucified,
Hath sprung to life this morrow. Had Christ, that once was slain, Ne’er burst
his three-day prison, Our faith had been in vain: But now hath 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. (Refrain)

Death’s flood hath lost his chill, Since Jesus cross’d the river: Lover of souls,
from ill My passing soul deliver. (Refrain)

G. R. Woodward

***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 BEDICTION**

***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: Clara Oakes and Andrew Gordon
CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR ARPIL 1-15: Branda Seip and Susan Baughman

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND HEARING DEVICES are available from ushers.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES (11:00): Bobby and Frankie Manrod

GREETERS (11:00): Tom and Georgann Byerley

SHEPHERD'S TEAM: John Salsbery

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Brass and Chancel Choirs

SENIOR USHER: Larry Ridley

USHERS:

(9:00) Suzanne Graham, Kathy Huck, Stephanie Lynch-Wrgh, Cile Mathews

(11:00) Bob Daverman, Reed Ellis, Bill Holt, Judy Jorden, Gordon and Robin Greeson

THIS MORNING'S INTROIT ingeniously combines numerous musical elements depicting the Resurrection, all while continually exuding joy. Triple meter sections of ascending alleluias in imitation between voice parts alternate with sections in duple that convey the I Corinthians text. "Mortuis" is given special musical expression, with "surrexit" and "resurrectio" scored in springy octave leaps. Coincidentally, Felice Anerio is the older brother of Giovanni Francesco Anerio, composer of the motet played by the Brass Choir this morning.

ABBEY DEADLINE is today! Send your articles to unitedprinters @comcast.net.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING is being collected through today. When a disaster strikes, people give, volunteer, and pray so that those impacted receive help and hope, this is church. When poverty and violence cause hunger and people join together to respond to the need and address its root causes, this is church. When injustice falls on those who are vulnerable and people join hands with one another and lift their voices against the interests of power, this is church. The church is the Holy Spirit's transforming power emanating into the world sharing the compassion, justice, love and peace of Christ.

EASTER BREAKFAST AND EGG HUNT at 10:00 AM this morning.

CHURCH-WIDE PICNIC: Sign ups have begun for the Westminster picnic to be held on Sunday, April 29th at noon immediately after worship. We will be honoring our 2018 graduating high school seniors as well as our Confirmation Class of 2018. Menu will include chicken fingers, veggie and fruit trays, chips and cookies. Sign up on the bulletin board in the Schilling Gallery.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: The morning study group will meet at 10:00 a.m. in the SHOW room on Thursday, April 5. We'll be watching some great sermons, so this is a good opportunity to try us on for size!

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH will meet on Thursday, April 19th, at Lakeside Tavern at 11:15 AM. The restaurant is at 10911 Concord Park Drive. Invite a friend or new church member to join us. Please contact Joyce Ryan at by Monday, April 16th to reserve your spot.

WAMS AND SHOW: Try-It Nite--Youth Edition!! Next Sunday, April 8, from 5-7 p.m. we'll gather here at Westminster for some xtreme fun! Our crazy-skilled youth are going to share their talent with us, and let us try some really cool things. 1.) Macy and Kara Porter are going to demonstrate and teach us the art of unicycle riding! Although they've mastered riding the 5-foot tall unicycle, they promise to bring the "beginner" models for us to try. 2.) Rock band! Haven't you always wanted to rock out on a drum set or "turn it up to 11" on an electric guitar? We're going to have a real instrument set-up for everyone to try. Chloe, Mac, and Bob Adamcik will be on hand to help the drummers! 3.) Can anyone beat Griffen? Griffen Oros was practically unbeatable at dodgeball last time we played. He will give us some tips and we'll see if we can be more of a challenge this time! We hope to see you next Sunday!



SIGN UP NOW!

Thanks to your generosity in January, the youth collected money to completely sponsor April's LaundryLove project. LaundryLove, an organization which is fairly new to Knoxville, is active in cities across the USA. They provide free laundry service (one Thursday each month) to low-income and homeless families in Knoxville. They also serve a light meal and provide activities for the kids who are there. Our day to provide laundry assistance and a meal will be Thursday, April 19 from 5:15-8:30 p.m. We need 15-20 volunteers to assist with laundry (handing out quarters, helping carry, fold, etc.). We need 4-6 volunteers to serve and plan the meal. We also need people who could play with and entertain the children who are there. This will be a fantastic opportunity to make a connection with and be a help to our neighbors!

The event will be held at the Blue Water Laundry 3721 N. Broadway. Look for sign-up sheets on bulletin boards by the offices and kitchen.

KIDS CORNER

Nursery: (9:00) 0-5 year olds during Worship Service

(10:00) 0-2 year olds during Sunday School

(11:00) 0-2 year olds during Worship Service

Children's Worship: Kids age 3 through 2nd grade are invited to join us for Time With The Children before heading downstairs for Children's Worship.

HELP STOCK THE COMMUNITY CHEST: The monthly collection drive at Episcopal Church of the Ascension is April 7, 10:00-11:30 AM. They are looking for men, women and children's clothing as well as household items.

MEDICAL MISSION ADVENTURES: We are so glad to have Jean and Brian Bonnyman back in our midst after two years of work with "the least of these" in other parts of the United States. You will get a chance to hear about this ministry to those who live on the margins, particularly indigenous people. They will tell their stories during Sunday school on April 29 and May 6. Watch the Abbey for details.

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ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

(Resuming next Sunday)

The Wired Word: This current topics class is a chance to look at the news with scripture in hand. The class meets in the Prayer Room, and discussion is led by a rotating group of facilitators. All you need is a smartphone or tablet.

Bible Study: Scott Brunger leads a group in the church library that digs DEEP into scriptures each week. The current study is on Ezra.

Feasting on the Word: This is a lectionary-based Bible study that meets in the McKinnon Room. You hear and study the texts that will likely be read in worship that same day.

WELCOME TO WESTMINSTER: Are you a new member at Westminster? We will offer a class for you on April 15, 22, and 29 at 10:00 a.m. so you can find out all you want to know about us! These classes take a look at who we Presbyterians are, how you can get involved here, how we govern ourselves, and a bit about our history.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING has been scheduled April 22nd for the purpose of electing five Elders for the Class of 2021, a Youth Elder for the Class of 2019, and a Trustee for the Class of 2021.

FISH DELIVERY is Thursday, April 12th. The number of families we can help is limited by the number of delivery volunteers we have. During our cold weather it is very important to help as many as we can. You are needed! We deliver in pairs and the names of the food recipients can be picked up at church any time after 10 AM. If you are able to help make deliveries, please contact Sue McSween. Thanks for your help!

THE SESSION

Class of 2018

Leigh Dunlap

JP Mackay

Linda Van Beke

Wes Williams

Michael Yates

Youth Elder: Clara Oakes

Clerk of Session: Georgann Byerley

Class of 2019

Debbie Babelay

Daniel Collins

Vicki Mayfield

Cindy Pearman

Jay Schmid

Class of 2020

Scott Brunger

James Everett

Andrew Gordon

Susan McKeehan

Shawn Owens

TRUSTEES

Paul Jorden

Alice Mercer

Reed Ellis

Easter Flower Dedications

Given by:

Jack and Laura Barron. In memory of their parents; in honor of their families,
brother and sister, children grandchildren and great-grandchildren
Carol Beilharz, children and grandchildren. In loving memory of Clark
Mary and Jim Boyd. In honor of their grand-daughters, Abby, Natalie and Sarah
Barbara Cline. In honor of Beth Cline, in memory of
Charles Cline, Aimee and Paul Losse
Anne and Jim Dally. In memory of Peter Tziritas
Anne E. Davidson. In memory of Nona Platillero
Kaye Davis In memory of Rev. Robert K. (Bob) Davis
Christie Dowling. In memory of her father, John C. Struckmeyer
Lisa and Reed Ellis. In honor of Ginger Elting
James and Melissa Everett. In honor of John and Kay Everett and in memory of
James Hardy Noland
Carol, Scott, Jami and Olivia Faulkner. In memory of Kenneth L. Faulkner
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
Katherine, Kieran, Nathan and Gary Harmon. In memory of Barbara and John Goan,
Lucille and Jim Harmon, Benjamin Harmon
Paula Hogan In honor of Rohingya. May they find a safe and peaceful home.
Buz and Lucy Johnson. In memory of their parents,
Ewing and Bernice Johnson, and John and Mary Watson
Matthew and Kaitlin King In memory of Janelle Stueck
Anne and John Langley. . . . In honor of their grandchildren Molly, Anna and Bryson
Cile, Ed, Hannah and Eva Mathews; Danielle, Jim, and Aiden Hemsley
. . . In memory of Matt Mathews
Charlie and Alice Mercer. In memory of their parents
John and Ibbie Muntz. In memory of Laura Joy Muntz
Kathryn amd Rick Oakes. In loving memory of Barbara and Fritz Schilling,
and in celebration of Clara and all the youth.
Rachel and Bryan Powell. In honor of their nieces and nephews:
Madeline, Ella, Eve, Claire, Harrison, Elijah, Marshall, Wallace and Eleanor
Rick and Janice Rawe. In honor of their grand-daughters:
Nina Theiss, Margaret and Samantha Rawe
Larry and Jeanne Ridley. . . . In memory of Bruce Tschantz, Jim Park and Paula Smart
Elizabeth Ridley In memory of her grandparents,
Neal and Bonnie Ridely and James W. Holloway, Jr.
Tim and Joyce Ryan. In memory of Helen Ryan
Owen, Ian, Sarah and Grace Salsbery. In honor of Lila Brewington
John and Elizabeth Salsbery. In memory of Chris Salsbery, Edna Yates Roberts,
Inez Rainwater and Bonnee Rainwater
Doris Solomon In memory of Barbara Kierman, Joann White's sister
Jackie Vanden Dorpel and Alexandra Mc Donald...In memory of Neil Vanden Dorpel
Richard and Kay Ward. For Delbert, Elizabeth and Lora Mae
Renee and Bill Wiesehuegel. In celebration of Ruby Jean Wells and in loving
memory of their sweet mommas
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