



The Order of Worship

April 21, 2019
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

EASTER SUNDAY

THE CHURCH GATHERS . . .

The resurrection is God's way of revealing to us that nothing that belongs to God will ever go to waste. What belongs to God will never get lost. The resurrection doesn't answer any of our common questions about life after death such as: "How will it be? How will it look?" But it does reveal to us that love is stronger than death. God's love for us, our love for each other, and our love for those who lived before and will live after us is not just a quickly passing experience, but a reality transcending all time and space.
—Our Greatest Gift, Father Henri Nowen

PRELUDE Sonata No. 24
Intrade and Bal (from *Three Pieces*)
Gottfried Reiche
Johann Pezel
Brass Choir

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT Praise We in Songs of Victory
Praise we in songs of victory That love, that life which cannot die, And sing with hearts uplifted high: Alleluia!
Melchior Vulpius
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 4th grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Children's Sunday School.
SCRIPTURE READING Luke 24:1-12
SERMON Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips
"The Resurrection Demands a Response Not an Explanation"
***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 O filii et filiae Volckmar Leisring
O filii et filiae, Rex caelestis, Rex gloriae, Christus surrexit hodie! Alleluia!

O sons and daughters, the King of heaven and glory, Christ, has risen today!
Alleluia!

trans. Ron Jeffers

Meredith Mackay, Soprano I
Ruth Ann Bendy, Soprano II
Bettie McDavid Mason, Alto

***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

EASTER FLOWERS: He Is Risen! Hallelujah! Thank you to everyone who made dedications for Easter flowers. The Flower Guild is celebrating Easter this year with potted plants in the sanctuary, the narthex, and elsewhere around our church. The pew end flowers are bound nosegays. We designed them all to be portable. So, following the 11:00 service, we invite you to take home a potted plant or a pew end nosegay ... a bit of Resurrection joy to share with your family and others!

EASTER BREAKFAST AND EGG HUNT: Easter Breakfast will begin at 10:00 AM in the Schilling Gallery. After breakfast fellowship, we will move to the courtyard for our egg hunt for ages 0-10.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Shawn Owens and Andrew Gordon
CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR APRIL: Bill and Bonnie Rogers
LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND HEARING DEVICES are available from ushers.
PLEASE place your bulletin into a blue recycling bin located at the Narthex door if you do not care to take it home.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES (11:00): Frank and Bobby Manrod
GREETERS (11:00): Gary and Sandra Rowcliffe
SHEPHERD’S TEAM: William Gibbons
MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Brass and Chancel Choirs
SENIOR USHER: Larry Ridley

USHERS:
(9:00) Brenda Seip and Scott Brunger
(11:00) Lana and Robert Daverman, Reed Ellis, Mary Lou Crow, Jerry and Scott Carley

OUR THANKS to Ruth Ann Bendy, Meredith Mackay, and Bettie Mason for their enrichment of our worship this morning as they sing antiphonally with the Chancel Choir on the offertory anthem. Many thanks also to Bob Adamcik for playing timpani on the hymns.

VOLCKMAR LEISRING (1588-1637) was a composer, theorist, and Protestant clergyman living and working in Middle Germany. He studied theology in Jena from about 1605 to 1611, and in 1612 became rector, cantor, and town clerk in Schkölen (near Weißenfels). It is possible that during his tenure in Schkölen he came in contact with the composers Melchior Vulpius and Johann Hermann Schein. Most of Leisring’s compositional activity occurred during this time as well. *O filii et filiae* (the hymn and text called “The Joyful Canticle” by P. Guéranger because of the abundant alleluias that accompany its singing) is from his collection *Cymbalum Davidicum* (1611) which contains homophonic (chordal) motets in eight voices for double choir.

CHURCH-WIDE PICNIC: Sign ups have begun for the Westminster picnic to be held on Sunday, May 5 at noon immediately after worship. We will be honoring our 2019 graduating high school seniors as well as our Confirmation Class of 2019. Menu will include chicken fingers, veggie and fruit trays, chips and cookies. Sign up on the bulletin board in the Schilling Gallery.

THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING is being collected through Easter Sunday. A gift to One Great Hour of Sharing enables the church to share God’s love with our neighbors in need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, providing food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed.

WESTMINSTER MEN’S COVENANT BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP: The next meeting of the Men’s Breakfast Fellowship will be Thursday, April 25th at 7:30 am in the McKinnon Room. The lesson, to be presented by Hap McSween, is entitled ‘Requiem For A Rover’. Breakfast will be provided courtesy of Charles Van Beke. All men of the church are welcome and no reservation is necessary. Join us and bring a friend.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING has been called for Sunday, April 28 after the 11:00 AM worship service to elect 5 elders, 1 youth elder, and 2 trustees.

SAVE THE DATE! Monday, May 6th at 6:15 - 8:30 PM for the Justice Knox Annual Nehemiah Action Assembly at Central United Methodist Church. More information to come! Carpools will leave WPC at 6:00.



Easter Flower Dedications

Given by:
Ellen and Ken Anderson. In memory of their dear mothers, Alice Burgoon and Lucille Anderson, in God’s love
Ivan Beltz and Donna Davis.. . . . In memory of Phil Pollard, Ike Groves, Nancy Beltz, Bertram and Virginia Raskin
Jim and Kathy Bennett. In memory of Laura Bennett
Brian and Jean Bonnyman. In memory of Anne Webb Neely
Vaughn Bush. In memory of Pat Bush
Sara Cantrell. In honor of her grandsons Channing and Nash Spencer and Robert and Thomas Cantrell
Barbara Cline. In memory of Aimee and Paul Losse and Charles Cline; in honor of Beth Cline
Bud and Carolyn Cunningham. In memory of their parents
Anne Davidson. In memory of Lynn J. Davidson and David M. Traver
Nancy Dean. In loving memory of Scott, Carter and Mimi
Reed and Lisa Ellis. In honor of Ginger Elting and in memory of Bill Elting and Hank Albert
James and Melissa Everett. In memory of Hardy and Margie Noland and in honor of John and Kay Everett
Carol, Scott and Olivia Faulkner. In memory of Ken Faulkner
The Fuller and Gibbons Family. In memory of Ernie Fuller
Adam and Amy Hahn. In memory of Kirby Hahn
John and Betty Hanes. In memory of Bob Stivers
Katherine and Gary Harmon. In honor of Kay and Nathan Harmon
Mary Sophia Hawks. In memory of Cole and Rose Marie Waggener
Kathy and Sky Huck. In honor of their grandchildren
Judy and Paul Jorden. In memory of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Jorden and Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Kelley
Anne and John Langley. In honor of their grandchildren, Bryson, Molly and Anna
Mary Jo Mann and Gloria Borum. In memory of Ed and Mary Ellen Mann and Etta and James Borum
Cile and Ed Mathews. In memory of Matt Mathews
Ibbie and John Muntz. In memory of George Jack
Brad and Cindy Pearman. In honor and memory of our parents and grandparents
Janice and Rick Rawe. In honor of their grand-daughters, Margaret and Samantha Rawe and Nina Theiss
Linda and Scott Rutherford. In memory of our parents, Laurence and Louise Baker, Cecil and Georgia Rutherford
Tim and Joyce Ryan. In honor of Lauren, Brandon, Josie Bice and Matthew, Tiffany, Chandler, Camryn, and Connor Ryan
Kathleen and Larry Tragesser. In memory of Justine and George Dukas and Clovis and Gene Tragesser
Penny Tschantz. In honor of all of the staff at WPC
Robin Turner. In memory of Joe Ben Turner
Jacquelyn Vanden Dorpel and Alexandra McDonald
. In memory of Neil Vanden Dorpel
Bill and Renee Wiesehuegel. In memory of Shirley Jean Rechenbach and Natalie Wells Smith
Papa and Marmie Yates. .In honor of Patrick and Ryan Toomey, Max and Ellie Yates, Owen, Ian, Sarah and Grace Salsbery and Jonah and Luke Yates

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Melissa Everett, Administrative Assistant
Daniel Lewis, Youth Assistant
Debbie Bendy, *Abbey* Editor

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERINGS

All Sunday school classes begin at 10:00 a.m. each week.

Bible Study - Adult Bible study meets in the library and they are studying the Gospel of John.

The Wired Word - Led by a rotating group of teachers, this class takes a look at how scripture addresses current topics. All you need is a smart phone or tablet. The class meets in the Prayer Room.

Feasting on the Word - This lectionary-based study provides some background for the scriptures read during worship each week. Also led by a teaching team, this class meets in the McKinnon Room

SHOW AND WAMS will not meet this evening so that everyone can enjoy Easter Sunday with their families.

YOUTH AND SENIOR SUNDAY is next week, April 28! You won’t want to miss this inspiring service lead by our wonderful youth. See you next Sunday!

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY CENTER: Currently, the VMC needs size 32" men's pants and and men's shoes. You can drop off your donations in the VMC donation area at the base of the stairs leading to the Children's education wing.

THE SESSION

Class of 2019	Class of 2020	Class of 2021
Debbie Babelay	Scott Brunger	Brian Bonnyman
Daniel Collins	James Everett	Anne Crais
Vicki Mayfield	Andrew Gordon	Amy Gilbert
Cindy Pearman	Susan McKeehan	Buz Johnson
Jay Schmid	Shawn Owens	Rachel Powell
Youth Elder: Maggie Gordon		
Clerk of Session: Leigh Dunlap		

TRUSTEES

Alice Mercer	Reed Ellis	Jeff Browning
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