



*An Open & Affirming, Creation Justice
Congregation of the United Church of Christ*

9 April 2023 – 10:30 AM

EASTER SUNDAY

***indicates the congregation is invited to stand.
Please feel free to remain seated if you prefer.**

PRELUDE

Cortège et Litanie
Vlada Volkova-Moran, organist

Marcel Dupré

EASTER PREFACE

from the Passion Stories

*EASTER CALL

One: Praise God, who brings life out of death and hope out of despair.

All: Praise God, who has raised Jesus Christ from the dead.

One: Praise God, who gathers up the fragments left by human destruction and creates new possibilities.

All: Praise God, who gives us the victory in Jesus Christ.

One: Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed!

*RESURRECTION RING

Please ring your bell and continue to ring vigorously until the organ introduction to the hymn.
If you don't have a bell, you are encouraged to shake your keys!

*HYMN 233 [facing page]

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

*PRAYER IN THE SPIRIT OF JESUS

**Earth-Maker, Life-Giver, Pain-Bearer, Source of all that is and all that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all, Loving God in whom is Heaven:**

May the hallowing of your name echo through the universe.

May your Heavenly will be done by all creatures great and small.

And may your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need this day, feed us. For the hurt we inflict on one another, forgive us.

Through times of temptation, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is Love.

WELCOME

The Rev. David Pattee, pastor

WORD MADE PLAIN

children are invited to gather at the front of the sanctuary

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

One: May the peace of God surround you,

All: Like the trees towering in the forest!

One: May the peace of God warm you all over,

All: Like the sun shining in the sky!

One: May the peace of God rise and roll over you,

All: Like the waves rolling in the sea!

One: May the peace of God fill you,

All: Like the wind stirring in your soul!

One: May the peace of God surround you!

All: [singing] Amen, amen, amen, amen, amen... [repeating]

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 65: 17-25

SaraJoy Zell

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth;
 the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.
 But be glad and rejoice for ever in what I am creating;
 for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight.
 I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people;
 no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress.
 No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days,
 or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;
 for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
 and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.
 They shall build houses and inhabit them;
 they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
 They shall not build and another inhabit;
 they shall not plant and another eat;
 for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
 and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
 They shall not labour in vain, or bear children for calamity;
 for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord - and their descendants as well.
 Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear.
 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
 but the serpent—its food shall be dust!
 They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

ANTHEM

An Easter Jubilee

Brad Nix

Chancel Choir - Cheryl Anderson, director • Jazz on High - Lori Rivera, vocals; Art Alm, piano
 Steve Uccello, bass; Renata Bratt, cello; Zack Olsen, drums; Brad Hecht, saxophone

SCRIPTURE

Colossians 3:1-4, 12-14

Tom Postlewaite

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is,
 seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that
 are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who
 is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness,
 humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint
 against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must
 forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect
 harmony.

*HYMN

Marty Haugen

**Here in this place new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away,
 See in this space our fears and our dreamings,
 Brought here to you in the light of this day.**

**Gather us in – the lost and forsaken, gather us in – the blind and the lame;
 Call to us now and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

**We are the young – our lives are a myst'ry, we are the old – who yearn for your face,
 We have been sung throughout all of hist'ry, called to be light to the whole human race.
 Gather us in – the rich and the haughty, gather us in – the proud and the strong;
 Give us a heart so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.**

*GOSPEL

Matthew 28:1-10

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

One: This is the Good News!

All: Thanks be to God. May God empower the Word in us.

One: Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed!

*RESPONSE

"Jubilate, servite"

Songs & Prayers from Taizé

**Raise a song of gladness, peoples of the earth.
Christ has come, bringing peace, joy to ev'ry heart.
Alleluia, alleluia, joy to ev'ry heart!
Alleluia, alleluia, joy to ev'ry heart!**

*GREETING OF PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you

SERMON

Woke!

Pastor Dave

ANTHEM

"Dona Nobis Pacem" from *Harmoniemesse*

Franz Joseph Haydn

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

OFFERTORY

Invitation

www.PeaceUnited.org/Giving

Offertory Music

My Soul Says Yes

Lori Rivera • Forest Monsen • Katie Monsen

WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS

Maryse Postlewaite, moderator

Alexandra Guerrero, Cristalyn Murray, Jim Neef, Paula Neef, Philip Spradling,

*COVENANT

We covenant with God and with each other:

to walk together in all God's ways as the Holy is revealed to us;

to give ourselves freely and without reserve to Jesus' ministry in this church;

to celebrate through worship God's amazing gifts of unity and diversity;

to take up Christ's mission around the world, striving for justice and peace;

to care for the earth and all her creatures, reconciling ourselves to them in love;

for God gives immeasurable grace into all life and every life.

*HYMN 243 [facing page]

"Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"

WEISSE FLAGGEN

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Defying Gravity" from *Wicked*
Jazz on High

Stephen Schwartz