



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

31 March 2024 – 10:30 AM

EASTER SUNDAY

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

PRELUDE *Solemn Processional* Richard Strauss
Nick Hewitt and Dina Hawkins, trumpets; Jeff Fowler, horn; Michael Cushing, trombone
John Thomas, tuba; Laura McShane, timpani; Vlada Volkova-Moran, organ

EASTER PREFACE from 1 Corinthians 15

*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 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

*EASTER ACCLAMATION

Here and throughout the service...
Christ is Risen! Christ is risen indeed!

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]

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
 a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines,
 of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear.
 And God will destroy on this mountain
 the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
 the sheet that is spread over all nations;
 God will swallow up death for ever.
 Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
 and will take away from all the earth the disgrace of God's people,
 for the Lord has spoken.
 It will be said on that day,
 Lo, this is our God; the one for whom we have waited, that we might be saved.
 This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
 let us be glad and rejoice in God's salvation.

*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

Mark 16:1-8

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.' So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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

Now What?

Pastor Dave

ANTHEM

Christ Is Risen, Alleluia!
Chancel Choir • Cheryl Anderson, director

arr. Robert Wetzler

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

concluding with *A 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.**

OFFERTORY

Invitation

www.PeaceUnited.org/Giving

Offertory Music

To the Lamb on the Throne

arr. Dan Forest

*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 231 [facing page]

Because You Live, O Christ

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*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Canzon "La Bevilacqua"

Floriano Canale