



# Resurrection of our Lord / Easter Sunday March 31, 2024

## PRELUDES

*Low in the Grave  
Voluntary on Victory*

*Lani Smith  
Robert Lind*

## WELCOME

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

## CHORAL INTROIT

*Jesus is Lord*

*Getty & Townend*

## PRAYER OF ADORATION

## LITANY FOR EASTER

L: The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

**P: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**

L: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**P: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**

L: This is the good news we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved.

**P: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**

L: That Christ died for us, was buried, and rose again on the third day.

**P: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**

## \*GATHERING SONG #232

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today  
(verse 1)*

*Easter Hymn*

***Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!***

*(verse 2)*

***Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! unto Christ, our heavenly  
King, Alleluia! who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! sinners to  
redeem and save. Alleluia!***

*(verse 3)*

***But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! our salvation have procured.  
Alleluia! Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia! where the angels ever  
sing. Alleluia!***

## CALL TO CONFESSION (from Romans 8)

The Spirit of God helps us in our weakness, interceding with a peace that is beyond our understanding. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin:

\*Please stand as you are able.

## UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to fear and doubt, bound by the ways of destruction. We overlook the poor and hungry, and pass by those who mourn. We are deaf to the cries of the oppressed and indifferent to calls for reconciliation. We ignore the shelterless and abuse the earth you made.**

**Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant, given through Christ, the risen Lord.**

*(Time of silence)*

## DECLARATION OF GOD'S PARDON (from Acts 2)

**L:** Hear the good news of God's promise: everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**P: Thanks be to God. AMEN.**

## \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #246

*Christ Is Alive!*

*Truro*

*(verse 5)*

***Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age, till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.***

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## \*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST (from Colossians 3:1, 4)

**One:** "So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you will be revealed with him in glory." May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And, also, with you.**

## WORD

## UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word. Enliven our hearts by your Spirit so that we may proclaim the good news of abundant and eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

## THE FIRST LESSON

*I Corinthians 15:1-10a*

**15** Now I want you to understand, brothers and sisters, the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, **2** through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. **3** For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures **4** and that he was buried and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures **5** and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. **6** Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still

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alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup> Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup> Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup> For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup> But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I but the grace of God that is with me.

### **CHORAL ANTHEM**

*Sing an Easter Alleluia*

*McDonald*

### **THE SECOND LESSON**

*Mark 16:1-8*

**16** 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. <sup>2</sup> And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup> They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” <sup>4</sup> When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. <sup>5</sup> As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> 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.” <sup>8</sup> 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.

### **THE MESSAGE**

*“Is This the End?”*

*Rev. Dr. John Wahl*

### **UNISON ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE (I Peter 1:3)**

**Blessed be the Lord, who have given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### **WITNESS**

### **GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS – One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering**

*We take this time to reflect and recognize all contributions of time, talent, and treasure. A basket is available for making monetary donations.*

**OFFERTORY** *That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright Emma Lou Diemer*  
*During this time of silent reflection, you are invited to come forward and*  
*“dress” the cross with the flowers provided, offering a prayer for someone*  
*/something meaningful to you as you do.*

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING / PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**\*SENDING SONG #233**

*The Day of Resurrection!*

*Lancashire*

*(verse 1)*

***The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad, the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God. From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free, our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.***

*(verse 2)*

***Let hearts be purged of evil that we may see aright the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light, and listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain, his own "All hail!" and hearing, may raise the victor strain.***

*(verse 3)*

***Now let the heavens be joyful; let earth its song begin; the round world keep high triumph and all that is there in. Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend, for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end.***

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**\*BENEDICTION**

*I Am*

*Clydesdale*

**POSTLUDE**

*Christ Is Alive*

*Edwin T. Childs*

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Special Offering Today – One Great Hour of Sharing**

For 75 years, One Great Hour of Sharing has provided Presbyterians a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. Special giving envelopes are available in the Narthex.

### **Pass-it-on Resale Store**



The **store will be open** on:

**Friday, April 12, 2024** (1 p.m. – 4 p.m.)

**Saturday, April 13, 2024** (10 a.m. – 2 p.m.)

Pass-it-on is accepting donations. Please contact Brenda Wahl at 440-829-7841 or [passitonamissionoflove@gmail.com](mailto:passitonamissionoflove@gmail.com).

### **Sarah Circle – Tuesday, April 9, 2024**

This year's Bible study is:

***Sacred Encounter: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ In the Gospel of Luke***

**Meeting: VPC Library, The 2nd Tuesday of the month**

**10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m., September through May**

All women interested are welcome to join.

## Knitting For Others



Inviting all folks from 12-100 years of age, who like to knit or who would like to learn, to be a part of Valley's Knitting Group. We will be knitting special items like prayer shawls, blankets, and other helpful and comforting items for our members and people in our community.

The group will meet three different times each month in the Church Library; so folks can come when their schedule allows. Our first meeting will be the second Sunday of the month - April 14 at 12:15 p.m. after the 10:30 a.m. service. This will be an informational meeting and a time for folks to get started on their first project. If you can, please bring size 8 knitting needles with you.

Our monthly schedule will be:

2nd Sunday of the month — 12:15 - 2:00 p.m.

3rd Tuesday of the month — 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

4th Wednesday of the month — 10:30 a.m. - noon

Please attend as often as you can. Look forward to having you be a part of this ministry.

For questions, please call one of our Co-Chairs, Beverly or Bev:

Beverly Wahl  
502-553-7255

Bev Keough  
330-888-5385

## David Lamotte Events (from Presbytery)

**To carpool to John Knox on Friday – meet at church at 6:15 p.m.**

David will be offering a concert on Friday, April 12 at 7:00 p.m. at John Knox Presbyterian Church. On Saturday, April 14, he will be offering a workshop entitled "Worldchanging 101" at Rocky River Presbyterian Church from 9:00-11:30 a.m. This workshop will focus on the three prongs of the Matthew 25 Initiative that we are part of as a presbytery. See the April Valley Voice for more information and to register.

## CFPCC Food Bank Needs

Please consider donating the following items to help stock the shelves at Chagrin Falls Park Community Center:



**April is Movie Snack Pack Month - ingredients for s'mores; popcorn; chips; cookies; candy; etc. or anything you would like to donate.**

CFPCC is receiving donations at your car. Someone will come out and retrieve donations.

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