

9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

SERVICE OF COMMUNITY AND SACRAMENT

*At CCC, we honor and celebrate people of all races, cultures, ages, abilities,
sexual orientations and gender identity.*

EASTER SUNDAY

April 4, 2010

Let us now enter into the Holy One's presence.

PRELUDE

Now Thank We All Our God
Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia! (Llanfair)
The CCC Brass Ensemble and Organ
Lee Walkovich, trumpet I; Steve Young, trumpet II;
Tim Carrigan, french horn; Stuart Kern, Trombone I and Euphonium;
Matthew Dinkle, Trombone II, Brian Frye, Euphonium

J. S. Bach
Kenneth Kosche

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

Easter Anthem
The Chancel Choir
The Lord is ris'n indeed, Hallelujah.
Now is Christ ris'n from the dead and become the first fruits of them that slept.
And did He rise? Hear, O ye nations, hear it, O ye dead.
He rose! He burst the bars of death and triumphed o'er the grave.
Then I rose, then first humanity triumphant past the crystal ports of light,
And seized eternal youth.
Man, all immortal, hail, Heaven, all lavish of strange gifts to man,
Thine's all the glory, man's the boundless bliss.

William Billings

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

This is the day that our God has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!
This is the day of resurrection. Let us rejoice and be glad!
Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!
This is God's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes. Let us rejoice and be glad!
This is the day of celebration.
We sing, we pray, we play instruments, and we dance.
Yet it is too marvelous for words.
Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed!

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN OF PRAISE #233**

EASTER HYMN

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Christ, the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Mortal tongues and angels say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, glad heavens, and earth, reply: Alleluia!

Let the Victor's people sing, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!

Dying once, Christ lives to save, Alleluia!
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids Christ rise, Alleluia!
God has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like Christ, like Christ we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Awesome God, with gladness and joy we worship you! How amazing is all your creation! How glorious is this day of new life! Come among us now, we pray to raise us up from our fears and doubts. We want to believe what we see and know in our hearts. We want to dare. We want to live. Touch us today with hope that we might honor Christ who taught us to pray... **Holy God, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

TIME WITH CHILDREN

CALL FOR REFLECTION

The power of resurrection is at work in us and between us. Through former things, and in the new heaven and earth, God is ever creating; the Spirit of Christ is ever leading us. Let us reflect upon that journey.

PRAYER OF AFFIRMATION AND REFLECTION

Easter takes us on a new journey.

**The narrow paths we followed,
the restricting patterns of life, no longer bind us.**

Easter opens up new horizons for us.

**The limits that held us back, the deadening opinions of others,
no longer have power over us.**

Easter renews and restores us.

**We have escaped from the groove of tradition,
broken free from the hold of prejudice.**

Easter enables us to see the world with new eyes.

**Our reluctance to work justly, our reluctance to stand
beside the powerless, is over for good.**

Easter has given us God's love in the Risen Christ.

Now we can experience that love in action.

Now we can feel that love transforming each day for ourselves.

a time of silent reflection...

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Christ is risen—and all our guilt and sin are left behind in the tomb!
Thanks be to God. Amen.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Ye Sons and Daughters of The King
 Ye sons and Daughters of the King, Alleluia!
 Lift up your hearts, let voices ring! Alleluia!
 Now to the Lord Your Praises Bring, Alleluia!
 Christ is Upraised! Rejoice and Sing! Alleluia

Volckmar Leisring

SCRIPTURE

John 20:1-8; Luke 24:1-12

COMMUNION MEDITATION“*God’s Yes!*”

Rev. Susan A. Henderson

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING**OFFERTORY**

Life Is Given
 The Chancel Choir and Brass; Sam Brush, organ

Russell Nagy

***DOXOLOGY**

sung to the tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
 Praise God, all creatures here below, Alleluia, Alleluia!
 Praise God for all that love has done,
 Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One, Alleluia, Alleluia!
 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Amazing God, we bring to you our Easter hope! As you offered Christ to the world, we offer ourselves. You have blessed us with so much that is good, now bless these gifts which symbolize our joy and our faithfulness to you. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**INVITATION TO THE TABLE****WORDS OF INSTITUTION****PRAYER OF BLESSING**

Come, Holy Spirit! Bless this bread and bless this fruit of the vine. Bless all who share at this table that our eyes might be open to see the risen Christ in our midst in each other. As we share this meal, hold us together in communion with your Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

*(Beginning with the front row, come forward and partake of the bread and cup.
 Return to your seats by the side aisles. If you prefer, remain seated and you will be served.
 A gluten free option is available on each bread plate.)*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION (page 6 of the bulletin)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

MUSIC AS WE COMMUNE

Life-giving Bread

Ricky Manalo

Congregation joins on each refrain:

Life - giv - ing bread, _____ as our hearts are trans -
 formed a - new, _____ and life - giv - ing wine, _____
 _____ may we share in a life with you. _____

Taste and See

James Moore

Taste and see, taste and see the good - ness of the
 Lord. O taste and see, taste and see the
 good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

*HYMN OF GOING FORTH # 245

The Day of Resurrection

LANCASHIRE

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad:
 The Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
 From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,

Our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright
The Christ who reigns eternal in resurrection light;
We listen for the teachings once heard so calm and plain,
For we, too, want to follow and raise the victor strain.

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

BENEDICTION

Go to live as the Body of Christ
resurrected by love
and empowered by the Spirit
to continue God's work in this world!
Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!

POSTLUDE

Hallelujah
from Messiah

G. F. Handel

See Insert-Congregation sings on cue

Hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth,
The Kingdom of this world is become,
The Kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ,
and He shall reign forever and ever.
King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Hallelujah!

Please turn off cell phones during the worship service.

We extend our gratitude to all who
have enriched our worship today
through their gifts of music:
Members of the Chancel Choir
Members of the CCC Brass Ensemble
Sam Brush, assistant conductor and organist

Flowers

The Easter flowers that are arranged in the sanctuary today
have been given in celebration or in memory of loved ones by
members of the congregation. Please see the bulletin insert for
these names. After the worship services, they will be delivered
to those members of the congregation who are confined
to home, hospital or nursing home.

Communion Servers

Sue Dollins, Audrey Platt, Neville Platt
Jane Meier, Brian Frye, Ruth Prindle, Bill Prindle

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*You are welcome to join the electronic **prayer chain** by contacting the church office.*

Banners

The Easter banners this morning were created by our church school children. During the weeks of Lent, they learned about seeking their treasure as they journeyed towards God. We give thanks for their creativity and artistic gifts.

- **The Lambs** class, of three, four and five year olds created the banner with the bright blue spring sky and the big sun. Each child created a baby lamb that covers the green field.
- **The Kindergarten** class' banner is full of baby animals and butterflies celebrating new life.
- **The 1st Grade** class created the butterfly banner and each child made butterflies to decorate their larger class butterfly. The butterfly symbolizes transformation and becoming something new.
- **The 2nd and 3rd Grade** class created a banner with many symbols of faith including the cross, the stone that was rolled away from the empty tomb and angels.
- **The 4th and 5th Grade** class banner features the scene of the empty tomb on Easter morning.
- **The Middle School** class created a banner out of mandalas, a tool use for prayer and meditation. Each of their mandala's laid out to create a cross. On this Easter morning we celebrate the creativity and artistic gifts of our children.

What is Happening With the Children Today?

During the 9:00 Service

Childcare for infants and toddlers in the Nursery – Room 106

During the 11:00 Service

Childcare for infants in the Nursery - Room 106

Childcare for toddler/two year olds - Room 003

Lambs (3 and 4 year olds and pre-kindergarten 5 year olds) - Room 006

During each service, children in kindergarten and older worship with their families. There will be a Time with Children during the service and there is a special Children's Bulletin for Easter.

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR APRIL 11

Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 65:17-25

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

1 Corinthians 15:19-26 or Acts 10:34-43

John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12

Notice of Special Congregational Meeting

On April 11, immediately after the 10:30 service, the congregation will convene for a special meeting to consider several amendments to the CCC Constitution. The amendments, sponsored by the Executive Council as part of our interim activities, are intended to update our Constitution and make it more transparent in several important areas.

To summarize, the proposed amendments would fall largely in two areas. In the personnel area, amendments would make explicit the provisions under which the church may hire interim ministers; clarify in general terms the roles and duties of ministers; delineate the respective roles of the Executive Council and the Board of Trustees in appointing and hiring non-called ministers and other staff members; and provide an explicit avenue, in the unlikely event it might prove necessary, for discharge of a called minister.

In the financial management area, the amendments would update the description of the duties of the Treasurer and Financial Secretary to reflect our current practices and make more transparent the relationship of the Board of Trustees to these officers and their assistants. The amendments would also clarify the section relating to memorial funds and reduce the membership of the Nominating Committee from 13 to 11.

The proposed amendments and explanatory material will be posted on the bulletin board outside the church office in advance of the meeting.

Tom Gustafson, Clerk

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