

ZION'S REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Rev. June Boutwell, Pastor
Lori Seinar-Roknick, Director of Music Ministries

April 4, 2021 EASTER SUNDAY 10:30 a.m.
(Those worshipping on-line may wish to prepare bread and cup prior to the service
to join in communion)

*Where the past and the future with Jesus Christ are celebrated
so the present can be lived abundantly.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Allen Morrill, Lector

THE SOLEMN DECLARATION

Leader: And now may we become quiet and prayerful as we are gathered in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES AND THE ENTRANCE OF LIGHT

Nolan Wig, Acolyte

THE PRELUDE

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" (CCLI#3911909) Lloyd Larson

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP Colossians 2:6-7

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

CALL TO WORSHIP

, Lector

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed!

Leader: Easter God, In Jesus Christ risen from the dead you change everything.

People: The sick and despairing discover hope.

Leader: The vulnerable and shy discover confidence.

People: The troubled and distressed discover peace.

Leader: The depressed and downhearted discover that life is joyous.

People: The church discovers a new vision of community and service.

Leader: Each of us discovers what we can truly be followers of Jesus.

People: Easter God, help us to enable new life to happen and to share it—in and through the risen Christ. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM

"Christ is Risen Today!" (CCLI #2178200)

Nancy Price and Don Besig

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION (written by Chris Heckert)

God of grace, form us into your Easter people. Too often we hang on to our own fear and despair. Forgive us when we fail to love others as you love us. Help us to live into the mystery of resurrection and new life so that we may embody hope. Breathe into us your spirit, as we live out your good news in this world. Hear our prayers....

A MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION AND PRAYER

THE ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS AND LOVE

SONG OF PRAISE "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" (bulletin page 5) (CCLI # 117947)

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Resurrection People

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH AND LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy 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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

RESPONSE "Alleluia" (CCLI # 16811)

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Isaiah 43:1-3a

43 But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. ²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. ³For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

John 20:1-18

20 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also

went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

SERMON

Hope Has a Name

OUR OFFERING TO GOD

There are offering plates in the back of the sanctuary. The ushers will offer our gifts as we sing the doxology so they may be blessed at the altar.

The Doxology

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

The Prayer of Dedication

CHOIR ANTHEM

"Victory in Jesus" (CCLI #1259)

Eugene M. Barthlett; arr. Stan Pethel

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Leader : Christ is risen!

People: He is risen Indeed!

Leader We should give thanks!

People: Thanks and praise to the One who brings life!

Communion Prayer

Gracious God, we raise voices hoarse from shouting alleluias, we sing praises for the wonder of an empty tomb,....

As inheritors of that hope we join together in the cries that welcomed him into Jerusalem, the cries of hope for the world:

Hosanna! Hosanna! Holy One! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

Words of Institution

Blessing of the Elements

Partaking of the Elements

(The Elders will come to the pews and give you a piece of bread. We will partake together. Then the Elders will give you a cup. Please drink as you receive it as a sign of your commitment to union with Christ. At the conclusion of the service, please dispose of your cups in the trash can in the back of the sanctuary.)

Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious God, we have shared at your table, we have embraced the beginning of a new day, a new year. Grant, O God, that we who have gathered together on this Day of Resurrection, will move on as people of hope, people of life, people of your Kingdom. May the meal we have shared at your table revive us in body and soul and energize us as we go out to share the Good News. Christ is Risen! Death is Defeated! Love Wins! Alleluia and Amen!

CLOSING HYMN “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” (bulletin page 6)

EASTER AFFIRMATION

Leader: We are not alone, we live in God's world.

People: **We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make us new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church, to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our Judge and our Hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTION

TAKING CHRIST'S LIGHT OUT INTO THE WORLD

THE POSTLUDE “Praise the King” arr. by Matt Schinske

Meditation: Rev. Billy Graham

The resurrection of Christ changed the midnight of bereavement into a sunrise of reunion; it changed the midnight of disappointment into a sunrise of joy; it changed the midnight of fear to a sunrise of peace.

2088 Lord, I Lift Your Name on High



Lord, I lift your name on high;



Lord, I love to sing your prais - es.



I'm so glad you're in my life;



I'm so glad you came to save us.



You came from heav - en to earth _ to show the way, _



_ from the earth _ to the cross _ my debt to pay; _



_ from the cross to the grave, _ from the grave to the sky; _



_ Lord, I lift your name on high.

WORDS: Rick Founds (1 Cor. 15:3-4)

MUSIC: Rick Founds

LIFT YOUR NAME ON HIGH

Irregular

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Matt. 28:5-8; 1 Cor. 15:20-22; 54-57

Charles Wesley, 1739; alt.

1 Christ the Lord is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Let the Vic - tor's peo - ple sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!

Mor - tal tongues and an - gels say: Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where, O death, is now your sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Dy - ing once, Christ lives to save, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Death in vain for - bids Christ rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Made like Christ, like Christ we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!

Sing, glad heavens, and earth re - ply: Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where your vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
 God has o - pened par - a - dise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!

The unknown editor of Lyra Davidica wanted music with more movement and spirit than found in the grave, slow-paced psalm tunes, with one note to a syllable. Easter Hymn was among the first of a new popular style.

Tune: EASTER HYMN 7.7.7.7. with alleluias
 Arr. from Lyra Davidica, London, 1708

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to worship all those joining us on-line and those in the sanctuary. It is good to gather as the body of Christ.

The first anthem by the choir is "Christ Is Risen Today!" which was commissioned for Tod Avenue United Methodist Church, Warren, Ohio in loving memory of Ruth Strickland Kashner, mother of Sandy Harter.

The Elders serving Communion today are Chalmer Ritzert, Lori Tofani, Chris Stockner, Karen Galus, Mike Menold and George Donner.

The church office will be closed tomorrow.

The Knitting Group will reconvene on Tuesday at 1:00 in the Anderson Lounge. Bring your yarn and needles and a friend!

The Good Shepherd Center Full Board will meet Tuesday at 7:00 at The First Presbyterian Church in the Fellowship Hall.

Finance will meet at 6:00 and Consistory will meet at 7:00 on Wednesday, April 7.

The Immerse Class will begin on Tuesday, April 13 and Thursday, April 15. Please pick up your book in the office.

Pastor June will be on vacation from April 14 through April 27. Pastor Glenn will be in the pulpit on the 18th and 25th.

The lilies on the altar are placed in memory of:

Leon Holler, Vada and Arthur Beighley, Linda Beighley, Sandra Wiand, Sarah Fry and Harold Holler, by Carol Holler and Families.

Natalie and Jerry Webber, by their daughter Rise Webber.

Richard L. and Patricia J. Baird, by Leslie Gaul.

My son Craig, Gary and Sandy Stone, by Anita Powell.

My wife Norma, by Chub Eddy.

Our parents David and Alma Seiple and Bob and Dorothy Parker, by Robert and Pat Seiple.

Our parents, by Glenn and Arlene Sadler.

Family members, by Allen and Susan Morrill.

Roy and Virginia Saylor and Richard Saylor, by Vanessa Saylor.

Our parents and Lynda Holm, by Bob and Betsy Fischer.

Loved ones, by Dan Douthett

Ed Allison, by Linda Allison.

Mel and Esther Berry, by Karen Galus.

Loved ones, by Ron and Betty Mink.

Loved ones, by Linda Seeley.

Our parents and grandparents, by Chris Stockner and Brad, Lance and Clay Callahan.