

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Lord's Day

April 21, 2019

EASTER

This is the day that you have made: you have filled it with signs of your presence; your Spirit's breath permeates every moment; your grace fills each experience; your promises move within event, pulling us toward hope. Receive our thanks. Receive our praise, through Christ our Lord for in his love we know your deep love, your faithfulness, your grace.

Welcome and Announcements

Postlude: **Chant** Christopher Tambling

Lighting the Christ Candles

Call to Worship: **An Easter Celebration** Craig Courtney
 Trumpets: Gavin Vaughn, Noble Peck
 Euphonium: Christian Haynie
 Trombone: Patrick Johnson
 Congregation, please join in hymn #232 as directed

*Hymn: **Jesus Christ Is Risen Today** #232

*Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

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 doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to the calls for peace; we despise the weak, 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 in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

Time for Personal Confession

Response: **Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us**

**Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
 Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: Hear the good news! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin and alive to all that is good. Friends, this is the good news of the gospel!

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

*Gloria Patri **Glory Be to the Father** #581

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
 As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.
 Amen, amen.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: **Hallelujah from The Mount of Olives** Beethoven

*Doxology **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise Him, all creatures here below;
 Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.** #606

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayer for Illumination:

O God, tell us what we need to hear, and show us what we ought to do to obey Jesus Christ. Amen.

Psalter: **Psalm 118:1,14-29**
 Tune: *Mit Freuden Zart* #645; *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*
 Congregation, please sing the People's part

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. The LORD is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation. Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous: "The LORD's right hand has done mighty things! The LORD's right hand is lifted high; the LORD's right hand has done mighty things!"

People: **Give thanks unto our gracious God, whose love endures forever;
 The Lord, our strength and song shall be, from whom no fault can sever.
 Sing mighty songs of victory, both now and for eternity,
 For God will leave us never.**

Leader: I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the LORD has done. The LORD has chastened me severely, but he has not given me over to death. Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the LORD. This is the gate of the LORD through which the righteous may enter. I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.

People: **I shall not die, but I shall live, and sing God's grace with elation.
 Though I deserve no more than death, God blesses me with salvation.
 The gate that should unyielding be is open wide to welcome me,
 Give thanks and adoration!**

Leader: The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes. The LORD has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad. The LORD is God, and he has made his light shine on us. You are my God, and I will praise you; you are my God, and I will exalt you. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

People: **Upon the stones the builders judged imperfect, weak and tender,
 Now rest the corner of God's house, still unsurpassed in splendor.
 This is the day the Lord has made; God is my sun, and God my shade;
 Rejoice and praise gladly render!**

Scripture Reading: **John 20:1-18**

Anthem: **He Is Not Here!** Russell Nagy

Time for Young Disciples
 Preschool children may return to their pew or gather at the piano door where today's shepherd will lead them in a time of special activities.

*Hymn:

He Lives

ALFRED H. ACKLEY, 1887-1960

Scripture: **Revelation 19:4-6**

Sermon: **The Lord God Omnipotent Reigns**

Prayers of the People

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.

*Affirmation of Faith: A Brief Statement of Faith, lines 7-26

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

*Hymn: *Thine Is the Glory* #238

*Benediction

*Choral Response: *Alleluia* Craig Courtney

Closing Voluntary: *Carillon – Sortie* Henri Mulet

*Please stand if you are able

ASSISTING IN TODAY’S SERVICE

Ushers: James Allums Charlotte Bock
Dee Allums Rick Bock
Shepherd: Nancy Niehaus
Liturgist: Bobbie Ann Anderson
Reader: Kevin Helmer

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, April 21

Happy Easter!

Monday, April 22

May newsletter deadline

1:00 pm Circle Meeting

5:15 pm Soul Sisters

Tuesday, April 23

5:30 pm Handbell practice

Wednesday, April 24

7:30 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, April 25

10:00 am Circle Meeting

Sunday, April 28

9:30 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service

5:00 pm Youth

6:00 pm Session Meeting

TODAY’S FLOWERS

The beautiful flowers have been placed in the sanctuary this Easter Sunday to the glory of God by Terry and Chris Kline in loving memory of Betty and Robert Kline, Richard Kline, Gordon Kline, Marjorie Kennedy and Ralph Payne.

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THE SESSION

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⁴The twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God, who was seated on the throne. And they cried: "Amen, Hallelujah!"

⁵Then a voice came from the throne, saying: "Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, both great and small!"

⁶Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting: "Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns."

~ Revelation 19:4-6