

Easter



HE IS RISEN.

MARK 16:6

GREENWOOD COMMUNITY CHURCH, PRESBYTERIAN
805 Main Avenue, Warwick, Rhode Island 02886

EASTER SUNDAY

April 12, 2020

9:30 a.m.

Silent prayer for use in preparation for worship:

O Christ, the brightness of God's glory and express image of His person, Whom death could not conquer, nor the tomb imprison; as You have shared our mortal frailty in the flesh, help us to share Your immortal triumph in the spirit. Let no shadow of the grave affright us and no fear of darkness turn our hearts from You. Reveal Yourself to us as the First and the Last, the Living One, our immortal Savior and Lord, Amen.

A prayer of Henry Van Dyke, 1852-1933, pastor of the Brick Presbyterian Church (NYC) and U.S. ambassador to the Netherlands and Luxembourg

PRELUDE *Allegro Molto from Violin Sonata in D Major F. Schubert*
Alexandra Nichols, Violin

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 25:6-9*

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *(from Luke 24:6, 34; Rev. 1:18; I Corinthians 15:55)*

The Lord is Risen!

HE IS RISEN, INDEED!

Jesus said, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last, and the Living One; I died, and behold I am alive for evermore, and I have the keys of Death and of Hades."

WHERE, O DEATH, IS THY VICTORY? WHERE, O DEATH, IS THY STING?

He is risen!

HE IS RISEN, INDEED!

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

GLORIOUS GOD OF LIFE, IN RAISING YOUR SON FROM THE GRAVE, YOU CONQUERED THE POWER OF DEATH AND OPENED THE WAY TO LIFE ETERNAL. AS WE CELEBRATE WITH JOY HIS RESURRECTION, GRANT THAT WE MAY BE RAISED FROM THE DEATH OF SIN TO THE ABUNDANT LIFE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS. GRANT THIS THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, NOW AND FOREVER, AMEN.

***+HYMN** *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(first silently, then in unison):*

ALMIGHTY GOD, WHOSE SON IS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD, IN HIS PENETRATING LIGHT WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR DARKNESS; IN HIS CONSTANT GRACE, OUR CARELESS LOVE; IN HIS GENEROUS GIVING, OUR SORDID GRASPING; IN HIS EQUAL JUSTICE, OUR DIRE PREJUDICE; IN HIS FORTITUDE, OUR FEARFUL FAILURE; IN HIS INCLUSIVE LOVE, OUR DEEP DIVISIONS; IN HIS PURE SACRIFICE, OUR SOILING SINS. BUT IN HIS CROSS IS OUR FORGIVENESS, AND IN HIS RESURRECTION OUR ENDURING HOPE. THE PARDON AND PROMISE WE CLAIM, IN PENITENCE AND FAITH, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD, AMEN. *(A prayer of Horton Davies, 1916-2005)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI**

SPECIAL MUSIC *Alleluia from Exultate Jubilate W.A. Mozart*
Olivia Black, Soprano

SCRIPTURE READINGS *Luke 24:1-12*
Revelation 21:1-6

***HYMN** *Christ Arose*

SERMON SO HEAVENLY MINDED THAT WE ARE EARTHLY GOOD

***CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER** *Bulletin Back*

OFFERING

**Doxology Lasst Uns Erfruen tune*

**Prayer of Dedication*

**Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed*

I BELIEVE IN GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY, MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH, AND IN JESUS CHRIST HIS ONLY SON OUR LORD; WHO WAS CONCEIVED BY THE HOLY GHOST, BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY, SUFFERED UNDER PONTIUS PILATE, WAS CRUCIFIED, DEAD, AND BURIED. HE DESCENDED INTO HELL. THE THIRD DAY HE ROSE AGAIN FROM THE DEAD; HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN, AND SITTETH ON THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY. FROM THENCE HE SHALL COME TO JUDGE THE QUICK AND THE DEAD. I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY GHOST, THE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH; THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS; THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS; THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY; AND THE LIFE EVERLASTING, AMEN.

***HYMN** *Thine Is The Glory 274*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Toccata from Symphony 5 C.M. Widor*

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***WE WELCOME ALL** who are worshipping with us today via this online Service of Worship. This is still somewhat new territory for us, we've made a few technical adjustments which may help; also, the service will be archived and posted @ twenty minutes after the live stream ... **the service will then be available for viewing for ONE WEEK for you to watch at your leisure.** A special word of welcome is extended to any who are visiting with us on line this morning... whether you are visiting us for this hour or looking for a new church home, welcome to our fellowship.*

During the offering we will again be dedicating tithes and offerings we have received via mail; **THANK YOU** to all who have remained constant in your financial support of the Greenwood Community Church during this time of economic hardship for many of you AND when we are unable to meet together as a congregation. Some have given by utilizing "**Bill Pay**" options offered by most banks, others have **mailed or dropped off donations** to the church office, and an option for **on line giving** via a service provided by the **Presbyterian Foundation** is (still) in the works and should be up and running very soon ... the Presbyterian Foundation has been swamped with requests for new accounts, and as all their staff are working remotely from their homes, things are delayed. We'll keep you posted as things develop.

We will continue the **Wednesday Night Hymn Sing via Facebook April 15, 7:00 PM**, and will continue to live stream worship **Sunday, April 18, 9:30 A.M.**

The Rev. Dr. Stephen L. Clark, Pastor

John C. Black, Director of Music and Choirs, Organist

Alexandra K. Nichols, Music Associate

Matthew S. Majeika, Camera and Technical Master
(and our Director of Young Adult Ministries)

Olivia R. Black, "Choir"

Wayne A. Meunier, Lector



Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Now is Christ risen . . . and become the first fruits of them that slept. I Cor. 15:20

EASTER HYMN 7777 Alleluias

Arr. from *Lyra Davidica*, London, 1708

Charles Wesley, 1739

1. Christ the Lord is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King; 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!

Sons of men and an - gels say: Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where, O death, is now thy 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, He all doth save: Al - le - lu - ia!
 Death in vain for - bids Him rise; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Made like Him, like Him we rise; Al - le - lu - ia!

Sing, ye heav'n, and earth re - ply, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ has o - pened Par - a - dise. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

Easter Memorial Flowers 2020



In Memory Of

Herbert & Shirley Hall, Bill Hall

Our parents

Husband Frank Carson, parents Joseph & Eleanor Kuzman, and Linda Fratus, grandmother of Logan, Gavin & Keegan, Catherine Weiland, grandmother Beverly Carson

Ann Davis Clark, Alan Francis Clark

Charles and Elaine Davis

Our loved ones

In honor of ALL first responders, military & essential workers during Covid-19 outbreak

Enar & Mary Janson

Our parents and grandparents

Francis and Nedra Johnson

Loved ones

Bob's parents and our grandparents

Albert & Jane Mair, Lois Mair and Mary Lan "Lani" Mair

Dear friends Doreen Huro Michelini & Jill Siebens Dobos

Beverly & Arthur Schreiner

Beloved husband John McClung

Parents Ed & Marie Beranek, and sister Beverly Kraus

Given By:

The Barry Family

Jim & Deb Burrows

Stephen Clark

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Glenn and Artena Fairbairn

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Dena Janson

Don & Helen Hausman

Daughter Paul, son Bob, grandson Michael, granddaughter Kristen, great-granddaughters Malia & Britney, great-great grandson London

Emmy Kmet

Bobby & Cathy Maguire

Denise & Peter Mair

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Betty & Deb Stacey, Denise & Peter Mair

Betty McClung

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In Memory Of

Gram/Martha MacKinnon

Dad/Pa/Eugene Morse

In honor of Margaret Morse/ GiGi

Grandparents Arthur W. & Olive E. (Huey) Hyde

My husband Ken and all who've succumbed to Covid 19

Our loved ones

Parents Millie and Robert Plouffe

Our parents and Charles Phillips III

All Covid-19s victims

Loving dear friends who lost their battles with cancer: Karen Cafferty Rogers, Kevin Dunphy, Trish Newman & Sue Sams

Husband Don, and dear friends Mim Garlick & Jean Martin

My parents Stewart and Ruby Taylor

Howard Diggle, Sr. & Charles Diggle

Ann Stratton & Barbara Morrocco

Given By:

Peggy McKeever

Julia D'Arezzo & Peggy McKeever

Timothy James D'Arezzo

Evelyn C. Murray

Sandra L. Olson

Helen Phillips and Meagan

Jeffrey Plouffe

John and Peggy Phillips

Eric and Evelyn Robinson

Deb Stacey

Betty Stacey

Bill Taylor

Tracy Traficante

Your Warwick Neck "Beasties"

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PICK UP YOUR FLOWERS, THEY WILL BE AVAILABLE AFTER OUR 9:30 WORSHIP UNTIL NOON SUNDAY. YOU MAY ALSO COME BY THE CHURCH TO PICK THEM UP BETWEEN 10:00 AM AND 2:00 PM MONDAY & TUESDAY. FLOWERS REMAINING AFTER TUESDAY WILL BE DONATED OR PLANTED.

THE 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 TRESPASSES AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US; AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL. FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM AND THE POWER AND THE GLORY FOREVER, AMEN.

Christ Arose

It was impossible for death to keep its hold on Him. Acts 2:24

1. Low in the grave He lay- Je - sus, my Sav - ior! Wait - ing the
2. Vain - ly they watch His bed- Je - sus, my Sav - ior! Vain - ly they
3. Death can - not keep his prey- Je - sus, my Sav - ior! He tore the

Refrain
faster

com - ing day- Je - sus, my Lord! Up from the grave He a - rose, With a
seal the dead- Je - sus, my Lord! He a - rose,
bars a - way- Je - sus, my Lord!

might - y tri - umph o'er His foes. He a - rose! He a - rose a vic - tor from the

dark do - main, And He lives for - ev - er with His saints to reign. He a -

rit.

rose! He a - rose! He a - rose! Hal - le - lu - jah! Christ a - rose!
He a - rose! He a - rose!

TEXT: Robert Lowry
MUSIC: Robert Lowry

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CHRIST AROSE
6.5.6.4. with Refrain

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE

“The life of Jesus is bracketed by two impossibilities: a virgin's womb and an empty tomb. Jesus entered our world through a door marked 'No Entrance' and left through a door marked 'No Exit.' ” -- *Peter Larson*

O God, grant us to share in the life and the death and the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

LEAD US, WE PRAY, TO THE GRAVE THAT IS EMPTY, AND INTO THE GARDEN WHERE WE MAY MEET OUR RISEN LORD.

May we never again live as if our Lord were dead! Grant that through Him and with Him we may die to sin and live to righteousness.

GRANT THAT THROUGH HIM AND WITH HIM OUR OLD SELF MAY DIE, AND A NEW SELF, VICTORIOUS OVER SIN AND ABUNDING IN GOODNESS, MAY BE CREATED ANEW.

Grant that through Him and with Him we may become a new creation in which the old things have passed away, and in which everything has become new.

SO GRANT THAT EVEN HERE AND NOW WE MAY DIE TO SIN AND BE REBORN TO RIGHTEOUSNESS.

And grant that we may be so one with our risen Lord that, when life ends for us in this world, we may know that death is the gateway to eternal life.

DELIVER US FROM THE FEAR OF DEATH; AND MAKE US TO KNOW THAT DEATH IS NOT THE END BUT THE BEGINNING, NOT THE TWILIGHT BUT THE DAWN, NOT THE MIDNIGHT BUT THE BREAKING DAY.

So grant us the certainty that beyond death there is a life where the broken things are mended, and the lost things found;

WHERE THERE IS REST FOR THE WEARY, AND JOY FOR THE SAD,

Where all we have hoped and willed of good shall exist;

WHERE THE GOOD DREAM WILL COME TRUE, AND THE HIGHEST IDEAL WILL BE REALIZED;

Where we shall be for ever with our Lord, Who taught us to pray,

"OUR FATHER ..." (*the Lord's Prayer, trespasses*)

Adapted from Dr. William Barclay's
Prayers for the Christian Year, "Easter Even", c. 1964

Doxology

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Ps. 150:6

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea - tures
 here be - low: al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise him a -
 bove, ye heav'n - ly host, praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Thomas Ken, 1709; alt.

LASST UNS ERFREUEN L.M.al.
Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Cologne, 1623

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Thine Is the Glory, Risen, Conquering Son

O grave, where is thy victory? I Cor. 15:55

Edmond L. Budry, 1884
Trans. by Richard B. Hoyle, 1923

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George Frederick Handel, 1746

1. Thine is the glo - ry, Ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; End - less is the
 2. Lo! Je - sus meets us, Ris - en, from the tomb; Lov - ing - ly He
 3. No more we doubt Thee, Glo - rious Prince of Life! Life is naught with -
 vic - t'ry Thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai - ment
 greets us, Scat - ters fear and gloom; Let His church with glad - ness
 out Thee; Aid us in our strife; Make us more than con-qu'rors,
 Rolled the stone a - way, Kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
 Hymns of tri - umph sing, For her Lord now liv - eth;
 Through Thy death - less love; Bring us safe through Jor - dan
Refrain
 Where Thy bod - y lay.
 Death hath lost its sting. Thine is the glo - ry, Ris - en, con-qu'ring Son;
 To Thy home a - bove.
 End - less is the vic - t'ry Thou o'er death hast won. A - men.

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