

Welcome to St. Paul's United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ

Sunday, April 17th.



Artwork by Mia Riesmeyer

GOD IS STILL SPEAKING

*NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE, OR WHERE YOU ARE ON LIFE'S
JOURNEY YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!*



Worship Leadership

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Lector: Nancy Richey

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Matthew Wieseman and Patrick Murphy, trumpets

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Jeffrey A. Dundore

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Nursery: Susan Ward-Diorio

Flower Delivery: Nancy Richey

Pastor Emeritus

The Rev. Dr. Thomas E. Herrold

Ministers

The Entire Congregation

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SERVICE OF WORSHIP

EASTER SUNDAY

April 17th, 2022

*Please note: the livestream broadcast begins with the Announcements.
If you do not wish to appear in the livestream, it is best to sit in one of the back three pews of
the Sanctuary.*

*We will not be passing the microphone around.
Please write up any Prayer Requests ahead of time, leave them in the Red Bowl
or give them to the Head Usher. They will bring them forward.*

****Those who are comfortable doing so are invited to stand.***

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE "Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain" *Brass Ensemble* Sullivan (arr. Davis)

CHORAL INTROIT

We will be singing with our masks in place.

*THE HYMN No. 233 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

Loving God, You have shown us death is not the final word. Jesus endured torture and death so we might know new life awaits us all. May our thanks for this knowledge be our commitment to live as You created us to live. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

We would rather deny death's reality, points of ending for us all than to believe in and seek new life. This has caused unneeded suffering for us as individuals, for the whole of humanity and for the whole of creation. Let us join in a time of offering Silent Prayers of Confession.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Responsive):

Minister: God forgives us, and offers us the opportunity to receive new life, in this life. God also promises new life at the end of our physical lives.

ALL: Let us truly consider what Jesus willingly did so we might see that new life is possible. In our awe and gratitude, may we choose the pursuit of new life. Amen.

*Please note: we will not be shaking hands or hugging.
If you are able, please rise and greet one another with other signs of Peace.*

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

*THE GLORIA PATRI (#759 is the tune, but not all the same words)

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.

Children are invited to the front at this time. They may sit on the chancel steps, they may sit in the front pews, or they may remain seated with their families. Remember, everyone who comes forward will be on camera.

SING THE CHILDREN TO THE FRONT

Jesus Loves the Little Children

Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world

Shy and Joyful, Bold and Bright

They are precious in his sight

Jesus loves the little children of the world.

THE WORD FOR THE YOUNG

SING THE CHILDREN TO THEIR SEATS

Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so

Little ones to him belong. They are weak but He is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me

Yes, Jesus loves me. The Bible tells me so

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 65:17-25

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 10:34-43

THE RESPONSE:

One: God is Still Speaking.

All: Thanks be to God!

THE GOSPEL READING & MESSAGE:

Luke 24:1-12

“Remember How He Told You”

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE CHORAL RESPONSE (unison)

Joyful Eastertide

O Je - sus, Sa - vior, Gen - tle One, come take our hearts to be your own. And
now, O Christ, with us a - bide in this, our joy - ful Eas - ter - tide!

Please note: you can leave your offerings in the plate in the Narthex on your way in or on your way out after Service. You may also place your pew pad sheets in that Offering Plate. Thank you.

THE ANTHEM “Joy in the Morning”

Sleeth

Chancel Choir and Brass Ensemble

*DOXOLOGY

*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

Thank you, God, for resurrection. We rejoice in Christ as the first fruits of all that You make available to us. As You offered Christ to the world, we offer ourselves. May we, along with our gifts, testify to good news of Your forgiving love and empowering acceptance. Amen.

*THE HYMN No. 44 “Beautiful Jesus”

Please note: our ushers will be passing out the Communion Elements on trays to each individual or family unit. You do not need to pass the plates down. When directed we all can raise our masks to eat and drink the Communion Elements.

THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION:

One: God Be with You.

Many: And Also With You.

One: Lift Up Your Hearts.

Many: We Lift Them Up to God.

One: Let Us Give Thanks to God.

Many: It Is Good to Give God Thanks and Praise.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS:

Today we gather both in person and in Spirit.

For those of you present in the Sanctuary, our ushers will be passing out the bread and gluten-free crackers and the wine and white grape juice. They will bring the trays to you. Unless you are sitting with a family unit, please do not pass the trays down but rather give them back to the usher.

For those of you joining us via livestream, we hope you have some bread and wine or juice of your choice before you. We trust that God is powerful enough to extend God's Blessings upon these Communion Elements, even as we and they are scattered in geographic space.

Please hold the elements until all have been served. We will eat and drink them together.

All are welcome to participate. Thank you.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Responsive):

Holy God, we give You thanks for the miracle and wonder of this meal. We give You thanks for Your coming to us in the person of Jesus and for Jesus' willingness to offer his whole self for our benefit. We can see how we can best live our lives. We can believe all "deaths", those losses, endings and struggles in this life, and the ones at the end of our physical lives, are not the final word. We can trust that Your Spirit is within all of us, and always will be. May the gifts of this table always remind us of the gifts You have given us all. Amen.

*THE HYMN No. 245 “The Day of Resurrection”

*THE BIDDING TO MISSION

*THE WORLD PEACE PRAYER

One: Lead us, O God.

All: Lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth.

Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust.

Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace.

Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe. Amen.

*THE BENEDICTION

* THE THREE-FOLD AMEN

Please note: the livestream continues until the end of the Postlude.

*Please know you are free to leave following the Three-fold Amen,
and exit to the Narthex to speak with one another.*

Do remember you may be visible and audible on the livestream as you exit early.

If you choose to remain, please be seated and listen quietly to the Postlude.

THE POSTLUDE “Thine Is the Glory”

Handel (arr. Walters)

Brass Ensemble and Organ

References:

The Prayer of Dedication is from “Gathered by Love” by Lavon Bayler, 1994, United Church Press.

The World Peace Prayer is a paraphrase of a verse from the Upanishads, the most ancient scriptures of Hinduism, also prayed daily by Roman Catholic Benedictine nuns.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by
Anna Thompson, “In celebration of the wonder and joy of Easter!”

The Easter Flowers are Given to the Glory of God by...

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| Daniella and Joshua Benfer | In Honor of the People of Ukraine |
| George and Betsy Bingaman | In Honor of our Children and Grandchildren |
| | In Memory of our Parents: Rev. George and Martha Bingaman, Clarence and Josie Rosenberry |
| Chris and Tina Bowers | In Memory of Anne Paris Davison |
| | In Memory of David Francis LaPierre |
| | In Memory of Robin Lynn Rupp |

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| Allyssa Boyer | In Honor of Marina Ovsyannikova |
| Paula and Mark Boyer | In Memory of Our Parents |
| Bill and Deb Cashman | In Memory of Grandparents and Parents |
| Elaine Daly and Chris Royer | In Memory of Lee Jackson |
| Tim, LeAnn, and Zack Davinroy | In Honor of Family |
| | In Memory of Family |
| Dundore Family | In Memory of Grandparents and Parents |
| Michael Gray | In Memory of Mary Lou and Richard Gray |
| Rick Holtzapple and Fenton Fox | In Honor of Our Children, Brother, and Sister |
| | In Memory of Our Parents |
| Debra Kassahun | In Memory of Carl and Margaret Yohn |
| Eugene and Martha Keith | In Honor of Family |
| Joan Kraft | In Honor of Betty Hungerford |
| Jennifer McCartney Martek | In Memory of Anna Mary McCartney |
| | In Memory of Jerry McCartney |
| Sarah Myers and Beth Mihmet | In Memory of Loved Ones |
| | In Honor of Loved Ones |
| Julie Patton and Family | In Memory of Parents, Fred and Ruth Thornton |
| Tom and Nancy Richey | In Honor of Dan Richey |
| Ned and Rhoda Rupp | In Memory of Our Family and Friends |
| Wendi Taylor | In Honor of all the Members of St. Paul's UCC |
| Anna Thompson | In Honor of Children and their Families |
| | In Memory of Parents and Grandparents |
| Mr. and Mrs. David Weiss Sr. | In Memory of David W. Weiss Jr. |



The Lenten Offerings are Given to the Glory of God by...

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| Marshall and JoAnn Bender | In Honor of God |
| Evelyn M. Diorio | In Memory of Kelly MacCarthy |
| Michael Gray | In Memory of Mary Lou and Richard Gray |
| Gloria M. Hoffman | In Memory of Richard L. Hoffman |
| Shirley Keith Knox | In Honor of Peace |
| Raymond Krouch | In Memory of Phyllis and Harry Hershey |
| Linda L. Miller | In Memory of Miller and Murray Family Members |
| Ned and Rhoda Rupp | In Memory of Our Son, Ned E. Rupp |
| Sherry Spencer | In Memory of Shirley Corman |
| George Swartz | In Memory of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Swartz, Ms. Shirley Swartz, Mr. and Mrs. EuJean Fry. |
| | In Honor of Mr. John T. Knight |
| Evelyn Warfield | In Memory of Stephanie McGonigle and Ruby Menke |
| Amy Wentz | In Memory of My Grandparents |



HYMN #233 - 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!

HYMN #44 - Beautiful Jesus

Beautiful Jesus, Head of all creation, God
and the blessed Mary's child:
I want to love you, praise and adore you, Joy
of my soul, so long desired.

Beautiful springtime, lovely green and
hopeful, all earth exhales its sweet perfume:
Jesus is sweeter, Jesus is purer, sad hearts at
this rejoice and bloom.

Beautiful sunshine, clear, so lovely
moonlight, stars shine like angels ranked
through space:

Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines clearer, in
perfect beauty, love and grace.

All earthly beauty, all celestial radiance fade
when compared to Jesus' face.
Let me not cherish beauties that perish; Let
me this lovely good embrace.

Hymn #245 – The Day of Resurrection

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 hath brought us over with hymns
of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may
see aright
The Christ in reigns eternal in resurrection
light;
We listening 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 in
gladness blend,
For Christ again has risen, our joy that hath
no end.