

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN-CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 12th 2020

Easter Sunday

MUSICAL PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE Fanfare and Statement on "Llanfair" E. Broughton

CHORAL INTROIT Alive, Alive Don Marsh

GREETING L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

God promises someday you will again be my people.

I will be your God and will give you peace.

O God, come today to claim us.

Take away the sting of death.

God has been patient and kind with us.

We are precious to God, who loves us.

God answers our prayers and offers salvation.

The rejected one has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the day that God has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

We rejoice to know that Christ is alive.

God has chosen us to witness to good news.

MORNING PRAYER (read by Lay Reader)

Through earthquake and terror, appear to us, holy God, and roll away the stones that separate us from you. Turn our fear to faith, our doubts to delight, as Jesus, who was crucified, becomes for us an abiding presence. Raise us with Christ to seek the things that are above. Anoint us with the Spirit's healing power that we may reach out with good deeds in the name of Christ. We raise our glad songs, giving thanks that you have opened for us the gates of righteousness.

***HYMN** Christ The Lord is Risen Today #234

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God, we have lost our awe of you in the busyness of our days. We have forgotten to look for Christ in the people we meet. We have ignored your mandate to live as Christ in relation to our neighbors. On this day of resurrection, we ask you to raise us up and restore in us a commitment to our risen Savior. May we die to all that is selfish in order that Christ may live in us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Punishment is meant to correct us that we might not die but live to recount God's compassionate deeds. God answers our prayers and offers us salvation. In following Christ, we find wholeness and joy. We set our minds on God's gracious intention for us. Give thanks to God, whose steadfast love endures forever. Rejoice that Christ sends us out to tell others that they, too may know resurrection.

***GLORIA PATRI** #805

CHORAL ANTHEM The Lord is Risen This Morning Besig & Price

CHILDREN'S CHAT Lenten banner

***HYMN** Christ Arose! #235

SCRIPTURE Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (p.554); Acts 10:34-43 (p.1002) & Matthew 28:1-10 (p.909)

MESSAGE Rev. James Deters

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed #14

PERIOD OF GUIDED PRAYER Prayers of the people and the Lord's Prayer

OFFERINGS OF GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY Aus meines Herzens Grunde J. C. Bach

***DOXOLOGY** #809

***OFFERTORY PRAYER** (unison)

Thank you, God, for accepting us in ways that we had not even accepted ourselves.

We want to do what is right and good. Receive our time and effort as well as our money that your message of peace might be spread throughout our community and nation and into the whole world. Inspire all of us to seek, above all else, to do your will and accomplish your purposes. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP.

***HYMN** Thine Is the Glory #251

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

We have witnessed an earth-shaking event.

Christ has been raised! Christ is alive.

We have been raised with Christ to new life.

Our lives have been filled with new meaning.

Gates of righteousness have been opened for us.

Give thanks for the new life we have entered.

God is our strength and our might.

Christ has become our salvation.

Continue to celebrate this first day of Easter.

There are many more to come as we grow in Christ.

God anointed Jesus with spirit and power.

We carry with us new empowerment for living. Amen.

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE TO BENEDICTION God Be With You

POSTLUDE The Strife Is O'er

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Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

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The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the Lord does valiantly; the right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly." I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord. The Lord has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death. Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Matthew 28:1-10

p.909

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." ⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

BIRTHDAYS

- 4-13 Brian Zifko, Sherri Bokenyi
& Jacob VanPernis
- 4-15 Kat Whitten, Noah McKuen & Sam Roman
- 4-16 Danielle Edwards & Janna Levings
- 4-17 Bill Hagstrom

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In an effort to keep the congregation informed of events and activities of interest to the church family, please submit announcements for inclusion in the Sunday bulletin. The submission deadline is noon every Tuesday. Please send your information to the church office via email to info@upcchurch.org.