



April 20, 2025 – Livestream
Easter Sunday

GATHERING

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brandon Wallace

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won

arr. D. Cherwien

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Darren Cushman Wood

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Leader: Alleluia! The Lord reigns!

People: Let the earth rejoice! Alleluia!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #302

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

v. 1-4

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!

Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia! Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!

Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

CAROLERS' ANTHEM

Up From the Grave He Arose
Hymnal #322

Denise Page Caraher, director
James Caraher, piano

OPENING PRAYER

Brandon Wallace

Glory to you, O God of love:

On this day you won victory over death

by raising Jesus from the grave

and making him the Lord of life.

Grant that we, being dead to sin and alive in Christ,

may proclaim your hope and praise your victory,

through your Spirit

this day and forevermore. Amen.

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood?
 Died he for me, who caused his pain? For me, who him to death pursued?
 Amazing love, how can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
 He left his Father's throne above, so free, so infinite his grace!
 Emptied himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race!
 'Tis mercy all, immense and free, for, O my God, it found out me.
 Amazing love, how can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
 Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night.
 Thine eye diffused a quickening ray; I woke the dungeon flamed with light!
 My chains fell off! My heart was free! I rose, went forth and followed Thee.
 No condemnation now I dread; Jesus and all in him is mine!
 Alive in him, my Living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
 bold I approach the eternal throne, and claim the crown through Christ my own.

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Leader: Tell the Lord how thankful you are,
 because God is kind and always merciful.

People: Let Israel shout, "God is always merciful!"

Leader: My power and my strength come from the Lord who has saved me.

People: From the tents of God's people come shouts of victory:

Leader: "The Sovereign One is powerful!

With mighty arms the Lord wins victories!

People: The Lord is powerful!"

Leader: I will not die but I will live to tell what the Lord has done.

**People: God gave me stern correction
 but did not let death lay its hands on me.**

Leader: Open the gates of justice!

I will enter and tell the Lord how thankful I am.

People: Here is the gate of the Lord!

Everyone who does right may enter the gate.

Leader: I praise the Lord for answering my prayers and saving me.

**People: The stone that the builders tossed aside
 has now become the cornerstone.**

Leader: The Lord has done this, and it is amazing to us.

Leader: This day belongs to the Lord!

Let us celebrate and be glad today.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Jan Wheeler Cowen

FIRST LESSON

Acts 10:34-43

³⁴ Then Peter replied, "I see very clearly that God shows no favoritism. ³⁵ In every nation God accepts those who fear the Lord and do what is right. ³⁶ This is the message of Good News for the people of Israel—that there is peace with God through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. ³⁷ You know what happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee, after John began preaching his message of baptism. ³⁸ And you know that God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. Then Jesus went around doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

³⁹ "And we apostles are witnesses of all he did throughout Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a cross, ⁴⁰ but God raised him to life on the third day. Then God allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to

the general public, but to us whom God had chosen in advance to be his witnesses. We were those who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² And he ordered us to preach everywhere and to testify that Jesus is the one appointed by God to be the judge of all—the living and the dead. ⁴³ He is the one all the prophets testified about, saying that everyone who believes in him will have their sins forgiven through his name.”

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PRAYER #307

Christ Is Risen

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days.

Christ is risen! Hush in wonder; all creation is amazed.

In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.

Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.

Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.

Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend;

Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.

Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.

Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"

God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Jill Moffett

THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

MUSICAL RESPONSE #162

Alleluia, Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

EASTER OFFERING

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY

Alleluia

J. Berger

from Brazilian Psalm

Alleluia! For Christ has risen, let all rejoice! Christ the Lord is risen sing, Alleluia!

I will lift my voice and sing praise to you, O Risen Lord! Alleluia!

*DOXOLOGY #94

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:1-12

¹But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵The

women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. ⁶Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." ⁸Then they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

It Began with a Glitch

Darren Cushman Wood

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #303

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 Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light;
and listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,
his own "All hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.***

***Now let the heavens be joyful! Let earth the song begin!
Let the round world keep triumph, and all that is therein!
Let all things seen and unseen their notes in gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord hath risen, our joy that hath no end.***

*THE CHARGE AND BLESSING

Leader: Go forth with joy. Jesus Christ is risen!

People: Hallelujah!

Leader: You are witnesses to the resurrection,
messengers of the everlasting peace,
and servants of the eternal hope!

People: Christ shall reign forever! Hallelujah!

Leader: Grace and peace to all through our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hallelujah Chorus
from *Messiah*

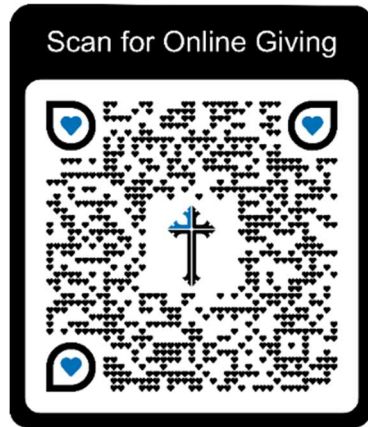
G.F. Handel

POSTLUDE

Toccata
from *Symphony No. 5*

C.M. Widor

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in loving memory of Frank Hirschman, April 9, 1936-March 21, 2009,
by Sue Hirschman, Ann Cottingham, Susan and Andy McBride,
John and Leigh Ann Hirschman and grandchildren.*



Today's worship leaders:

Darren Cushman Wood
Senior Pastor
Jill Moffett
Pastor of Community Formation
Brandon Wallace
Minister of Christian Education
John Hague, James Horton
& Allen McCormack
Audio Visual
Mark Gilgallon
Music Director
Heather Hinton
Organist

COMING UP @ NORTH

WORSHIP

- * Youth Sunday, Sunday, May 4, 8:30 and 11 a.m.
- * "To the Trinity and Beyond — Holy Cow!" Children's Musical, Sunday, May 11, 9:45 a.m.
- * "A Sunday with Handel: The Utrecht Jubilate," Sunday, May 18, 11 a.m.

SERVE

- * Community Clean-Up Day, Saturday, April 26, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

LEARN

- * "State of the State's Environment" Presentation, Sunday, April 27, 9:45 a.m.
- * "1946" Film Forum, Tuesday, May 13, 5:30 p.m.
- * Trauma and Spirituality Workshop, Sunday, May 18, 5:30-8 p.m.

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