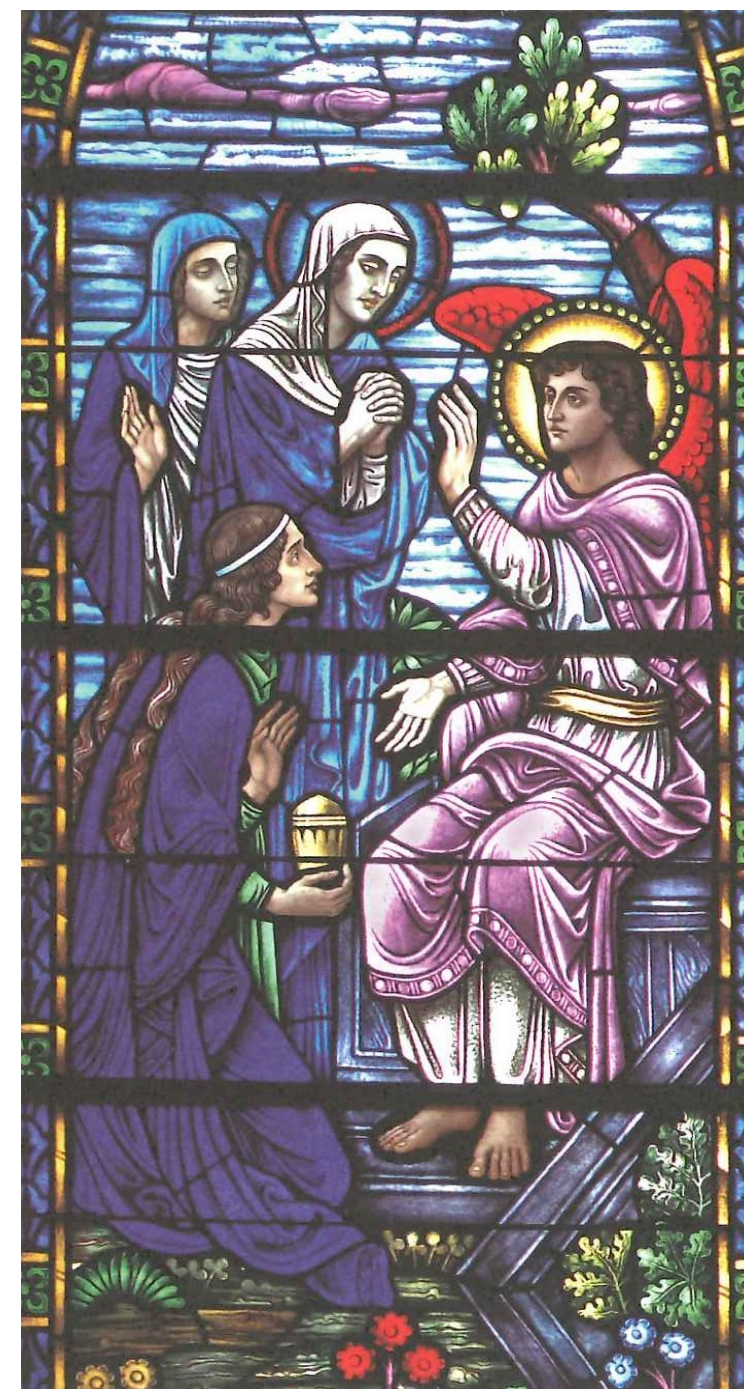




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**Central Reformed Church**  
**Easter Sunday**  
**April 21, 2019**  
**9:30 am**

REFLECTION

Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection,  
not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime.

—Martin Luther

Nathan Victor VerMeulen

I believe in God who is the creator of heaven and keeper of life. God is the only being who loves all and for-gives all. God is the only one I truly trust, God is the one thing that never fails me.

I believe in Jesus Christ, our lord. He is the only son of God and he was born by the Virgin Mary. He suffered with our sin on his shoulders. He gave his life for ours so that God the father would forgive us for our sins.

I believe in the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is my true listener and assister. He is never gone from my side. Although it may seem at times that he has left me, I know deep down that he is still there and listening to me. The Holy Spirit is what brings me to follow Christ and live a life modeled after how he lived. Though all the bad times and the good he is still always at my side. I will always have him in life and in death.

Sydney Anne Muller

I believe that God knows all; He is the backbone of the world and the Trinity. He is a father, creator, and over-whelmingly powerful, and is an ally to all despite their failures. With my faith in God, I can truly believe that everything happens for a reason.

I believe that Jesus is the human form of God that came to further God’s word. He also came to strengthen each and every person’s relationship with God. He is able to do this, because he is more relevant when in a human form: we can see him and hear him instead of being far off. Jesus loves all: he brings sight to people who can’t see, and life to objects that are dead.

I believe that the Holy Spirit is a warm blanket that encases me in God’s love. It is always with me, even though I don’t always feel it. For multiple people, it seems the furthest away but is actually the closest. It is a presence that reminds me of God’s word.

Overall, the Trinity provides different aspects of faith that aid in deepening my Christianity. It is a teacher that teaches everyone how to treat others under the image of God.

Church is a supporting structure of not just people but of faith as well. I believe that it is important for a re-freshment, but not essential for each and every week. For example, you can experience the feeling of church in nature as well as other people. The Trinity can be within simple objects outside of Church, such as a smile, a lake, nature, or a cool run, because those are all things that God beautifully created.

I believe that all of these aspects have an impact on everyone’s lives, even if they don’t see it at first. You can lean on the Trinity when you don’t feel like you can hold yourself up.

All these aspects also change the way you treat others (kindness, compassion). They also make you realize that no massive things can fulfill you, only God can.

Finally, I believe that God created me to share love and compassion with other people like he shares his love and compassion with me.

Lilly June Harsevoort

I believe in one God who is the creator and who is powerful, caring, and comforting. He is everything and every-where, the past, present and future. I know that he loves me and I can trust in him.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s son. He taught us to do good and live in his image by caring for others and living faithfully. By dying on the cross, he forgave our sins and gave us second chances.

I believe in the Holy Spirit who helps me to understand God and for God to understand me. The Holy Spirit also helps me to live as a follower of God.

I believe that although I will die on earth, I will still live on eternally, because I believe in Christ. Believing in Christ gives me comfort and hope.

John Dirk VerMeulen

I believe that God is the Creator. He is the one true constant in an ever changing world. He was there at the beginning, is here now, and will be for all time.

I believe that God so loved us that he became man through Jesus. He lived a perfect life, died and was resurrected, saving us. Through him we have a relationship with God and are forgiven.

I believe that God knows what it means to be human. We are constantly surrounded by and tempted by sin, often giving in. Through ignorance and selfishness we create the problems we have in this world.

I believe God has set the perfect example for us to live by. He calls us to love as we have been loved, and to for-give as we have been forgiven. He has shown us how to humbly live our lives to bring light to a world plagued with darkness.

Gordon Joseph VerMeulen

I believe the Father, creator of heaven and earth, lover and forgiver. Who through him I have life everlasting. I live by faith because through faith I have the Lord our God. The son born by the Virgin Mary, he taught us, lived for us and he died for us, by suffering on the cross, he forgave us through grace and love. Holy Spirit, God in the spirit form, he is within me, and around me. I believe in salvation and through the trinity I am saved. Through life’s ups and downs, in life and in death, the Holy Spirit never leaves my side. These are the things I believe.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 21, 2019—9:30 AM

(Please silence all electronic devices.)

Welcome to Central Reformed Church on this holiest of days.  
May your life be touched by the power of God’s love for us in Jesus Christ  
and may the Easter joy that fills this day be yours in abundance.

GATHERING IN LOVE

Prelude

Brass Fugue  
Morning Has Broken  
Easter Carillon  
Te Deum

J.S. Bach, arr. Don Schaeffer  
Bunessan, arr. Douglas Smith  
Robert J. Powell  
Marc-Antonie Charpentier

Call to Worship

Leader: Christ has risen!  
People: Christ has risen indeed!  
Leader: God is alive!  
People: New birth is given!  
Leader: Hope is alive!  
People: A new age is dawning!  
Leader: Joy is alive!  
People: Salvation is here!  
Leader: Love is alive!  
People: Death cannot harm us!  
Leader: We are alive!  
People: New life is within us!  
ALL: God of life, we worship you!  
God of creation, we praise you!  
God of resurrection, we adore you!

The Salutation

Leader: Grace and peace to you from the One who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before God’s throne, and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the earth.  
People: Amen!

Introit

Easter Introit  
(This introit introduces the hymn that follows. Please stand at the cue of the liturgist.)  
John Ferguson

(\*Please stand in body or in spirit.)



\*Hymn

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

(v.1: all; v..2: women alone, men join on *alleluia*; v.3: all; v.4: men alone, women join on *alleluia*; v.5: all)

Sheet music for the hymn "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today". The music is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major/D minor) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are as follows:

1 Christ the Lord is risen to - day! Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King; Al - le - lu - ia!

All cre - a - tion, join to say: Al - le - lu - ia!  
Fought the fight, the bat - tle won; Al - le - lu - ia!  
Where, O death, is now your sting? Al - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Al - le - lu - ia!  
Death in vain for - bids him rise; Al - le - lu - ia!  
Once he died, our souls to save; Al - le - lu - ia!

Sing, O heavens, and earth, re - ply: Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Where your vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!

- 4 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!
- 5 Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!  
Praise to you by both be given; Alleluia!  
Risen Christ, triumphant now; Alleluia!  
Every knee to you shall bow. Alleluia!

FOLIO OF CREEDS

Profession of Faith – April 21, 2019

Ella Francine Webb

I believe in a triune God, with three individual but also coinciding parts, those being God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. All three parts reside inside, around and through me at all times and in all places. There are no thoughts of mine that have not already been seen by the Lord, nor is there any place that I can go where the Lord will not already be present.

I believe that I never have to fear that I am not enough in the eyes of my creator. I can ask for forgiveness and be granted it as many times as necessary because there is no limit to the Lord's compassion.

I believe that I cannot be perfect by myself, but can be made perfect through Christ. I am saved by grace and grace alone, and there are no other paths to salvation. I am assured eternal life, paid for with Christ's holy blood.

William Ezra Gearhart

I believe in the trinity, the brokenness of humankind, and in our being reborn in the love of Jesus. I believe that we are recreated in the love and blood of Jesus Christ. I believe that all of humankind is incomplete and we are completed by God through our confirmation for faith. I trust that God will always be with me through life and that he is always watching me.

Gabrielle Maria Patricia Krause

I believe in God, who heals us with unconditional love and blesses us with the gift of eternal life. I believe in the one who made a plan for me and helps me stay on the right path.

I believe in the forgiveness of sins and that he doesn't judge us for our internal flaws. I believe he loves all, even those who have strayed from him. I believe in living in his image and spreading his love. I believe that those who have strayed will be given new beginnings with forgiveness and everlasting love.

I believe in giving myself to worship him and to spread his words, to love everyone even those who have wronged me and tell others to also live by this rule. I believe that the commandments are my way of living and that with those ways I'll be a better person.

Bea Nagel	My parents, Clara & John Nagel
Ken & Bonnie Noorman	Our loving parents in heaven
Martha E. Norden	My father, Rev. Russell L. Norden
John & Nancy Norden	Marsh & Patricia Norden Jim Riekse, Sr. & Jim Riekse Jr.
Fred & Millie Overeem	Marion & Anna Chipman Fred & Lucy Overeem
The Pierce Family	Grandma Ruth Hook
Helen E. Phillips	Mom & Dad Barb & Bill
Helena Riekse	James Riekse, Sr. & James Riekse, Jr.
Norm & Terry Schuiling	Our parents
Tom, Lisa, Nathan & Allison Smith	Bob Dykstra
Kathy Stewart	Grandmothers, Sarah & Hilda
Tom & Vicky Tabor	Our parents, Tom & Margie Tabor Bob & Ardene Howard
John Timmer & Family	Kathy Timmer
Jean Troost	Paul R. Troost
Patsy & Paul Troost	Elke Walsworth
The Troost Family	Paul R. Troost
The VerMeulen Family	Gordon Lamberts Victor & Mildred VerMeulen
The. VerMeulen Family	Joseph & Nora McCarthy Nathan & Amy Turner
Lois Williams	Loved Ones

**\*Easter Gospel:** Matthew 28:1-10 (pg. 811)

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ!

**\*Hymn**

*Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show*

LLANFAIR



1. Praise the Lord, God's glo - ries show,  
2. Earth to heaven and heaven to earth, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3. Praise the Lord, great mer - cies trace,

Saints with - in God's courts be - low,  
Tell the won - ders, sing God's worth, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Praise this prov - i - dence and grace,

An - gels round the throne a - bove,  
Age to age and shore to shore, Al - le - lu - ia!  
All that God for us has done,

All that see and share God's love.  
Praise God, praise for - ev - er - more! Al - le - lu - ia!  
All God sends us through the Son.

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession (unison)

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 calls for peace; we despise the weak and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us 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. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Profession of Faith

Confirmands

Gordon Joseph VerMeulen  
John Dirk VerMeulen  
Nathan Victor VerMeulen  
William Ezra Gearhart  
Lilly June Harsevoort  
Sydney Anne Muller  
Gabriella Maria Patricia Krause  
Ella Francine Webb

Shepherds

Ken Bauman  
Brian Andrew  
Paul Troost  
Duncan MacLean III  
Mary Bauman  
Heidi Bailey  
Ellen Bylsma  
Jen Andrew

(The two floral arrangements on the reredos are given by the Youth Discipleship Team (YDT) in recognition of the young people making profession of faith this morning. After worship, the congregation is invited to the atrium for a cake reception in their honor. Please join us as we celebrate this step in their faith journey with them.)

\*The Apostles’ Creed (unison)

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.

GIVEN BY

Dale & Carol Austin

Ellen Baron

Donna & Murl Bogert

Connor, Eleanor & Thomas Borgman

Tammy & Rusty Brand

Willa Brown

Carol & Ellen Bylsma

Louise Claver

Dave & Karen Custer

Dr. William S. Davidson II, Mary M. DuChane,  
James P. Davidson & Charlotte L. Davidson

Steffany Dunker

Charlotte Geelhoed & Family

Ingrid Gerger

Wanda & Danford Gibbs

Lindsay, Ryan, Sophie & Bryce Guikema

Ron & Nancy Hager

Diane & Jay Harsevoort

David & Leslie Hooker

Sue Karsen

Jan Koopman

Michael & Mary Magan

Bill & Pat Mills

Gary & Faye Myers & family

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Our mothers – Lois Austin & Virginia Myers

My parents, Ted & Delia Knapp

Our sons, Greg & Mitch

Our grandma, Lynn Schaefer

Our mother, Barbara Brand

George Brown, Jr.

Peter G. Bylsma

Chuck Claver

Al & Millie Terrell; John & Dorothy Custer  
Ellen Custer

William S. & Barbara R. Davidson

Steve Dunker

Earl M. Geelhoed, Parents & grandparents

Ed Gerger

Our Grandson ~ Andrew Michael Gibbs

David Guikema

Jim & Marge Hager  
Bob & Betty DeYoung

Our father, Ron Harsevoort

Judy Hooker

Jim Karsen

Brian Whalen

Family members & friends who are with the Lord

Our parents

Harvey & Ella DeGood  
Maynard & Evelyn Myers



EASTER FLOWER DEDICATIONS

Sincerest thanks for the generosity of those who contributed to the splendor of our sanctuary this morning with the purchase of Easter flower(s).  
Please take your plant(s) home following today's worship.

GIVEN BY

Brian & Jennifer Andrew

Matt & Kristin Borgman

Jim & Marge Brink

Paul Bukaweski

Danford Gibbs

Lindsay, Ryan, Sophie & Bryce Guikema

Tim & Heather Hoezee

Mark Lewis & Christine Wassenaar

Joan & Craig Neckers

The Pierce Family

Helen E. Phillips

Donna Marie Post

Norm & Terry Schuiling

Tom, Lisa, Nathan & Allison Smith

Kathy & Stu Stewart

Ella Webb

The Webb Family

Greg Young & Sue Poll

IN HONOR OF

Emma & Owen Andrew

Our children - Connor, Eleanor & Thomas

Sophie, Bryce, Theo, Lauren & Wesley

Ellen & Jim Bukaweski

Wanda Gibbs

Our parents, Marge & Jim Brink and Nancy Guikema

Our Parents

Our Grandparents

Our children & grandchildren

Our parents

Caleb, Ashley, Liam, Owain, Anna, Rhys, Barbara & baby Ian

Dr. Pierre James Fisher

Our children

Carole Van't Hof

Our children, grandchildren & great grandchildren

My shepherd, Jennifer Andrew

Our beautiful family

Our grandchildren - Audrey, Max & Emma

\*Hymn

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

ALLELUIA NO. 1

Descant

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

E C#m F#m

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

B E C#m

ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give

1-4 Final ending

Praise to His Name. Name.

F#m B E E

praise to His Name. Name.

(hymn continues on next page)

E C#m F#m B

1. Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.  
2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth:  
3. We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.  
4. Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

E C#m F#m B

He is the King of cre - a - tion.  
Je - sus has died and has ris - en. Al-le -  
Now we shall live for ev - er.  
Joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - ior.

**\*The Peace**  
Leader: The peace of the risen Lord be always with you.  
People: **And also with you.**  
(Exchange the Peace of Christ with those around you.)

**\*Congregational Choir** *Hallelujah Chorus* G.F. Handel

**\*Postlude** *Toccata* from Symphony V Charles Marie Widor

**\*Flowering of the Cross**  
(Please join us outside the main sanctuary entrance, on College Avenue, for the Flowering of the Cross, an ancient Christian tradition. The Carillon bells will ring as we place flowers on the cross in celebration of the resurrection. Flowers will be made available in the narthex. After participating, kindly return to the atrium for coffee and other refreshments.) **He who was dead has come back to life! Happy Easter!**

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Steven D. Pierce	Acolytes: Brogan Bernard
Liturgists: Duncan MacLean III	Lauren Hoezee
Rev. Dr. Larry Schuyler	Bible Bearer: Aria Bernard
Organist: Norma deWaal Malefyt	Crucifer: Daniel Jigo
Director of Music Ministries: Taemin Han	Banner Bearer: Jared Roberts
First Lesson Reader: Jack Webb	Trumpet: Pamela Smitter, Jonathan Ruffer
Second Lesson Reader: George Boerigter	Trombone: Joseph Radtke, Evan Clifton
	Timpani: Matthew Beck

(Large-print bulletins, Bibles, and hymnals are available. Please ask an usher.)

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Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna - Used by permission One License #729524-A  
Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing - Used by permission One License #729524-A

**UPCOMING SERVICES**

**Sunday, April 28, 9:30 AM**  
“Poking Around on a Sunday”  
Rev. Larry Schuyler  
John 20:19-31; Revelation 1:4-8; Psalm 150

**Sunday, May 5, 9:30 AM**  
Music Sunday & Holy Communion  
Rev. Steven D. Pierce preaching



\*Hymn

*Christ Is Alive*

TRURO

(During the singing of the hymn, the congregation is invited up to the chancel to join the choir in singing the Hallelujah Chorus; music scores will be provided.)

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G/D

C

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands

2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant

3 In ev - ery in - sult, rift and war, where col - or,

F

C

G/D

C

G

D

G

em - pty to the sky. Let streets and homes with

years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,

scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet

C

D

G

G7

C

Dm

C/G

G7

C

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.

here and now, and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.

loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.

- 4 Women and men, in age and youth,  
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,  
and find the way, the life, the truth,  
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

5 Christ is alive, and comes to bring  
good news to this and every age,  
till earth and sky and ocean ring  
with joy, with justice, love and praise.

\*Benediction (responsively)

Leader: Whoever you are, wherever you go in God’s wide world,  
whatever happens to you of good or ill, always remember that...

People: **Jesus is Lord!**

Leader: And, always remember that the tomb is empty, Christ has risen.  
As you journey in faith, may your life be full, your love be abundant,  
and your hope be eternal. Live this day and always for Christ Jesus  
because the Risen Christ lives in you.

People: **Alleluia! Christ is Risen!**

LISTENING IN EXPECTATION

Children’s Gathering

Rev. Pierce

Congregation: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Children: Thanks be to God.

(Children pre-school through third grade are invited to continue worship in the Worship Room next to the parlor or return to their families in the pew. Children may be picked up from the Worship Room after today’s worship.)

Second Lesson: I Corinthians 15:19-26 (pg. 936)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

\*Hymn

*Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*

ALLELUIA NO. 1

(refrain only)

Descant

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

E C#m F#m

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

B E C#m

ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give

1-4

Final ending

Praise to His Name. Name.

F#m B E E

praise to His Name. Name.

RESPONDING IN FAITH

Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

\*Hymn

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna

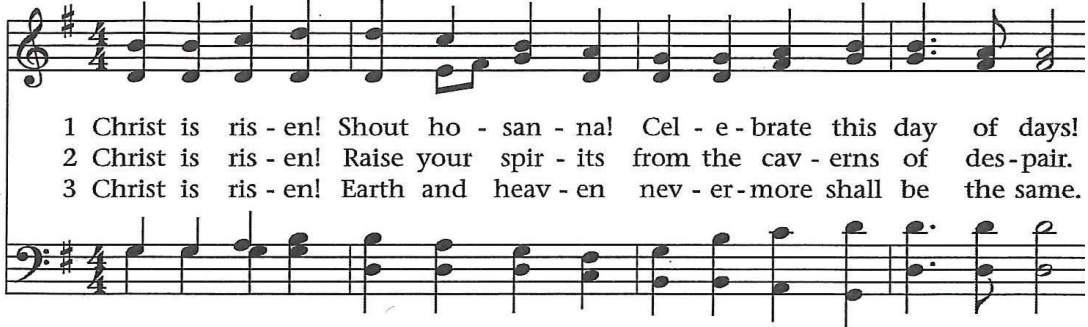
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1 Christ is ris - en! Shout ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!  
2 Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of des - pair.  
3 Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en nev - er - more shall be the same.

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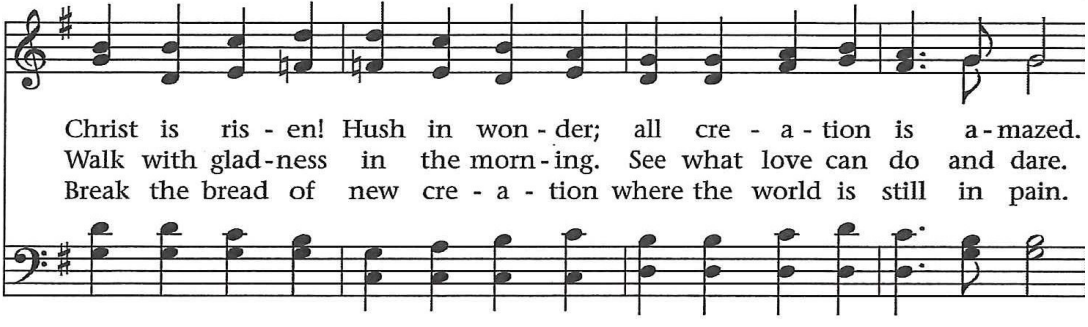
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Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der; all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.  
Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.  
Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.

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In the de - sert all - sur - round - ing, see, a spread - ing tree has grown.  
Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, not a ser - vant, but a friend.  
Tell its grim de - mon - ic cho - rus: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"

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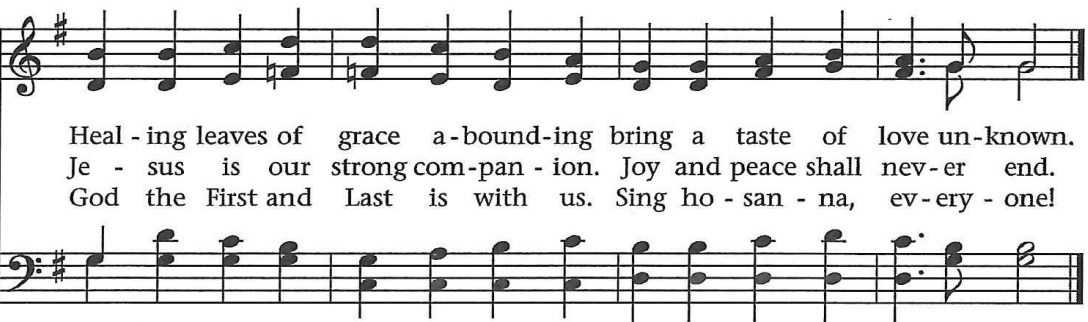
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Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing bring a taste of love un - known.  
Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.  
God the First and Last is with us. Sing ho - san - na, ev - ery - one!

Easter Reflection

Easter says to us that despite everything to the contrary,  
his will for us will prevail,  
love will prevail over hate,  
justice over injustice and oppression,  
peace over exploitation and bitterness.  
—Desmond Tutu

Announcements

(Please pass the Friendship Pads at this time. Share with us your email address to receive weekly updates and important announcements).

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!

Mark Shepperd

\*Doxology (Hymn No. 592)

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.

\*Prayer of Dedication

Deacon Barb Jourdan

Prayers of the People

Rev. Larry Schuyler

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

(During the prayer...)

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

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.