

Central Reformed Church Easter Sunday April 9, 2023

REFLECTION

Resurrection changes everything....This is why I need more than just Easter Day. If Easter were only a single day, I would never have time to let its incredible reality settle over me, settle into me. I would trudge through my life with a disconnect between what I say I believe about resurrection and how I live (or fail to live) my life in light of it.

Thanks be to God, our forebears in faith had people like me in mind when they decided that we simply cannot celebrate Easter in a single day, or even a single week. No, they decided, we need fifty days, seven Sundays, to even begin to plumb the depths of this event.

-Kimberlee Conway Ireton

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ORDER OF WORSHIP | EASTER SUNDAY | APRIL 9, 2023 | 10:00 A.M.

GATHERING IN LOVE

The prelude is a call for personal preparation for the worship of God.

Prelude"Prelude and Fughetta on 'Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" | William H. Bates"Easter Song" | Anne Herring, arr. Michael Ryan"Trio and Finale on 'Jesus Christ Is Risen Today'" | William H. Bates

Introit

" Look, Look, He's Not Here" | Taemin Han

Look, look, he's not here. He's risen from the dead, alleluia!

Welcome

Votum, Call to Worship		
One:	Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.	
Many:	Amen.	
One:	This is the good news: the grave is empty; Christ is risen!	
Many:	Alleluia!	
One:	This is the good news: the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never put it out.	
Many:	Alleluia!	
One:	This is the good news: once we were not a people; now we are God's people!	
Many:	Alleluia!	
*The Salutation		
One:	Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.	
Many:	Amen.	
*Processional Hymn	"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" 123, all verses	
*Easter Proclamation One: Many:	Acts 10:34-43 (page 895) The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.	

*Hymn	"Rejoice This Easter Day" see end of order
*Invitation to Confession One:	God has opened to us the gates of righteousness that we may enter through them. Confident in God's love, let us confess our sin.
*Prayer of Confession Many:	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. Forgive our dread of dying, our hopelessness, and set us free for the victory of Jesus Christ, who was dead but lives among us. 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 One: Many: *Acclamation (spoken th One: Many:	Listen, church: God, who raised Jesus from the dead, has not given us over to death. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. ree times) The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed!
Welcoming New Members	

Steve Ozinga–by transfer from Cornerstone United Methodist Church **Melissa Ozinga**–by transfer from Cornerstone United Methodist Church **David Brouwer**–by transfer from Orchard Hill Reformed Church **Ruth Brouwer**–by transfer from Orchard Hill Reformed Church

*Peace

One:	The peace of the risen Lord be always with you.
Many:	And also with you.

Children's Moment

Children ages four through third grade may join Carol Austin and Ryan Rinvelt for Children and Worship. Visiting parents should feel free to meet their child's teacher. Parents should join their children in the courtyard following the worship service for the Easter Egg Hunt.

One:	Congregation, what is your prayer for these children?
Many:	Go in peace to love and serve the risen Lord.

Hymn "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks" | 106, v. 1, 2, and 4

LISTENING IN EXPECTATION

Many:	Thanks be to God.
One:	The Word of the Lord
Gospel Lesson	Matthew 28: 1-10 (page 811)

Sermon "The Glory of the Empty Tomb"

Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

*Hymn "Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!" | 104, all verses

RESPONDING IN FAITH

*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.

Announcements

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

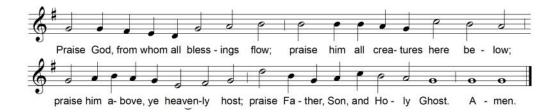
In a spirit of gratitude and thanksgiving, let us worship God through the giving of our tithes and offerings.

Offertory

"Sing Praise to Christ" | J. S. Bach, arr. Adolf Strube Sing praise to Christ, the Lord, alleluia! Sing praise to Christ, our risen Savior and King! Adore him forever, and worship his name.

*Doxology

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"



*Offertory Prayer

Prayers of the People

During the prayers each week, we remember our neighboring faith communities and their leaders. Today we are praying for the staff and congregation at Servants Community Church (Westside).

Many:	And also with you.
One:	The Lord be with you.

During the prayer:One:Lord, in your mercy.Many:Hear our prayer.

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.

DEPARTING IN JOY

*Hymn ""The Day of Resurrection!" | 118, all verses

(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.)

*Charge and Proclamation

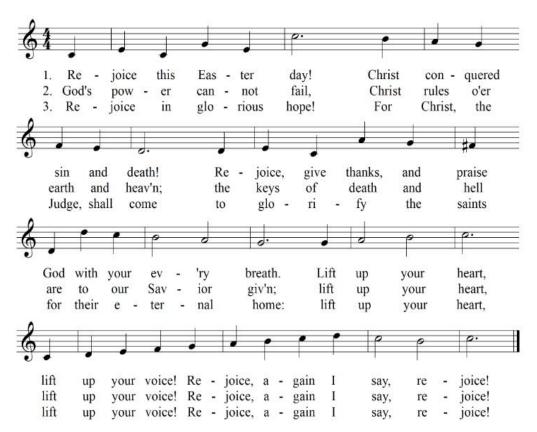
One:	Whoever you are, wherever you go in God's wide world, whatever happens to you of good or ill, always remember that
Many:	Jesus is Lord!
One:	And now live this day and always for Christ Jesus because the Risen Christ lives in you.
Many:	Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
*Congregational Choir "Hallelujah Chorus" G. F. Handel	
Postlude	""Fanfare" Jacques Lemmens

The 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. 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!)

REJOICE THIS EASTER DAY

(ALL VERSES)



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EASTER FLOWER DEDICATIONS

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

GIVEN BY

Brian, Jennifer, Emma & Owen Andrew

Carol & Ellen Bylsma

Tami & Rusty Brand

David & Ruth Brouwer

Willa Brown

Paul Bukaweski & Steve Timmer

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Mom & Dad; Barb & Bill

Mary & Dave Hager

Our parents & grandparents

Fred & Lois Chesher

Our parents

Janet Elaine VanDyke; Gilbert & Irene VanDyke

Martin & Nancy Bolt

IN HONOR OF

Sons, Bradford & Matthew

Grandchildren Emmy & Teddy along with our sons & their families

Tim & Sarah Elzinga

In honor & memory of the extended Galer family and the extended Klyn family

Bob Hooker; John & Carroll Wiener

Our children

Everyday Heroes

Susan VanHouten

Family

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

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