

Pilgrim Congregational
Church

United Church of Christ

April 17, 2022

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE



**Welcome to Pilgrim Congregational Church,
United Church of Christ
A Welcoming, Open and Affirming Congregation**



Mission Statement

*A welcoming home to all spiritual seekers,
Making a difference in our world,
By fusing our Christian faith with everyday life and
Serving God by serving others.*

Welcome Statement

We honor the Biblical call to love one another as God first loved us. We welcome into the full life and ministry of the church all people of any race, nationality, religious background, educational background, ethnicity, age, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, economic status, and physical, mental, and emotional abilities.

Visual and Hearing Aids

Hearing devices may be picked up from the table in the narthex.

Large Print bulletins are available. Sermon texts are also available.



Service of Worship – April 17, 2022
EASTER SUNDAY

PRELUDE

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain
David Schelat

GREETING

Rev. Reebee Girash
Chris Reaske
Sarah Jane Fuller

Christ is Risen!

Christ is risen, indeed!

Hope is alive!

Hope is alive, indeed!

God's love is eternal!

Hallelujah!

Christ is Risen!

Christ is risen, indeed!

RESURRECTION HYMN

Christ the Lord is Risen Today (All verses) - NCH 233

1 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!

2 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!

3 Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids Christ rise, Alleluia!
Made like Christ, like Christ we rise, Alleluia!

4 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!

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Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Matt. 28:5-8; 1 Cor. 15:20-22; 54-57

Charles Wesley, 1739; alt.



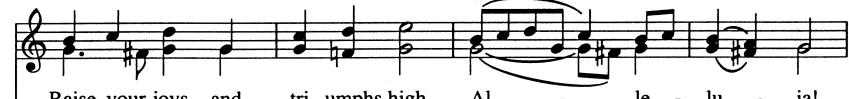
1 Christ the Lord is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Let the Vic - tor's peo - ple sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!



Mor - tal tongues and an - gels say: Al - le - lu - ia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!
Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia!



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!
Dy - ing once, Christ lives to save, Al - le - lu - ia!
Death in vain for - bids Christ rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
Made like Christ, like Christ we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!



Sing, glad heavens, and earth re - ply: Al - le - lu - ia!
Where your vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
God has o - pened par - a - dise, Al - le - lu - ia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!



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The unknown editor of Lyra Davidica wanted music with more movement and spirit than found in the grave, slow-paced psalm tunes, with one note to a syllable. Easter Hymn was among the first of a new popular style.

Tune: EASTER HYMN 7.7.7.7. with alleluias
Arr. from Lyra Davidica, London, 1708

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Reebee Girash
Sarah Jane Fuller

PASSING OF THE PEACE

ONE: Peace be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

ONE: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

OPENING PRAYER

Living God, by your Holy Spirit, open our eyes to see the new light of this day; open our lips to tell of the empty tomb; open our hearts to believe the good news; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Chris Reaske

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 118

God is good!All the time!

All the time!God is good!

O give thanks to the LORD, for God is good;

God's steadfast love endures forever!

God is our strength and our might

God has become our salvation!

We thank you, God, that you have answered us, and have become our salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is God's doing and it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that God has made: let us rejoice and be glad in it!

HYMN

This is the Day V1 - NCH 84

This is the day, this is the day
 that our God has made,
 that our God has made;
 we will rejoice, we will rejoice
 and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
 This is the day that our God has made;
 we will rejoice and be glad in it.
 This is the day, this is the day

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This Is the Day

Ps. 118:24; Luke 24:1-7; Acts 2:1-4

St. 1 paraphr. by Les Garrett, 1967; alt.
 St. 2-3, traditional; alt.

Unison Eb Bb7

1 This is the day; this is the day that our God has made, that our
 2 This is the day, this is the day Je - sus rose a - gain, Je - sus
 3 This is the day, this is the day when the Spir - it came, when the

Eb

God has made; we will re-joice, we will re-joice and be glad in it, and be
 rose a - gain; we will re-joice, we will re-joice and be glad in it, and be
 Spir - it came; we will re-joice, we will re-joice and be glad in it, and be

Ab Eb Ab

glad in it. This is the day that our God has made, we will re-joice and be
 glad in it. This is the day Je - sus rose a - gain, we will re-joice and be
 glad in it. This is the day when the Spir - it came, we will re-joice and be

Eb Eb/Bb Bb7 Eb

glad in it; This is the day, this is the day that our God has made.
 glad in it; This is the day, this is the day Je - sus rose a - gain.
 glad in it; This is the day, this is the day when the Spir - it came.

The first stanza of this hymn was written by Leslie Garrett, who was born in New Zealand and served as pastor of a church in western Australia. The other two stanzas are anonymous.

Tune: THIS IS THE DAY Irr.
 Les Garrett, 1967

John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.'

³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus.

¹⁵Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?'
Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' ¹⁶Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." '

¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

One: Here ends the reading.

Hear what the Spirit of God is saying to the church.

All: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Sarah Jane Fuller

ANTHEM

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Choir and Leo Voet on trumpet

SERMON

Rev. Reebee Girash

1 I come to the garden alone,
 While the dew is still on the roses;
 And the voice I hear, falling on my ear,
 The Son of God discloses.

Refrain:

And He walks with me,
 and He talks with me,
 And He tells me I am His own,
 And the joy we share as we tarry there,
 None other has ever known.

2 He speaks, and the sound of His voice
 Is so sweet the birds hush their singing;
 And the melody that He gave to me
 Within my heart is ringing. [Refrain]

3 I'd stay in the garden with Him
 Though the night around me be falling;
 But He bids me go;
 through the voice of woe,
 His voice to me is calling. [Refrain]

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I Come to the Garden Alone

(In the Garden)

John 20:14-18

C. Austin Miles, 1912

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and a 6/8 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a clear refrain section. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line, with some words in italics. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and simple rhythmic patterns that support the vocal line.

1 I come to the gar - den a - lone, while the dew is still on the
 2 He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so sweet the birds hush their
 3 I'd stay in the gar - den with him, though the night a - round me be

ros - es; And the voice I hear, fall - ing on my ear, the
 sing - ing; And the mel - o - dy that he gave to me with -
 fall - ing; But he bids me go; through the voice of woe his

Refrain

Son of God dis - clos - es.
 in my heart is ring - ing. And he walks with me, and he
 voice to me is call - ing.

talks with me, and he tells me I am his own, And the
 joy we share as we tar - ry there, none oth - er has ev - er known.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Reebee Girash

Today we will receive prayers in writing or through zoom chat.

MARATHON RUNNER BLESSING

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Reebee Girash

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father (Creator), 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.

Pilgrim's Easter collection will be dedicated to sending relief for Ukrainian refugees. The Rev. Kazimierz Bem, pastor of the UCC First Church in Marlborough, is coordinating donations from over 30 UCC congregations, to the Lutheran Diakonia in Poland, supporting nearly 1000 refugees cared for at congregations in Poland. Help Pilgrim join our UCC neighbors in a direct effort to make a difference. Include 'Ukraine' in the memo section of your check or online donation.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Rev. Reebee Girash

OFFERTORY

Alleluia No 1
David Fishel

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen

or

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**

Rev. Reebee Girash

We praise you, O God, and give you thanks that you have given us such joy, such grace, and such hope, in the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord. Let our lives be proof of that good news. Let all our words and actions, our love and service bear witness to your resurrection power; for the sake of our living Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

Come Ye Faithful – PH 186

1 Come, you faithful, raise the strain
Of triumphant gladness!
God has brought his Israel
Into joy from sadness,
Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke
Jacob's sons and daughters;
Led them with unmoistened foot
Through the Red Sea waters.

2 'Tis the spring of souls today;
Christ has burst his prison,
And from three days' sleep in death
As a sun hath risen;
All the winter of our sins,
Long and dark, is flying
From his light, to whom we give
Laud and praise undying.

3 Now the queen of seasons, bright
With the day of splendor,
With the royal feast of feasts,
Comes its joy to render;
Comes to glad Jerusalem
Who with true affection
Welcomes in unwearied strains
Jesus' resurrection!

4 Neither might the gates of death,
Nor the tomb's dark portal,
Nor the watchers, nor the seal
Hold thee as a mortal;
But today a midst the twelve
Thou didst stand bestowing
That thy peace which evermore
Passeth human knowing. Amen

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

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Second Tune

*Attr. to John of Damascus, c.696-c.754
Tr. John M. Neale, 1818-1866*

AVE VIRGO VIRGINUM 7.6.7.6.D.
Leisenritt's "Gesangbuch," 1584

1 Come, ye faith-ful, raise the strain Of tri-umph-ant glad-ness;
2 'Tis the spring of souls to-day; Christ hath burst his pris-on,
3 Now the queen of sea-sons, bright With the day of splen-dor,
4 Neith-er might the gates of death, Nor the tomb's dark por-tal,

God hath brought his Is-ra-el In-to joy from sad-ness;
And from three days' sleep in death As a sun hath ris-en;
With the roy-al feast of feasts, Comes its joy to ren-der;
Nor the watch-ers, nor the seal Hold thee as a mor-tal;

Loosed from Pha-raoh's bit-ter yoke Ja-cob's sons and daugh-ters;
All the win-ter of our sins, Long and dark, is fly-ing
Comes to glad Je-ru-sa-lem Who with true af-fec-tion
But to-day a-midst the twelve Thou didst stand, be-stow-ing

Led them with un-moist-ened foot Through the Red Sea wa-ters.
From his light, to whom we give Laud and praise un-dy-ing.
Wel-comes in un-wea-ried strains Je-sus' res-ur-rec-tion.
That thy peace which ev-er-more Pass-eth hu-man know-ing. A-men.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Festive Postlude on 'Llanfair'
Mary McDonald

Thank you to our Liturgist, Chris Reaske, our Zoom Host, Duncan Todd, our guest Choir Director, Mary McDermott and our host for Lemonade on the Lawn, Lesley Morrison.

SOURCE NOTES:

The Opening Prayer and Prayer of Dedication are from Feasting on the Word.

[*Image: Mary Magdalene in the garden with Jesus - Washington National Cathedral*](#)

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This is the Day
In the Garden
Come Ye Faithful

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