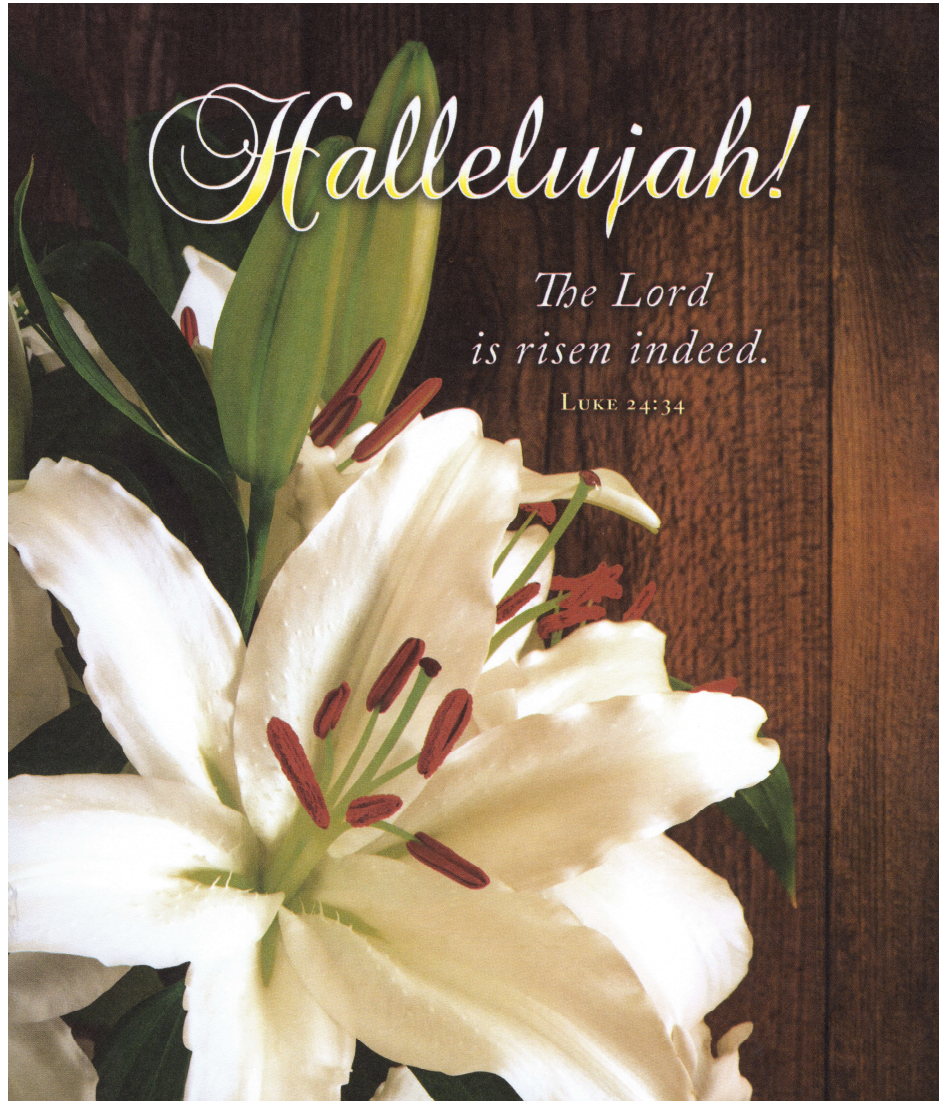




PILGRIM
Congregational Church



UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST



Pilgrim Congregational Church, UCC
Easter Sunday - March 31, 2024

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Today's service will be recorded.

Welcome to Pilgrim Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

PRELUDE

In dir ist Freude — JS Bach

GREETING

Rev. Reebee Girash, Mairi Morrison and Sarah Jane Fuller

ONE: Christ is Risen!

ALL: Christ is risen, indeed!

ONE: Hope is alive!

ALL: Hope is alive, indeed!

ONE: Christ is Risen!

ALL: Christ is risen, indeed!

A MOMENT FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH



*RESURRECTION HYMN

Christ the Lord is Risen Today — Black Hymnal 233



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!

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!
God has opened paradise, 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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Reebee Girash and Sarah Jane Fuller

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Mairi Morrison

One: Peace be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

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

OPENING PRAYER

Mairi Morrison

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.

RESPONSIVE READING:

Psalm 118

ONE: God is good! All the time!

ALL: All the time! God is good!

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

ALL: God's steadfast love endures forever!

ONE: God is our strength and our might

ALL: God has become our salvation!

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

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

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

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

SCRIPTURE READING:

Mark 16:1-8

Mairi Morrison

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.' ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

ONE: Here end the readings. Hear what the Spirit of God is saying to the church.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Sarah Jane Fuller

ANTHEM

Jazz Alleluia by Craig Curry

SERMON

Rev. Reebee Girash

*RESPONSE HYMN

Jesus Christ is Risen Today — Black Hymnal 240

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Reebee Girash

LORDS 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.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Rev. Reebee Girash

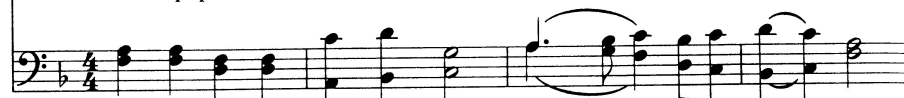
OFFERTORY

Shout Hallelujah to the Risen Lamb — by Victor C. Johnson

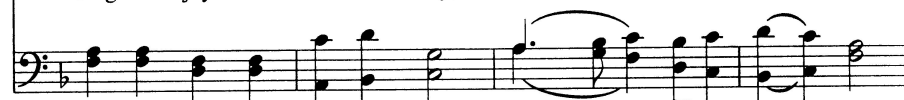
Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



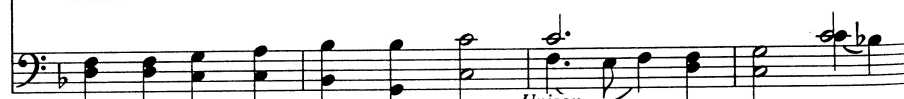
1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 To the tomb the wom - en bring, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 There the an - gel clothed in white, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 "Has - ten now to Gal - i - lee," Al - le - lu - ia!
 5 Christ ap - pears in full ar - ray, Al - le - lu - ia!



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Spic - es rich, an of - fer - ing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Tells the news with great de - light, Al - le - lu - ia!
 "Tell the oth - ers what you see!" Al - le - lu - ia!
 Sing with joy this Pas - chal day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ask - ing where might Je - sus be, Al - le - lu - ia!
 This the news the an - gel gives, Al - le - lu - ia!
 With ex - cite - ment trem - bling, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ now from the dead is raised, Al - le - lu - ia!



Suf - fer to re - deem our loss, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Sav - ior come to set us free, Al - le - lu - ia!
 That the Sov - ereign glo - rious lives, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Off they run, good news to bring, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ho - ly Trin - i - ty be praised, Al - le - lu - ia!



1 Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

2 To the tomb the women bring, Alleluia! Spices rich, an offering, Alleluia!
Asking where might Jesus be, Alleluia! Savior come to set us free, Alleluia!

3 There the angel clothed in white, Alleluia! Tells the news with great delight, Alleluia!
This the news the angel gives, Alleluia! That the Sovereign glorious lives, Alleluia!

4 "Hasten now to Galilee," Alleluia! "Tell the other what you see!" Alleluia!
With excitement trembling, Alleluia! Off they run, good news to bring, Alleluia!

5 Christ appears in full array, Alleluia! Sing with joy this Paschal day, Alleluia!
Christ now from the dead is raised, Alleluia! Holy Trinity be praised, Alleluia!

DOXOLOGY

Red Hymnal 515

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

*CLOSING HYMN

Thine Is the Glory — Red Hymnal 193

1 Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment Rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave clothes Where thy body lay.

Refrain:

Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.

2 Lo! Jesus meets thee, Risen from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets thee, Scatters fear and gloom;
Let his church with gladness Hymns of triumph sing,
For her Lord now liveth; Death hath lost its sting. [Refrain]

3 No more we doubt thee, Glorious Prince of life!
Life is nought without thee; Aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conquerors, Through thy deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan To thy home above. [Refrain]

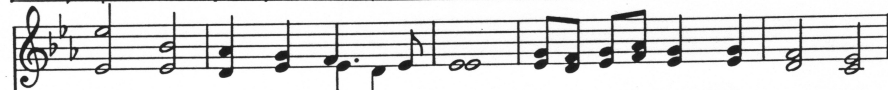
Thine Is the Glory

Edmond L. Budry, 1854-1932
Tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875-1939

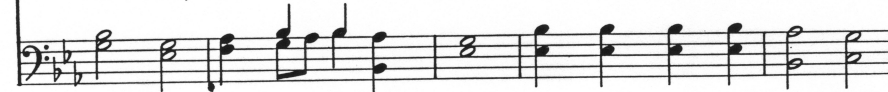
JUDAS MACCABEUS 5.5.6.5.6.5.6.5. with Refrain
Georg F. Handel, 1685-1759



1 Thine is the glo - ry, Ris - en, con- quering Son; End - less is the
2 Lo! Je - sus meets thee, Ris - en from the tomb; Lov - ing - ly he
3 No more we doubt thee, Glo - rious Prince of life! Life isnoughtwith-



vic - tory Thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai - ment
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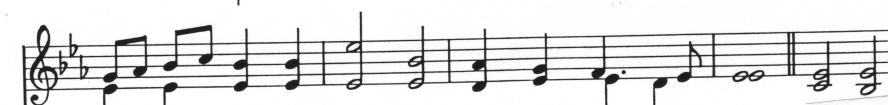
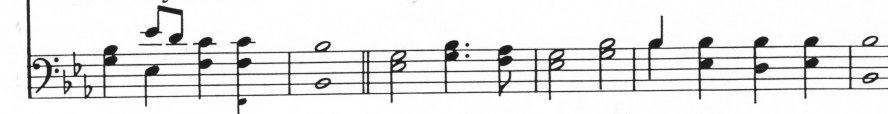


Rolled the stone a - way, Kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
Hymns of tri - umph sing, For her Lord now liv - eth;
Through thy death - less love; Bring us safe through Jor - dan



REFRAIN

Where thy bod - y lay.
Death hath lost its sting. Thine is the glo - ry, Ris - en, con- quering Son;
To thy home a - bove.



End - less is the vic - tory Thou o'er death hast won.



*BENEDICTION

Rev. Reebee Girash

POSTLUDE

Hallelujah Chorus — G. F. Handel

ALL ARE INVITED TO SING

Hallelujah Chorus from THE MESSIAH

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hall-e-e-lujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hall-e-e-lujah!

For the Lord god omnipotent reigneth. Hallelujah! (4X)

For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Hallelujah! (4X)

For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. (3X)

The kingdom of this world...is become...

The kingdom of our Lord, and of his Christ, and of his Christ,

And he shall reign for ever and ever! (4X)

King of Kings! Forever, and ever. Hallelujah! hallelujah!

And Lord of lords! Forever, and ever. Hallelujah, hallelujah!

(Repeat 3 X)

And he shall reign forever and ever! (2X)

King of kings, forever and ever, And Lord of lords, hallelujah, hallelujah!

And he shall reign forever and ever!

King of kings, and Lord of lords, King of kings, and Lord of lords

And he shall reign forever and ever!

Forever! King of kings, and Lord of lords! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Hall—e—lu—jah!

EASTER OFFERING

Our Easter offering will support the United Church of Christ's Middle East appeal. Funds will support humanitarian relief desperately needed in this time: "immediate and longer-term responses such as food and nutrition needs, physical and psychosocial health care, shelter and rehabilitation, and direct assistance." "The work of our partners in Palestine, and specifically in Gaza, is inspiring, especially as they cope with conditions and access that are extremely limited. Having visited Gaza, I know the dedication and commitment of our partners' staffs to serve the whole community and offer a witness of care and service. We mourn the loss of life and pray for the end to violence," writes Peter Makari, who currently serves as Transitional Executive for Wider Church Ministries, and Global Relations Minister for the Middle East and Europe in Global Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and United Church of Christ. This is a complex time in the world - but we can simultaneously condemn the horrible attacks by Hamas on October 7, pray for peace, cry out against Antisemitism and Islamophobia, pray for a bilateral ceasefire, and offer humanitarian aid to displaced people.

Thank you for your continuing support of Mission at Pilgrim.

A Special Thank you to our Liturgist, Mairi Morrison, our instrumentalists, Zac Girash, John Girash and Kevin Morrison and our Zoom host, Mike Stevens.



EASTER FLOWER DEDICATIONS



Bob Beckwith ~ In honor of Pamela and Jane Beckvagni and in memory of Carolyn Beckwith.

Mary and Peter Mackie ~ In memory of Paul Mackie.

Elise Forbes Seeley ~ In memory of my parents.

Robin and Aaron Mailhot ~ In memory of Alice Wheeler.

Son-Mey Chiu ~ In memory of all my friends who passed away.

Lisa Boehm ~ Wishing a happy and peaceful Easter to family and friends near and far. Lisa, Jeff, Chloe and Sammy Boehm.

Deborah Burger ~ In memory of George and Carol Fricke.

Chris and Mary K. Reaske ~ In memory of Robert and Mary Arny and Herbert and Alice Reaske.

Marjorie and David Kelland ~ In memory of Wendy Lysons

Duncan Todd and Sarah Carothers ~ In memory of Thomas, Virginia, and Dana Todd and Charlie and Bootsie Carothers, and Lorraine and Bill Ramsay.

The Moffitt Clark Family ~ In honor of New Beginnings.

Christina Sym ~ In memory of Anne and Jim Cowan and Edith Thompson.

Kevin, Lesley, Calum and Mairi Morrison ~ In memory of Mary Scott-Morton and Jill Morrison.

The Saradjian Family ~ Zarouhi and Nerses Saradjian and Dr. and Mrs. J.F. Ludloff.

Kimberly Provo ~ In memory of my parents, Gail and Jim Romano.

Elizabeth Garbarino ~ In memory of David Garbarino.

Reebee and John Girash ~ In memory of Gail Hooper.

Fran Nickerson ~ In memory of Bruce Nickerson.

Sam Boehm ~ In memory of Barbara Poleschner.

SOURCE NOTES

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