



HARVEY BROWNE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A community of believers making a difference by making disciples.

**Easter Day
April 4, 2021
10:30 AM**



Bold text is read in unison.

GATHERING

*We gather as a community of faith to meet God in a new and fresh way.
We share joys and concerns and come into God's presence with song.*

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“The Strife is O’er, the Battle Done”

arr. David N. Johnson

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

This day is like every other day.

Alarm clocks beeped. Covers were removed. Coffee was brewed. Weary bodies came to life.

And yet this day, is like no other day—

For the sun rose, and we knew it was a miracle. The tomb was empty, and they knew it was love.

So again and again we say—

The longest night is over. Death has lost its sting. Jesus is among us. Alleluia! Amen.

Again and again and again—

Alleluia! Amen.

HYMN #232

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

EASTER HYMN

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. *Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!*

3. *But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured. Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!*
4. *Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!*

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Beloved Community, before God and before you, my family, I confess:

I have seen the sun rise and withheld my praise.

I have seen my neighbor suffer and withheld my aid.

I have seen love extended and chosen to walk away.

I have seen divisions deepen and managed to remain unfazed.

We hear you. We see you. You are forgiven.

God's love is like the sun.

No matter how lost we are in the night,

Day after day, the light will find you.

Rest easy. You are held in God's warmth.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Now we must pray.
Beloved friend, before God and before each other, we confess:
We have seen the sun rise and withheld our praise.
We have seen our neighbors suffer and have withheld our aid.
We have seen love extended and chosen to walk away.
We have seen divisions deepen and managed to remain unfazed.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

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God's love is like the sun.
No matter how lost we are in the night,
Day after day, the light will find you.
Rest easy. You are held in God's warmth.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

THE WORD

We hear the stories of our faith in scripture, song, prayer, and sermon.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Ben Blake

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE

Psalm 118:1-2; 14-24

Here ends the Psalm. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE

Mark 16:1-8

The Gospel of the Lord. **May Jesus Christ be praised.**

SERMON

Rev. Christine Coy Fohr

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We know the fear of the upper room.
We know the feeling of hard days and long nights.
We know the grief of the tomb, and the particular ache of saying goodbye.
We know the pain of Good Friday, and we know the darkness before dawn. Still, we believe.
We believe that again and again, the sun will rise.
Again and again, God will draw near.
Again and again, we will march toward justice.
Again and again, the tomb will be empty.
Again and again, love will win.
Again and again, God will lead the church.
Again and again, repeatedly, we will be loved.
The journey will not be perfect.
We will need to rise before dawn. We will need angels along the way.
But again and again, the sun will rise. We believe. Amen.

EUCCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Rejoice!"

Joseph M. Martin

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise...

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

Renewed and refreshed by our experience with God, we go into the world to share God's love.

HYMN #248

"Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

HYMN TO JOY

- 1. 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.*
- 2. 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.*
- 3. 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!*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

"Toccata from Sym. 5"

C. M. Widor

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