

“I HAVE
SEEN THE
LORD!”

JOHN 20:18



THE SERVICE FOR EASTER SUNDAY

April 1, 2018

10:30 a.m.

* All who are able may stand

Congregation reads aloud the **bold** print

PRELUDE

“I Know That My Redeemer Liveth” (*Messiah*)

G. F. Handel

Carole Latimer – soprano

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.

And though worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God. (Job 19:25-26)

For now is Christ risen from the dead, the first fruits of them that sleep. (I Corinthians 15:20)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Whom do you seek?

We are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified on Friday. They have taken away our Lord, and we do not know where they have laid him.

Do not be afraid. I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here. He is risen. Go and tell his disciples! God has made us alive with Christ!

Death has been swallowed up in victory!

Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed!

Glory and honor, dominion and power, be to our God forever and ever!

Christ is risen, Alleluia!

Sisters and brothers in Christ, on this most holy morning, we gather with the whole company of God’s people in heaven and on earth to share in Christ’s victory over death.

The light shines in darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

The Light is Christ.

Thanks be to God

Christ is Risen!

He is risen, indeed!

*HYMN NO. 232

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

arr. John Ness Beck

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION

Resurrected One, during your final days, we turned away from you, even after you shared table with us, offering us the bread of heaven and the cup of salvation; in your hour of greatest need, we fell asleep while you prayed in the garden, even after you urged us to keep the faith to avoid the time of trial. We are here now, dearest friend, remembering what it cost you to know the joy we feel today. May our lives reflect the depth of our gratitude to be known as your disciples. Amen.

A Time of Silence

(Please take this time in silence to offer your own prayers of confession—confessing your need for God and naming those barriers that keep you from knowing life as God’s beloved child.)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Surprise! The stone is rolled away! Christ is risen! Be gone, darkness and death!

You have no power here! Christ is risen!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Christ is Risen!

He is risen, indeed!

*RESPONSE (all sing)

Because You Live, O Christ

HYMN NO. 249, v. 1

**Because you live, O Christ, the garden of the world has come to flower;
The darkness of the tomb is flooded with your resurrection power.**

The stone has rolled away and death cannot imprison!

O sing this Easter Day, for Jesus Christ has risen,

Has risen, has risen, has risen!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Christ is Risen! Share this great news with one another as we offer signs of joy and love by passing the peace of Christ. Christ is Risen!

He is Risen Indeed!

Let us share this good news with each other.

(We greet each other: “The peace of Christ be with you.”)

SONG

Easter Song

Ann Herring

Matthew Pressley – soloist; Bob Brown – percussion

Hear the bells ringing; they're singing that you can be born again
Hear the bells ringing; they're singing Christ is risen from the dead

The angel up on the tombstone said He has risen, just as He said
Quickly now, go tell his disciples that Jesus Christ is no longer dead

Joy to the world; He has risen, hallelujah.
He's risen, hallelujah; He's risen, hallelujah. Hallelujah!

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

John 20: 1-10

John 20: 11-18

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION

April Fool!

Rev. Elizabeth Lyman

*HYMN NO. 226

There in God's Garden (Tree of Life)

vs. 1, 4-6

JOYS AND CONCERNS

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

This morning we receive the offering for the Deacons' Fund. Your contributions provide immediate help to individuals in our community in financial crisis – real people, real needs, real help.

Any loose offering and designated checks go toward this fund. Let us give with grateful hearts.

OFFERTORY

Christ the Lord Is Risen Again!

John Rutter

Chancel Choir, Concordia Brass

Christ the Lord is risen again! Christ hath broken every chain!
Hark the angels shout for joy, singing evermore on high, "Alleluia!"
He who gave for us his life, who for us endured the strife,
Is our Paschal Lamb today! We, too, sing for joy and say, "Alleluia!"
He who bore all pain and loss comfortless upon the cross,
Loves in glory now on high, pleads for us, and hears our cry, "Alleluia!"
Now he bids us tell abroad how the lost may be restored,
How the penitent forgiv'n, how we, too, may enter heav'n. "Alleluia!"
Thou, our Paschal Lamb indeed, Christ, today thy people feed;
Take our sins and guilt away, that we all may sing for aye, "Alleluia!"

**The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,
The Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
Let all things seen and unseen their notes in gladness blend,
For Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that hath no end.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO CHRIST'S TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them 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, eternal God, creator and ruler of the universe. At your word the earth was made and spun on its course among the planets.

Your hand formed us from the dust of the earth and set us among all your creatures to love and serve you.

When we were unfaithful to you, you kept faith with us, your love remained steadfast.

When we were slaves in Egypt, you broke the bonds of our oppression, brought us through the sea to freedom, and made covenant to be our God.

By a pillar of fire you led us through the desert to a land flowing with milk and honey and set before us the way of life.

You spoke of love and justice in the prophets, and in the Word made flesh you lived among us, manifesting your glory.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, whom you sent to save us.

He came with healing in his touch and was wounded by his people.

He came with mercy in his voice and was mocked as one despised.

He came with peace in his heart and met with violence and death.

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By your power he broke free from the prison of the tomb, and at his command the gates of hell were opened.

The one who was dead now lives!

The one who humbled himself is raised to rule over all creation, the Lamb upon the throne.

The one ascended on high is with us always, as he promised!

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and cup, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ that we may be one with all who share this feast, united in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

Nourished at this table, O God, may we know Christ's redemptive love and live a new life in him.

Help us who recognize our Lord in the breaking of bread to see and serve him in all whose lives are broken. Give us who are fed at his hand, the grace to share our bread with the hungry and with the hungry of heart.

Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final victory, and we shall feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm. All glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray...

SHARING THE MEAL

(The elements of bread or gluten-free crackers and unfermented juice will be served today in the front of the Sanctuary.

Please leave your pew by the center aisle and return via the side aisles.)

COMMUNION MUSIC (all sing)

Lamb of God

HYMN NO. 518

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Your death is proclaimed in this meal.

Christ has died!

Fortified with these gifts, let us proclaim your resurrection to the world.

Christ is risen!

Until the day you come again as victorious Lord of all.

Christ will come again! Amen.

*HYMN (See insert)

Joy to the Heart

K. Lee Scott

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Thine Is the Glory!” (*Judas Maccabeus*) Handel, arr. Paul L. Wright

Welcome visitors! We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us today. Please record your name, address, and phone number/email on one of the Connection Cards in the pew and introduce yourself to the pastor as you leave.

Please join in to help with our Easter flower delivery. We would like to comfort those in our Concord family who have recently lost a loved one by giving them one of our Easter lilies or pots of bulbs. If you have suffered a loss this year, please be sure to take a lily or flower home after worship. If you know of someone who has suffered a loss and would like to deliver a flower to them, please do so.



Easter Egg Hunt following worship for all children through grade 5: Meet in the Children’s Corner in the back of the Sanctuary. We’ll hunt for Easter eggs, then trade them in for Easter Goodie Bags!

Assisting in the service of worship are:

Liturgist: Cynthia Miller

Deacon-in-Charge: Dick Carter

Ushers: Kay & Alan Jewett

Communion Servers: Peggy Carter, Marj Johnson, Carly Twilley

Personnel: Liane Gehret & Marj Johnson, flute; Lloyd Watson & Casey Knell, trumpet; Pamela Letts, trombone; Alan Start, tuba; Jennifer Godowsky, synth horn; Jeffery Dombchik, timpani; Bob Brown, percussion; Nancy Pressley, piano & organ

Large-print bulletins, hymnals, and Bibles are available for use during the worship service. Please ask an usher for assistance.

Pastoral Care: The Rev. Kathie Pownall is currently providing pastoral care for our Concord family and would love to visit anyone – not just in times of emergency. If you would like a visit, call her at 302/373-7127 or email kspownallkathie@aol.com to set up a convenient time.

By action of the Session of Concord Presbyterian Church, there will be a meeting of the congregation on **Sunday, April 8**, immediately following worship to elect an Elder, Class of 2019 and congregational members of the Nominating Committee.

Concord now accepts credit card donations. Scanning this QR code with your smart phone camera or app will connect you to a Concord website page. Click on the blue "Donate Now" button to enter a secure portal where you can enter donation amount and credit card information. You will receive an email acknowledging the donation.



New York City Bus Trip – Wed., May 16; tickets \$60/person. Enjoy a Broadway show, museum, shopping, or just see the sights. Bus departs from the Concord Church parking lot at 7:15am, and leaves NYC at 6:00pm to return around 8:30pm. Contact the Church Office for tickets (654-9652 or margaret.oboyle@concordpc.org) for tickets. *There are only 6 seats still available, so please reserve yours as soon as possible!*

CALENDAR

- Sun., April 1** **Easter Sunday**
Communion, Special Music
10:30am Worship in the Sanctuary
11:30am Easter Egg Hunt (front lawn)
- Mon., April 2** **Church Office closed**
9:00am Diaspora Prayer
1:00pm Mary Circle (Torill Drury)
6:30pm Mission Initiative (Jessie's Room)
- Tues., April 3** **Church Office closed**
9:30am Emmanuel Dining Room South
- Wed., April 4**
9:30am Mug & Muffin - Sanctuary Lounge
7:00pm Joint Board mtg. (Jessie's Room)
8:00pm Deacons (Sanctuary Lounge)
8:00pm Session (Jessie's Room)
- Thurs., April 5** **No Choir Rehearsal**
11:30am Thaddeus Arc Bible Study (Lib)
7:30pm Mission Outreach (Jessie's Room)
- Sun., April 8** **Elizabeth Lyman preaching**
Congregational Meeting
9:30am Adult CE (Jessie's Room)
9:45am Book Club (Sanctuary Lounge)
10:30am Worship in the Sanctuary
10:50am Children/Youth Sunday School
11:30am Congregational Mtg. (Sanctuary)



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*We thank those of you who contributed to the
Easter Flower Fund and enabled the Flower Guild to
decorate our Sanctuary with lilies and flowers,
representing the glories of Easter and the rebirth of spring.*

Given by Richard & Peggy Carter in memory of our parents
Jo Ann Cipolla in honor of loved ones

Sally Coulson in memory of my parents Bill & Louise Gretsck

Given in memory of my husband Jim Coulson by Sally Coulson

In thanks for the ministry of Tom Murphy & Mary Helen

Goodloe Murphy at Concord by Don & Gail Greene

Susan & George Hofmann in memory of loved ones

Alan & Kay Jewett in memory of Alan's parents,

Mel & Janet Jewett, and Kay's father, Paul Lynam

Marj Johnson, in memory of all the lives cut too short by
gun violence

In memory of John A. Landt by his family

Albert & Dottie Lund in memory of Albert's parents,

Horace & Jeanette Lund

Connie Polleck in memory of loved ones

Given by the Rowe family in memory of parents/grandparents,

Virginia & James Reynolds

In celebration of the upcoming nuptials of Kavin Twilley &

Judy Stein by Bonnie & Chip Twilley

Daniel Voelker in loving memory of my wife Hildegard

Barbara Wise in memory of my parents Charles & Erma Cathcart

Joy to the Heart

John Bennett (1920-1991)

K. Lee Scott



All:1.Look there! The Christ, our Bro-ther comes re - splen-dent from the__ gal-lows
Women:2.Good Jes - us Christ in - side His pain looked down Gol-goth - a's__ ston - y
Men:3.Good Jes - us Christ, our Bro-ther, died in dark - est hurt up - on the
All:4.Look there! The Christ, our Bro-ther comes re - splen-dent from the__ gal-lows

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tree and what he brings in his hurt hands is life on life for_ you and me.
slope and let the blood flow from his flesh to fill the springs of__ liv - ing hope.
tree to of - fer us the worlds of light that live in - side the__ Trin - i - ty.
tree and what he brings in his hurt hands is life on life for_ you and me.

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Refrain



Joy! Joy!_ Joy_ to the heart all in this good day's_ dawn - ing!

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Joy! Joy!_ Joy_ to the heart all in this good day's_ dawn - ing!