



Alleluia

CHRIST IS RISEN

THE SERVICE FOR EASTER SUNDAY

April 21, 2019

10:30 a.m.

* All who are able may stand

Congregation reads aloud the **bold print**

SILENT REFLECTION

Easter says you can put truth in a grave, but it won't stay there.

~ Clarence W. Hall

THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH GATHERS

PRELUDE

Septimi Canzoni a 8
Concordia Brass

Giovanni Gabrieli

"I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" (*Messiah*)

G. F. Handel

Christine DeVault – soprano

THE LIGHT RETURNS

Agnus Dei

M. W. Smith

Chancel Choir, Sunday School Choir, Jennifer Kroon – soloist, dance

A.T. Moffett – dance

Allelujah! For the Lord God Almighty reigns!

Holy are you, Lord God, Almighty!

Worthy is the Lamb! Amen.

*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.

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The Light is Christ.
Thanks be to God
Christ is Risen!
He is risen, indeed!

*HYMN NO. 232

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

arr. J. N. Beck

WELCOME

Rev. Elizabeth Lyman

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION

Creator God,
You made this day, this life, this planet and all that is in it.
All is a gift from you.
All of creation is holy and You have given it into our care
And yet we must confess:

Our care-less actions wound and scar our earth home:

Forgive us, Holy One,
You, who are always creating a new heaven and a new earth!

We rob and do not restore life-giving riches to our lands and waters:

Forgive us, Holy One,
You, who invite us to a feast of justice on your holy mountain!

We foster systems which fail to house and feed and heal all our people:

Forgive us, Holy One,
You, who promise a world in which people build houses and inhabit them,
plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

Risen One,
Teach us that your resurrection brings new life to all creation.
Today of all days, empower us with vision and courage;
let us work for your realm in which there is justice for all;
where everyone has enough, sharing your abundant life.

Save us, God, from our mistakes.

**Teach us to be a resurrection people,
rising from the ashes of our errors
to live in a new way on this Earth. Amen.**

(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)* *Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain* HYMN NO. 234, v. 1

Come, you faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness!

God has brought forth Israel into joy from sadness,

Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters;

Led them with un-moistened foot through the Red Sea waters.

*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.")

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Dottie Lund

HYMN NO. 277

Hail Thee, Festival Day!

Refrain – all

v. 1 – high voices

Refrain – all

v. 2 – low voices

Refrain – all

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 24:1-12

p. 860

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION

Rev. Elizabeth Lyman

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

1 Cor. 15:1-6; Mark 16:1-16; Rev. 22:13; John 20:28

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 249

Because You Live, O Christ

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

A Mighty Fortress

M. Luther, arr. Dan Forrest

Chancel Choir, Concordia Brass, percussion

(Congregation to join on vs. 2 & 4)

Unison, with choir *f*

(INTRODUCTION, STANZA 1, AND INTERLUDE)

2. No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re-
ject - ed. — But now a cham-pion comes to fight, whom God Him-self e -
lect - ed. — You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is He! Christ Je-sus, might-y
Lord, God's on-ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - tor - ious. *rit.*

(STANZA 3 AND INTERLUDE)

(cont'd)

Unison, with choir

4. God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bid, No thanks to foes, who fear
 it; For God Him - self fights by our side with wea-pons
 of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,
 Goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, Though life be wrenched a - way, They
 can-not win the day. The king-dom's ours for - ev - er! (CHORAL ENDING)

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*DOXOLOGY (all sing)

The Day of Resurrection!

NO. 233

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.

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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.

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.

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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. Through Christ, all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever. Amen.

SHARING THE MEAL

(All are welcome to receive communion. Please come forward for intinction. When you get to the Table, take a piece of bread from the tray and dip it in the cup. Eat immediately.

We serve grape juice instead of wine and offer gluten-free alternatives so that all may partake.)

COMMUNION MUSIC (all sing) *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks* HYMN NO. 240, vs. 1-3
(Last time through, sing refrain 2X.)

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 back cover*)

Joy to the Heart

K. Lee Scott

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Go forth to live boldly, as if death has no power over you.

Live as if your lives count for something – because they do.

God calls us in abundant love to serve something greater than our own finite lives, a greater cause for which we would even lay down our lives, as Jesus did.

For just as death on a tree could not stop the Christ, so our lives in service to God become larger than ourselves, part of the ever in-breaking realm of God – that realm of justice and truth, of enough for all and not too much for any one.

Go in peace, to love, to serve, and to proclaim Christ is Risen!

He is risen Indeed!

*RESPONSE

Agnus Dei

M. W. Smith

Chancel Choir, ensemble

POSTLUDE

Toccata

Charles-Marie Widor

Jeffrey DeVault, organ

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: Ron McKinney

Deacon-in-Charge: Al Lund

Ushers: Terry Lynch, Jim Miller

Communion Servers: Gerry Crock, Gail Greene, Marj Johnson

Personnel: Trumpets - Lloyd Walton, Casey Knell
Trombones - Pamela Letts, Rachel Schwab
Timpani - Jeffrey Dombchik
Percussion - Bob Brown
Flute - Marj Johnson, Liane Grieco
Piano - Nancy Pressley
Midi keyboard horn - Jenny Godowsky
Choreography/creative collaborator - A.T. Moffett
Visuals - special thanks to Flower Guild

Christine D'Amico DeVault, soprano, is a graduate of The Curtis Institute of Music and Temple University College of Music. She received her Master of Music degree in Voice and Opera performance from the University of the Arts. Upon graduation from the Curtis Institute of Music with an Artist Diploma, Christine was awarded the coveted Fulbright-Hays Scholarship to study Voice and Opera in Rome, Italy at the Santa Cecilia Academy of Music. In addition to teaching at Eastern University, Christine also maintains a private voice teaching studio at her home. She and her husband, baritone Jeffrey DeVault, enjoyed a remarkable tenure of 30 years as soloists/section leaders at First Presbyterian Church of Ardmore, PA.



*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.*

Jo Ann Cipolla in memory of loved ones

Sally Coulson in loving memory of my husband Jim Coulson
and my parents Bill & Louise Gretsch

Gerry Crock in honor of all mothers

Ralph & Gwen Fuller in memory of Helen & Robert Rice and
Everett Fuller

In thanksgiving for the entire staff of Concord by Gail &
Don Greene

In memory & honor of Wesley Lund from Chris Hazel

Gayle & Chip Hazel in memory of our parents Lou Lambert,
Dick Lloyd, and Audrey & Buck Hazel

Susan & George Hofmann in memory of our parents

Alan & Kay Jewett in memory of Alan's parents, Mel & Janet
Jewett, and Kay's father, Paul Lynam

In memory of Wesley Lund by Marj Johnson

Dottie & Al Lund in loving memory of Wesley Alan Lund

Janice Parker in honor of Concord friendships

In celebration of family & friends by Liz Rowe

June Tshudy in memory of my husband Harry & loved ones

In memory of Guy & Josephine Ciabattoni and Art Tucker, and
in honor of Jackie Tucker by Nancy Tucker & Fran Ciabattoni

Daniel Voelker in loving memory of my wife Hildegard

Barbara Wise in memory of my parents Charles & Erma Cathcart

Mission

Ahoy! Gardening Day at the Seamen's



Center: Join us on **Sat., April 27, 9:00am-noon**, for a trip to the Seamen's Center at the Port of Wilmington. We'll pull weeds, plant flowers, and do general spring cleanup. You must sign up

in advance and bring a government-issued photo ID for security clearance (not required for those under 16). To volunteer, contact Liz Rowe rowe3.mail@gmail.com by April 24.

World Vision Global 6K for Water – Sat.,

May 4: World Vision is hosting a global 6K to raise funds to provide access to clean water to people in developing countries. This is a 6K because that is the average distance people in the developing world walk to get water that is often not clean or safe. The local walk will be held at **Bellevue State Park**. Registration begins at 8:30am and the registration fee is \$50/adult and \$25/youth. Scholarships available. The link to register for the walk is teamworldvision.org/team/ncp. The team name is New Castle Presbytery (North). If you would like to contribute to World Vision but not walk, you can write a check payable to the church, memo: World Vision, and place it in the offering. Contact Dottie Harding (harding4@aol.com) for additional information.



CALENDAR

- Sun., April 21** **Easter Sunday**
Communion, Special Music
10:30am Worship in the Sanctuary
11:30am Easter Egg Hunt (front lawn)
- Mon., April 22** **Church Office closed**
9:00am Diaspora Prayer
- Tues., April 23** **Church Office closed**
7:00pm Safe Space (Jessie's Room)
- Wed., April 24** **Church Office closed**
9:30am Mug & Muffin w/ Kathie Pownall (Sanctuary Lounge)
7:00pm Joint Board mtg. (Jessie's Room)
8:00pm Deacons (Sanctuary Lounge)
8:00pm Session (Jessie's Room)
- Thurs., April 25**
11:30am Thaddeus Arc Bible Study (Lib)
7:00pm Mission Committee (JR)
7:30pm Chancel Choir (Chapel)
- Fri., April 26**
5:30pm Epiphany House Dinner
- Sat., April 27**
9:00am Seamen's Center Gardening Day
- Sun., April 28** **Kathie Pownall preaching**
Earth Sunday Celebration
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
12:00pm Youth Group Massanetta (JR)
- Mon., April 29** **Courier Deadline**
9:00am Diaspora Prayer

Church Office Closed

April 22-24

Contact Rev. Kathie Pownall

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with pastoral care needs.

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 hurthands 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 hurthands 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!

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