

APRIL 16, 2017
EASTER SUNDAY

The conviction of the followers of Jesus that he was/is still with them, is itself the resurrection.

Robyn Meyers

PRELUDE

Vignette on *O filii et filliae*
My Shepherd Is the Living God
Ricercar on *Llanfair*

R. Groom te Velde
W. Held
D. Briggs

DRESSING THE ALTAR

We return the altar symbols to proclaim New Life

EASTER FANFARE

Fanfare on an Easter Plainsong

Larry Schipull

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

David Morrell, Clerk

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHORAL INTROIT

Easter Alleluia

Volckmar Leisring

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Dawn breaks light out of darkness; life out of death.

People: Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Leader: Hope replaces doubt. Faith overcomes fear. Love transforms hate.

People: Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

***HYMN**

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing

black # 244

CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION

At the conclusion of the children's time the children will return to sit with their families.

Activity packets are available at the back of the sanctuary.

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

MORNING PRAYERS

Prayer of Confession

God, there are times when, like those early disciples, we are afraid, hiding behind locked doors, unwilling or unable to declare our allegiance to Jesus. Roll away the heavy stones of guilt or regret or disappointment. Remove whatever it is that keeps us from loving you and all people. Amen

Assurance of Forgiveness

Pastoral Prayer

Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer (debts)

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

Congregational Response

***Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim;
Let all adore and praise that sacred name.***

CHORAL ANTHEM

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

arr. Hal Hopson

**The congregation will join in singing verses 1 & 5
from the *Pilgrim Hymnal* #182. (words printed on back of prayer list)**

READING FROM THE GOSPEL

John 20: 19-30

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SERMON

REMEMBERING

***HYMN**

My Shepherd Is the Living God

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OFFERING+

Invitation

Offertory Anthem

Crown Him Now with Alleluias

James Brighton

***Doxology (unison)**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

Praise Christ the Word in flesh born low,

Praise Holy Spirit evermore,

One God triune whom we adore. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

***HYMN**

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

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***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Llanfair

E.L. Diemer

We invite you to remain quietly and celebrate the conclusion of worship in the postlude.

*Please stand if you are comfortable

We are glad you have come to worship with us this Easter Day. Member, friend or visitor – Come Again – we may not have trumpets but we will have spirit.

We invite you to stay after worship for refreshments and fellowship downstairs in the Fellowship Hall.

In our Service Today



Preacher: Rev. Lori J. Souder
Organist: Larry Schipull
Choir Director: Cheryl Cobb
Trumpet: Megan Johnson
Greeters: Carolyn Baston and Bob Robertson
Reader: Bennett Anz
Head Deacon: Brenna Anz
Head Usher: Joyce Tomlinson

The Ushers will host Coffee Hour in April.

*+ As is our custom, the **Easter plate** offering will be dedicated to replenishing the “Deacon’s Fund” which is used to help those in need. With these funds, we purchase Big Y gift cards, help with utility payments, offer help at the holidays and with prescription costs. Please consider an extra donation to this very important fund.
Thank You!*

THE MINISTRY AT CENTER CHURCH

Ministers: All Church Members
Senior Minister: Rev. Lori J. Souder
Minister Emeritus: Rev. Charles P. Blakney

Christian Education Program

Children: Martha Guild
Youth: Claire Houston
Adult: Randy Purinton and
Betsy Bergen, Team Chairs

Music Program

Organist: Larry Schipull
Choir Director: Cheryl Cobb
Associate in Music: Cynthia Morrell

Office Administrator: Cynthia H. Jubinville
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Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Verse 1

Christ the Lord is risen today, Al - -le lu -ia
Sons of men and angels say: Al - -le lu -ia
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Al - -le lu -ia
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply: Al - -le lu -ia

Verse 5

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Al - -le lu -ia
Praise to thee by both be given, Al - -le lu -ia
Thee we greet triumphant now, Al - -le lu -ia
Hail, the Resurrection thou! Al - -le lu -ia