

Service for the Lord's Day

Easter Sunday
April 17, 2022



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*W*elcome visitors, newcomers, and friends worshipping with us today! If you're interested in joining our church community, please speak to a pastor after worship or contact the church office, 434-293-3133. We hope you will worship with us again, whenever possible.

Preparing to Hear God's Word

Prelude *Dic nobis, Maria* Heinrich Scheidemann
Acolyte (8:30) Robert Stetkevych
(11:00) Vee Garth

The Resurrection John 20:1-18 (NT pg. 108)

Sung Response *Celtic Alleluia* Glory to God hymnal 587
Sung three times, first by the choir, then by all
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

◆ Call to Worship

*When we are despairing,
when the world is full of grief,
when we see no clear way ahead
and hope has gone away,*

roll back the stone.

*Although we fear change,
although we are not ready,
although we would rather weep, run,
or hide under a rock,*

roll back the stone.

Roll back the stone of death;

Roll back the stone of war;

Roll back the stone yesterday, today, and tomorrow;

*O God, roll back the stone and let your light shine
upon this weary world.*

For Christ has risen!

He has risen, indeed!

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, Our Rock and Redeemer,

we confess that at times we do not share in the joy of the resurrection.

We confess that we do not always live in the spirit of new life,

but remain discontent, grumbling and anxious.

Forgive us for not believing that stones can be removed.

**Forgive us for not believing that “out of the mountain of despair, a stone of hope”
remains steadfast.**

**Forgive us when we find it more comfortable to worry and complain
than to risk the joy and encouragement of new life in Christ.**

O God, remove those heavy stones that weigh down our souls

and call us back to your way that we might find hope,

reconciliation, forgiveness and peace.

In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray.

Silent Prayers

Sung Response

Ukrainian chant

Lord, ___ have mer - cy. Christ, ___ have mer - cy. Lord, ___ have mer - cy.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Christ is risen! The stone is rolled away. The tomb is empty. In the name of Jesus Christ, I declare to you that you are forgiven and restored. Alleluia! Amen!

Thanks be to God. Amen.

◆ Sung Response

GTG 232

Hymns of praise now let us sing: Alleluia!

Unto Christ our heavenly king: Alleluia!

Who endured the cross and grave: Alleluia!

Sinners to redeem and save: Alleluia!

◆ Sharing of the Peace

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

Welcome

Ken Henry

God's Word to Us

A Time for Children and Youth

Anthem

O Sons and Daughters

Henry Walford Davies

The anthem text can be found at no. 235 in the Glory to God hymnal

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 17:14-21

◆ Affirmation of Faith

from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.
 Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor
 and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed
 and blessing the children, healing the sick
 and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts,
 forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
 Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
 Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain
 and giving his life for the sins of the world.
 God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life,
 breaking the power of sin and evil,
 delivering us from death to life eternal.**

◆ Hymn 239

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!

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Responding to God's Word

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem

¡Aleluya! Cristo resucitó

arr. Nathan Zullinger

The anthem text can be found at no. 253 in the Glory to God hymnal

◆ Presentation of the Bread and Cup

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise Christ, all people here below;
 Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
 Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Glory to God Hymnal, p. 35

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 God thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy...

Breaking of the Bread and Communion of the People

Communion Music

Be Not Afraid

GTG 243

**Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!
 Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!**

Easter Prayer

◆ Hymn 238

Thine Is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS

◆ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Praeludium in C Major

Dieterich Buxtehude

◆ Please stand, as you are able.

Don Whitaker, percussion



Easter Lilies and Decorations

are given today to the glory of God and in loving memory of...

their fathers, Robert M. Dunscomb, and Jaroslav Stetkevych by Judy Dunscomb and George Stetkevych
Dr. and Mrs. Claiborne G. Whitworth III, Mr. and Mrs. Rollin A. Brooks,

and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Whitworth, Sr. by the Knollmann, Whitworth and Kirby families
Judi North and Jim Pisano by Ruthie Buck, Taylor Pisano, and Daniel Wolf
loved ones by Dick Haines

Stephen Pfeiderer by Ed Duffy

Richard Zane Macdonald by Zanne Macdonald

Cato and Christian Vik by the Vik family

daughter and sister, Laura Curtius Lewis (1974-1981)

by father, Lee Lewis, brother, John J. Lewis, and family

Lyn Bolen Warren by Cindy Hamady

Frances and Henry L. Kinnier by Francie and Ed Mann

Henry (Skip) Kinnier Jr. by Francie and Ed Mann

JoAnn Foreman by her husband, Gene Foreman

Irv Brownfield by the Brownfield family

our parents and sister by Steve and Lynanne Wilson

are given today to the glory of God and in honor of...

their loved ones by Bob and Faith Bedford

Westminster Presbyterian Church by David and Carol Hogg

their parents by Phil and Billie Best

Tom Mullen by an anonymous friend

Will and Beth Hochstetler by Polly and David Deck

are given today to the glory of God...

by Sue and Art Keyser



What's Happening

at Westminster

Sunday, April 17

Easter Sunday

8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. In-person: This morning, we celebrate the Resurrection with the proclamation of the Easter story, a time for children and youth, hymns of praise and the Lord's Supper. Additionally, for the 11:00 a.m. service, the Library is set up for anyone who wishes a more open, widely spaced area to worship. A pastor will be present and the service live-streamed. After the service, all are invited to flower the cross, located on the patio outside the front door of the Sanctuary. **At 9:30 a.m. Fellowship and Fun** between the services with light refreshments in the Arcade and at 10:00 a.m. an Easter story and scavenger hunt for kids in the Courtyard.

Monday, April 18

Church Office Closed

6:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Gathering at Common Grounds

Wednesday, April 20

7 p.m. 20/30 CreW Wednesday Wind-Down

Thursday, April 21

6 p.m. Last UKirk Dinner & Discussion of the Semester

7 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, April 24

University Sunday, Food Drive Collection in Memory of Barbara Deaver begins

8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. In-person Worship in the Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Church School

12 p.m. UKirk & 20/30 CreW Bagel Brunch at Common Grounds

12:15 p.m. Singers Rehearsal

1:15 p.m. Hybrid Deacons Meeting in the Library and via Zoom

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