

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Just Peace Open & Affirming

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**No Matter Who You Are Or Where You Are
On Life's Journey, You Are Welcome Here!**

EASTER SUNDAY

MARCH 31, 2013

*Means those who are able please stand

Songs: SP & P - Sing, Prayer & Praise; NCH - New Century Hymnal

Bold face indicates where the congregation is invited to join in saying the words

Ringing the Bell

Centering Music

"Easter Introit"

Bob Moore

Allow the music to help you focus your mind and soul for worship by meditating silently.

*Call to Worship

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed!**

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*Opening Song NCH#230 "Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"

St. Kevin

*Sentences from Scripture (Isaiah 52:9, Psalm 118:22-23, 1 Corinthians 15:55)

Invocation

Silent Reflection

Gospel

-Luke 24:1-12

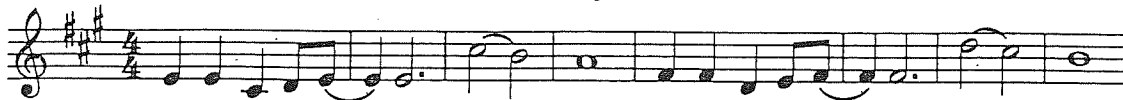
New Testament Lesson

-Acts 2:14-42

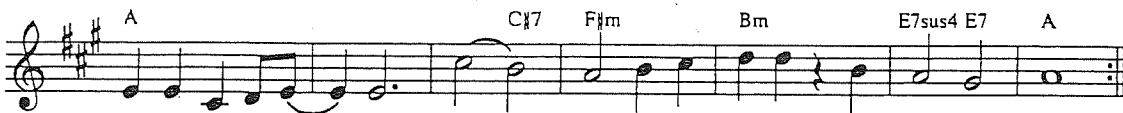
Sung Response NCH #236

"Halleluja"

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Special Music

"Praise Ye the Lord"

Children's Message

"Surprise!"

Hannah Hannover

Prayers of the People

You are invited to offer joys and concerns aloud for which the whole congregation will pray. If you have something to share, simply raise your hand and a deacon will bring the microphone to you.

Pastoral Prayer

The minister will offer a series of prayers each followed by "Amen" concluding with the Lord's Prayer!

The Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer comes from Matthew 6:9-13. Here is a traditional translation, which we will all pray together.

**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.

Offertory

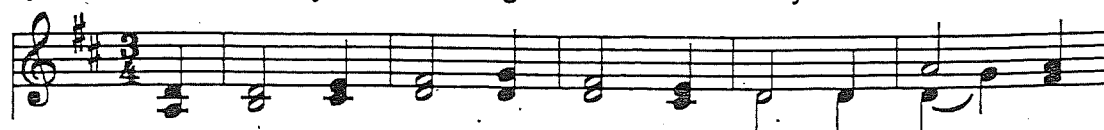
"Christ the Lord Is Risen Again"

Eugene Butler

Chancel Choir

*Sung Response

"Joy Dawned Again On Easter Day"



O Sov - ereign One, with us a - bide in this our



joy - ful Eas - ter - tide; That we may give you



all our days the will - ing trib - ute of our praise.

*Prayer of Dedication

The gift of resurrection reminds us that all we possess comes to us by the grace of God. May these gifts and offerings serve as a token of our love and gratefulness. May they be used to further God's justice and love in the world. May we live in new life and share that life with others. Amen.

*Sermon Song NCH #242

"The Strife Is O'er"

Victory

Sermon

"THE Message"

Rev. Jonathan Page

Prayer

*Sending Song NCH #233 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

Easter Hymn

*Benediction

Sending Music

"Hallelujah, from The Messiah"

G.F. Handel

Members of the congregation are invited to come forward and sing with the Chancel Choir.

Today's Worship Leaders

Liturgist: Phil Spike

Preacher: Jonathan Page

Minister to Children & Youth: Hannah Hannover

Youth Director: Emily Kenneke

Music Director: Lesley Lackore

Organist: Karen Stewart

Next Week April 7:

Children's Sunday School; Pre-K (ages 3-5) & Rotation (grades K-6)

Youth Group: Meet in the Youth Room with Emily

Learning Center: Journeys of Faith

Sermon: "Realism and Hope" Jonathan Page

Text: Ecclesiastes 4:1-12; Psalm 130

Announcements:

Mission 4/1 Earth begins tomorrow, April 1—May 19!

Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance (GNEA) Fundraiser at Lucullan's Sunday, April 7, 5:30 p.m.

CALLING ALL WOMEN OF THE AMES UCC:

Join us Wednesday, April 3, at 12:00 noon for our Women's Fellowship activity. Bring your lunch and join in a fun conversation. Our topic for the month of April is **Mission 4/1 Earth**. Come share your ideas for ways to help the UCC with **50 great days of greening up, powering down, and shouting out** for the earth!

—Facilitator - Kristin Shields