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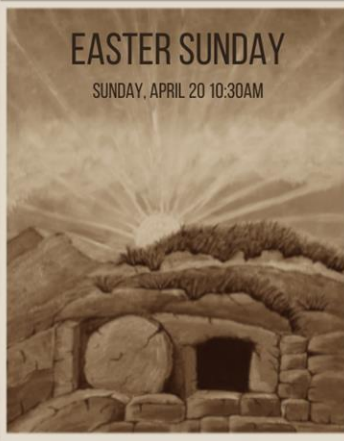


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SUNDAY, APRIL 20 10:30AM



**Fairlawn Avenue United Church
Sunday, April 20, 2025 10:30am
Easter Sunday Communion**

**Rev. Dr. Cameron Watts
Eleanor Daley, Director of Music
Fairlawn Avenue Senior Choir**

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*Indicates when the congregation is to stand, as able.
Congregational responses, singing and readings in unison are indicated in bold text.

Guest Musicians:

Trumpets – Scott Harrison, Sam Cancellara

Trombone – Max Williams

Bass Trombone – Raymond Carruthers

Timpani and percussion – Lorne Grossman

Pre-Service Music Selections from *La Danseyre*

Tielman Susato (1510-1570)

Welcome and Acknowledgement

Lighting of the Christ Candle[1]

God of terror and joy,
you arise to shake the earth.
Open our graves and give us back the past;
so that all that has been buried
may be freed and forgiven,
and our lives may return to you.
Open our hearts and give us the future
so that all may live in the Light of your Presence.

***Processional Hymn** Jesus Christ is Risen Today

VU #155

**Jesus Christ is risen today, hallelujah!
our triumphant holy day, hallelujah!
who did once upon the cross, hallelujah!
suffer to redeem our loss. Hallelujah!**

**Hymns of praise then let us sing, hallelujah!
unto Christ, our heavenly King, hallelujah!
who endured the cross and grave, hallelujah!
sinners to redeem and save. Hallelujah!**

**But the pains which he endured, hallelujah!
our salvation have procured, hallelujah!
now above the sky he's King, hallelujah!
where the angels ever sing. Hallelujah!**

**Sing we to our God above, hallelujah!
 praise eternal as God's love, hallelujah!
 praise our God, ye heavenly host, hallelujah!
 praise the Son and Holy Ghost. Hallelujah!**

***Confession[2]**

**We live at mystery's edge
 watching for a startling luminescence
 or a word to guide us.
 In fragile occurrence
 the Holy One presents oneself
 and we must pause...
 Daily, there are glimmers,
 reflections of a seamless mercy
 revealed in common intricacies.
 These circles of grace
 spill out around us
 and announce that we are part of this mystery.**

***Introit**

Alleluia! Christ is Arisen!

E. Daley

Passing the Peace

***Hallelujah Chorus (from *Messiah*)**

G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

**Hallelujah: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Hallelujah!
 The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord and of his
 Christ;
 and he shall reign forever and ever.
 King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.
 And he shall reign forever and ever. Hallelujah!**

Scripture

Mark 15:42-16:8

The Inclusive Bible

As it grew dark—it was Preparation Day, that is, the eve of the Sabbath—a distinguished member of the Sanhedrin, Joseph from Arimathea, arrived. He was waiting for the reign of God, and he gathered up courage and sought an audience with Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate was surprised that Jesus should have died so soon. He summoned the centurion and inquired whether Jesus was already dead. Upon learning that this was so, Pilate released the body to Joseph.

Then, having bought a linen shroud, Joseph took the body of Jesus down, wrapped him in the linen and laid him in a tomb which had been cut out of rock. Finally, he rolled a large stone across the

Christ being raised from the dead shall die no more.
Death has no power over Him, He lives to God.

God's right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

God has won the victory!
(excerpted from scripture, paraphrased by K.L.S.)

Introduction of Offering

Offertory Hymn

The Risen Christ

VU #168 (sung seated)

**The risen Christ, who walks on wounded feet
from garden tomb through darkened city street,
unlocks the door of grief, despair, and fear,
and speaks a word of peace to all who hear.**

**The risen Christ, who stands with wounded side,
breathes out his Spirit on them to abide
whose faith still wavers, who dare not believe,
new grace, new strength, new purpose they receive.**

**The risen Christ, who breaks with wounded hand
the bread for those who fail to understand,
reveals himself, despite their lingering tears,
enflames their hearts, then quickly disappears.**

**May we, Christ's body, walk and serve and stand
with the oppressed in this and every land,
till all are blessed and can a blessing be,
restored in Christ to true humanity.**

***Presentation of the Offering**

**In gratitude and humble trust
We bring our best today,
To serve your cause and share your love
With all along life's way.
O God, who gave yourself to us
In Jesus Christ, your Son,
Teach us to give ourselves each day
Until life's work is done.**

6.

The Sacrament of Communion

The Lord's Prayer

Kitchen Mother Version

**Our Mother Who Art in the kitchen
cooking us up hallowed
may we see
all that is Your kingdom here
delivered into our hands—
Your will in children
and trees leaping out
on earth—
as if it were Heaven.**

**Give us this day
bread we could feed
the world
and snatch us bald-headed
if we try to swallow it all.
Don't forgive us
till we learn it is all for giving.**

**That salve you've got in a pot
on the back of the stove
only heals when everybody has some.**

**And heed us not
if we believe You look like us
and love us best
and gave us the True Truth
with a license to kill Others
writ inside.**

**Deliver us from this evil.
for it is Yours,
this kitchen we call Universe
where you stir up our favorite treat,
the Milky Way,
folding deep into sweet
our little sphere
with its powerful glory
of rainforests and oceans and mountains in feather-boa mist**

**forever
if we don't blow it up
and ever
if we don't tear it down
Amen**

**(Ah women
Ah children
Ah reckon She's about fed up.
We better make room at the table
for everybody
before She yells - OUT!
and turns our table over,
before She calls it off
this banquet we've been hoarding
this paradise
we aim to save.)**

Invitation to the Table

Sharing of the Elements

Communion Anthem Now From Ev'ry Christian Steeple

E. Daley

Now from ev'ry Christian steeple comes the sound of Easter bells,
while the song of Christian people Jesus' resurrection tells.

*Ding dong, ding dong, ding-a ding-a ding dong, unto heav'n the music swells,
Ding dong, ding dong, ding-a ding-a ding dong, "He is risen", clang the bells.*

Sing ye then with heart and voices; send to heav'n each eager chord,
where the angel host rejoices with the living, living Lord. *R*

Tell it out to ev'ry nation, how the Prince of Life was slain;
and repeat with exaltation that he walked the earth again. *R*

When our song has fully sounded, on our knees bow we to pray,
thanking him, who death confounded on the first great Easter Day. *R*
(Edwin Cox)

8.

Prayer [3]

How do we find the faith to believe the story of Easter?
How do we grasp its truth?
We only can accept it on our individual level of belief.

We can reduce it to scientific debate
Or historical literalism
And stand in our certainties.

***But,
O Holy One,
Our world is filled with blood stains,
Not all on crosses.
Our newsfeed fills with uncertainties.***

And all you offer us is a story of an empty grave.

***How do we tell stories of the mysteries of life and death?
How do we tell stories of hope?***

The Holy One answers us with silence.
The silence of a garden at dawn.
The silence of an emptiness waiting to be filled.

***We don't always know what hope looks like.
What it sounds like.
Help us to sit in silence.
Help us to hear.***

[silence]

Help us to hear each other's breath.

Help us to breath.

Help us to listen to each other's despair.

Help us to sit still with each other until we relax into hope.

Help us to find courage for ourselves.

Help us to whisper it to each other.

***Recessional Hymn** Thine is the Glory

VU #173

**Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son:
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded graveclothes where the body lay.**

*Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son:
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

**Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth: death hath lost its sting. R**

**No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. R**

***Sending Out**[4] Allow hope to permeate every cell of your body
To begin to alter your DNA
To In-form every thought, every priority, every act and every interaction.

The Christ said we are witnesses.
The world deserves nothing less from us.

***Choral Amen**

E. Daley

Postlude Selections from *La Danseyre*

Tielman Susato (1510-1570)

THANK YOU to our guest musicians for enhancing our worship today.

[1] Rex A. E. Hunt, adapted, with permission

[2] Kerri Wehlander/adapted, with permission

[3] Adapted from the Prayer "*Witnesses*" by John van der Laar

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