



**FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP**

**Easter Sunday  
April 12, 2020**

**ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Psalm 143: 8-12

O Lord, hear my prayer, let morning bring the word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I lift my soul. Rescue me from my enemies, O Lord, for I hide myself in you. Teach me to do your will, for you are my God; may your good Spirit lead me on level ground. For your name's sake, O Lord, preserve my life, in your righteousness, bring me out of trouble. In your unfailing love, silence my enemies; destroy all my foes, for I am your servant. Amen.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

“Ode to Joy/ Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Tom Bryant

CALL TO WORSHIP

May the God of joy be with you;

**May the God of grace be with you!**

Lift up your hearts, for our God is a God of hope;

**We lift our hearts to God, who fills us with life!**

The Lord of Life is risen;

**Christ is risen indeed!**

Let us sing praises to the Lord our God;

**Our voices join with all creation in rejoicing: “Alleluia! Christ is risen! Alleluia!”**

HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 232 “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

**Jesus Christ is risen today; Al-le-lu-ia!**

**Our triumphant holy day, Al-le-lu-ia!**

**Who did once upon the cross, Al-le-lu-ia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss, Al-le-lu-ia!  
Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al-le-lu-ia!  
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Al-le-lu-ia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Al-le-lu-ia!  
Suffer to redeem and save. Al-le-lu-ia!  
But the pains which he endured, Al-le-lu-ia!  
Our salvation have procured. Al-le-lu-ia!  
Now above the sky he's King, Al-le-lu-ia!  
Where the angels ever sing. Al-le-lu-ia!  
Sing we to our God above, Al-le-lu-ia!  
Praise eternal as God's love. Al-le-lu-ia!  
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Al-le-lu-ia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Al-le-lu-ia!**

#### CALL TO RECONCILIATION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We confess, O God, that we sometimes live as though Good Friday happened and Easter did not. As we continue to shelter in our homes, unable to gather to worship you, we struggle in isolation against fears and worries that threaten to overwhelm. When our faith wavers, we wonder whether you are able to stop this virus, and if you are able, we wonder with the Psalmist “How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever?”  
Forgive us, Lord. Forgive our lack of trust and impatience. Forgive our prideful desire for control. Transform our lives by your power and love to live as your Easter people, declaring that death and evil and sin do not have the last word. For the last word is yours, the last word is life.**

**KYRIE                      Lord, have mercy upon us.  
                                  Christ, have mercy upon us.  
                                  Lord, have mercy upon us.**

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

#### GLORIA PATRI – No. 581

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

#### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN – No. 238 “Thine Is the Glory”

**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 grave clothes where they 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 hast lost its sting. *Refrain.***

**No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!  
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife.  
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;  
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home alone. *Refrain.***

## PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING                      Jeremiah 31:3-9, 13

The LORD appeared to us in the past, saying: “I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness. I will build you up again, and you, Virgin Israel, will be rebuilt. Again you will take up your timbrels and go out to dance with the joyful. Again you will plant vineyards on the hills of Samaria; the farmers will plant them and enjoy their fruit. There will be a day when watchmen cry out on the hills of Ephraim. Come, let us go up to Zion, to the LORD our God.”

This is what the LORD says: “Sing with joy for Jacob; shout for the foremost of the nations. Make your praises heard, and say, ‘LORD, save your people, the remnant of Israel.’ See, I will bring them from the land of the north and gather them from the ends of the earth. Among them will be the blind and the lame, expectant mothers and women in labor; a great throng will return. They will come with weeping; they will pray as I bring them back. I will lead them beside streams of water on a level path where they will not stumble, because I am Israel’s father, and Ephraim is my firstborn son.

Then young women will dance and be glad, young men and old as well. I will turn their mourning into gladness; I will give them comfort and joy instead of sorrow.

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

SECOND READING

Mark 16:1-8

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus’ body. Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb and they asked each other, “Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?”

But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

“Don’t be alarmed,” he said. “You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter, ‘He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.’”

Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON  
Luter

“Who Can Move the Stone?”

Rev. Rebecca

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Please remember those on our prayer list.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

**RESPOND TO GOD**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM      "What a Savior"      Edwin Childs

Tucker Williams, Tenor

Man of sorrows, what a name For the Son of God who came Ruined sinners to reclaim Hallelujah! What Savior!

Lifted up was He to die "It is finished!" was His cry/. Now in Heaven lifted high Hallelujah! What a Savior!

When He comes, our Glorious King All his ransomed home to bring; Then anew this song we'll sing Hallelujah! What a Savior; Hallelujah! What a Savior!

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise him all creatures here below.  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Generous God, we offer these gifts as our testimony to your glory and as our commitment to live as your disciples. Bless our gifts to your work in the world and to your reign here on earth for the sake of Jesus the Christ, who was dead and behold is alive forevermore. Amen.**

HYMN – No. 246      "Christ Is Alive"      Verses 1, 2, & 5

**Christ is alive! Let Christian sing.  
The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.**

**Christ is alive! No longer bound  
to distant years in Palestine,  
But saving, healing, here and now, a  
and touching every place and time.  
Christ is alive, and comes to bring  
good news to this and every age,  
Till earth and sky and ocean ring  
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Toccata in Seven”

John Rutter

**Bold Type** – congregation in unison

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**Participating in the service today:**

Rev. Rebecca Luter, Pastor

Doug Barr, Director of Christian Education

Jim Thrash, Director of Music

Tom Bryant, Accompanist

Rebecca Hutchins, Chris Luter, Tucker Williams, Choir

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