

EASTER SUNDAY

April 4, 2010

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

*Let the first note of the prelude be a call for
personal meditation in preparation for worship.*

GATHERING IN THE PRESENCE OF THE RISEN CHRIST

PRELUDE Solemn Entry Richard Strauss

INTROIT Roland E. Martin

When the faint new presence of light nudges the night into leaving,
When the green shoot breaks through the crust and turns,
As it must, into blooming,
When the raindrop quenches the thirst
And raises the cursed and the grieving.

*When the somber ways are destroyed
And what stays in joy that is human,
This is the meaning of hallelujah, hallelujah!
Rise, come forth, and sing hallelujah!*

When the infant takes breath to sustain the requisite pain of his glory,
When the mother can smile in relief expressing belief in this blooming,
And the ancient rolls away age to turn a new page in the story.

—Peter Siedlecki

VOTUM

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsively)*

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

his love endures forever.

In our anguish we cried to the Lord,
and he answered by setting us free.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

his love endures forever.

The Lord is our strength and our song;
he has become our salvation.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

his love endures forever.

We will not die but live,
and will proclaim what the Lord has done.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

his love endures forever.

The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;

The Lord has done this; and it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day the Lord has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

—Psalm 118:1, 5, 14, 17, 22-24, NIV

SALUTATION

+*PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 123

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Tune: EASTER HYMN

RESPONSIVE PRAYER FOR EASTER

O Christ, in your resurrection,
the heavens and the earth rejoice. Alleluia!

By your resurrection you broke open the gates of hell,
And destroyed sin and death.

Keep us victorious over sin.

By your resurrection you raised the dead,
And brought us from death to life.

Guide us in the way of eternal life.

By your resurrection you confounded your guards and

executioners, and filled the disciples with joy.

Give us joy in your service.

By your resurrection you proclaimed good news to the women and apostles, and brought salvation to the whole world.

Direct our lives as your new creation.

*EASTER HYMN OF PRAISE *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 108

Christ Is Alive!

Tune: TRURO

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Christ has risen. **Christ has risen indeed!**

(The congregation may exchange the Peace.)

CONFESSION AND EASTER ASSURANCE

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

**Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave,
you shattered the power of sin and death.
We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,
bound by the ways that lead to death.
We overlook the poor and the hungry
and pass by those who mourn;
we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed
and indifferent to calls for peace;
we despise the weak and abuse the earth you made.
Forgive us, God of mercy.
Help us to trust your power
to change our lives and make us new,
that we may know the joy of life abundant
given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE I Corinthians 15:54-57

CALL TO NEW OBEDIENCE I Corinthians 15:58

CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL TO WORSHIP CENTERS

HEARING THE GOOD NEWS OF THE RISEN CHRIST

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 65:17-25

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This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*HYMN OF PREPARATION *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 122

Thine Is the Glory

Tune: JUDAS MACCABEUS

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 23:55-24:12

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This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

“The Grand Reversal”

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

SERVING THE RISEN CHRIST

*EASTER AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 45

How does Christ's resurrection benefit us? *(responsively)*

First, by his resurrection he has overcome death,

**so that he might make us share in the righteousness
He won for us by his death.
Second, by his power we too
are already now resurrected to a new life.
Third, Christ's resurrection
is a guarantee of our glorious resurrection.**

*SONG OF AFFIRMATION *Sing! A New Creation* 148 Celtic Alleluia

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

C.V. Stanford Jean

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O sons and daughters, let us sing!
The King of heaven, the glorious King,
Over death today rose triumphing.

That Easter morn, at break of day,
The faithful women went their way
To seek the tomb where Jesus lay.

An angel clad in white they see, who sat and spake unto the three,
"Your Lord doth go to Galilee."

That night the Apostles met in fear;
Amidst them came their Lord most dear, and said,
"My peace be on all here."

When Thomas first the tidings heard,
How they had seen the risen Lord, he doubted the disciples' word.

"My pierced side, O Thomas see; My hands, my feet I shew to thee;
Not faithless, but believing be."

No longer Thomas then denied;
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"Thou art my Lord and God," he cried.

How blest are they who have not seen,
And yet whose faith has constant been,
for they eternal life shall win.

On this most holy day of days, to God your hearts,
And voices raise in laud, and jubilee, and praise. Amen.

—Jean Tisserand

*DOXOLOGY *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 592

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION AND 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.**

*HYMN OF DEDICATION *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 119

The Strife is O'er

Tune: VICTORY

*(Those who would like to sing the Hallelujah Chorus are invited
to go to the chancel or gallery during the last verse of the hymn.
Scores will be available.)*

*HALLELUJAH CHORUS

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Easter Carillon Robert J. Powell

+Latecomers will be seated. *Those who are able may stand.

Worship Leaders: Rev. Kent Fry, preaching; Rev. Kama Jongerius, liturgist; Mark Husbands, prayer for illumination; Bruce Formsma, Tammy Wolters, Trumpets; Thom Working, French Horn; Josh Williams, Trombone; Paul Connelly, Timpani; Combined Choirs; Linda Strouf, Minister of Music.

TODAY

We welcome all who worship with us and ask visitors and members to sign the Friendship Folders so that we may get to know one another. Please join us in the Gathering Place for refreshments and fellowship after the worship service.

The rose by the font is in celebration of the birth of Paige Elizabeth, to Rick and Meg Frens on March 27.

IF YOU DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and/or others Peg Van Grouw and Carl Folkert will be available to pray with you following today's worship service. Please make your way to the Place of Prayer following the service (located in the south hallway on the main level).

ASSISTING TODAY: Greeters – (8:30) Esther Vande Bunte, Marian Vande Bunte; (11:00) Roger and Janet De Young, Marilyn Lantay, Arlene Barton, Morrie and Barb Peterson; Ushers – Dave and Jody Vanderwel; Deacons – (8:30) Carl Heideman, Jon Bechtel; (11:00) Rick Frens, Tom Ten Hoeve, Tom Bos, Jim Vander Meer; Refreshment Servers – Tom and Barb Piaget.

CHILD CARE is available in the nurseries during the worship service. Attendants: Susie Vander Kolk, Deb and Grace DuMez.

There will no Education Classes for all ages this morning.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: Children 4 years through 2nd grade will be ushered from the sanctuary during the worship service to continue worship in the Worship Centers on the lower level.

<p style="text-align: center;">EASTER BRUNCH 9:30-10:40 in the Fellowship Hall Sponsored by the youth groups</p>

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. Combined Choirs
9:30 a.m. Easter Brunch

TUESDAY

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY

6:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study
6:30 a.m. Sunrise Saints
8:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayers
6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

THURSDAY

7:00 p.m. Special Education Ministries

FRIDAY

7:00 a.m. S & A Ministry Group

10:00 a.m. Playgroup
10:00 a.m. Women's Prayer Group at Sarah Unzicker's
(821 Claremont Ct.)

PERSONAL

Share your prayer concerns by using the prayer request cards found in the Friendship Folders. Place the requests in the offering plate. Please remember in prayer those in the hospital and in care facilities.

SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of Barbara Duryee who died on March 29.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Mary Boersen has returned home from the hospital. Alma Van Lente has returned to her home from Tendercare. Pray for – Bob Kuiper, Leslie Piaget. Resthaven Care Center – Arnolda Otting, Joe Otting, Jean Walvoord; Maple Woods – Vesta Speet; Tendercare – Marinus Pott. In the Military – Sam Bonnette, Christine Munoz.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

“ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING” offerings can still be turned in today. There is a basket at the back of the sanctuary.

SAVE THE DATES: Our Vacation Bible School program, “Egypt, Joseph’s Journey from Prison to Palace” is scheduled for Monday, August 2 – Thursday, August 5; 6:00-8:15 p.m. Our “Egyptian” Backyard Bash is scheduled for Wednesday, July 28; 6:00-8:00 p.m. Put these dates on your calendar and plan to attend these special summer events.

YOUTH GROUP TREE SALE: The youth groups will be selling small pine trees this spring to be planted in your yard by the youth group. A tree planted in your yard for only \$5.00! This is a great deal as we get to partner in restoring creation, serve in community, and help out your landscaping. Please stop by the table in the Gathering Place if you are interested in ordering a tree for \$5.00. The small amount of money raised will go to help fund service projects. Thanks in advance from the youth groups.

GENERAL ITEMS

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC: You will have the opportunity to have your blood pressure checked next Sunday, April 11.

The special Easter offering envelope is designated for support of Jaime and Martha Amaro in Mexico.

WOMEN’S SOFTBALL: Ladies age 15 and up interested in fellowship on the field this spring/summer contact Mark Faga, 392-1459, at the church. We’re all about fun – experience is not needed. Call soon, we start practices mid-April.

BLOOD DRIVE: Sign up today in the Gathering Place to give blood at the Blood Drive on Monday, April 11 12:00-6:00 p.m. If you would be willing to bring cookies or bars for the blood drive please pick up a container at the table in the Gathering Place.

CROP WALK has been sowing seeds of help and harvesting hope for 30 years in Holland. Walking on Saturday, April 24 or Sunday, April 25, helps people around the world and in Holland who struggle for the necessities of food, water, or shelter. Sign up to walk and get your seeds planted for harvesting this fall.

Thank you to everyone who helped assemble the health kits for Church World Service last Sunday. We were able to put together approximately 1,500 kits.

THIRD REFORMED CHURCH

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