

WORSHIP CELEBRATION
Easter Sunday

April 9, 2023

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

INTROIT “All Hail King Jesus!”

No. 92

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

All: Alleluia! Praise the Lord!

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

*HYMN “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

No. 288

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: We have come to know the healing power of experiencing you today in your resurrection.

All: O risen Christ, open us to the power of your resurrection as we hear it proclaimed anew this day, that we too might rise to new life in you. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE

One: Hear the good news: the tomb is empty, sin is powerless, death is defeated forever. On this day and every day, we walk as God’s people, forgiven and made whole.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

No. 734

1. **Rev. Bob** will have his regular office hours this week on **Tuesday and Thursday**. He would also **like to visit with our members** when they are available in the office or at their home. If you are interested, contact the office or Rev. Bob directly.
2. The **3M’s Group** will have their **monthly Luncheon/Meeting** at Twin Oaks in Cranston on **Tuesday, April 11 at 12 noon**. All are welcome! Please let Sarah Tonole know by tomorrow if you plan to attend.
3. The **Property and Finance Committee** will meet this **Tuesday, April 11, at 6:00 PM**
4. The **“Get Crafty”** group meets on **Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.** Please bring your own crafts to work on as we enjoy fellowship with one another. A time of sharing where everyone is welcome!
5. **“Pavane” by Gabriel and Other Calming Music to Soothe the Soul** will be presented at **Newman Congregational Church, UCC on Sunday, April 16 at 3 p.m.** Geoff Greene, Music Minister, along with Chris Turner and the Newman Adult Choir, is presenting this event. A \$10 donation is suggested and a reception will follow in Memorial Hall.
6. Our **All-Church Yard Sale** is scheduled for **Saturday, April 22, 9-2. Help is needed!** Please call Sarah Tonole at (401) 392-1978 and let her know that you would be willing to help set up on Friday, April 21 as well as on April 22!
7. Upcoming on **Sunday, April 23**, we will have a **guest speaker**, Kathryn Bothelo, from Communities for People to speak about their mission work with foster children and families.
8. **Sunday, May 7**, will be a special day of worship at Hope Church, during which we will **honor Shirley Lawson, Church Administrator**, who is retiring after 34 years of service. This will be followed by a social time in the church hall. All are welcome!
9. And don’t forget your used clothing for the **St. Pauly shed!**

**If you are able to do so comfortably, please stand.*

SERMON **“Making All Things New”**

*HYMN “Alleluia, Alleluia, Let the Holy Anthem Rise” Insert

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastoral Prayer (including prayer concerns)

Time of Silent Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer (using “debts” and “debtors”)

Prayer Response “Let the Church Say Amen”

*Let the church say amen, Let the church say amen,
Altogether, let the church say amen.*

DELIGHTING IN GIVING (Plates are at the back of the sanctuary.)

Invitation to Present Our Offerings

Offertory Music “Celtic Alleluia” Music Team

*Doxology “Alleluia No. 1”

(Refrain)

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord,

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His name!

Spread the good news o’er all the earth.

Jesus has died and has risen. (Refrain)

*Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

Anoint these gifts, Generous God, that they may fulfill their purpose. Through the help, hope, unique passions and skills, and faithful companionship with our community, may we impart hope, render joy, and participate as resurrected in your kin_dom. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN “Come and Join the Celebration” Insert

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION - We invite you to sing with us:

“This Is the Day!”

This is the day that the Lord has made

Let us rejoice and be glad!

PASTOR - Rev. Robert Nolan

MINISTER OF MUSIC - Kim Kuda

DEACON & LAY READER - Lori Russell

MUSIC TEAM - Andrew Foster, Dale Magnuson,

Sangho Nam, Kim Kuda

TIME FOR ALL AGES

PASSING THE PEACE

One: God calls us to create a community which welcomes all:
To care and love unconditionally,
To free us and create a welcome for all.
May the Peace of Christ be with you!

All: And also with you!

One: Let's share that welcome with each other, that Love!

SCRIPTURE READING John 20:1-18 (NRSVUE)

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus's head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and she told them that he had said these things to her.