

**The Order of Worship**

**April 8, 2012  
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.**

**EASTER SUNDAY**

**THE CHURCH GATHERS ...**

*When the prelude begins let us quietly prepare for the Worship of God.*

**PRELUDE** Prelude and Fugue in F, BWV 556 J. S. Bach

**OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION**

**INTROIT** This Joyful Eastertide Dutch carol  
arr. Charles Wood

This joyful Eastertide, Away with sin and sorrow! My Love, the Crucified, Hath sprung to life this morrow. Had Christ, that once was slain, Ne'er burst his three-day prison, Our faith had been in vain: But now hath Christ arisen.

My flesh in hope shall rest, And for a season slumber: Till trump from east to west Shall wake the dead in number. (Refrain)

Death's flood hath lost his chill, Since Jesus cross'd the river: Lover of souls, from ill My passing soul deliver. (Refrain)

G. R. Woodward

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come to celebrate the good news. The tomb is empty; death is not the last word.  
**People: We gather for worship in awe and wonder. Death has been swallowed up forever and life is affirmed.**  
Leader: Christ is Risen!  
**People: Christ is risen indeed!**

**TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...**

**\*HYMN NO. 123** (blue hymnal) Jesus Christ Is Risen Today *Easter Hymn*

**\*A LITANY OF ASSURANCE**

Leader: With the stone rolled away came emptiness  
**People: Of a tomb that held captive the Crucified, of the space that was once filled with death, of the cross that now pointed to the greater truth of God's love in spite of ourselves.**  
Leader: With the stone rolled away came questions  
**People: From those whose world lay shattered, from those who would demand living proof, from those who were seeking a sign of promise breeding confidence, assurance and trust.**  
Leader: With the stone rolled away came light  
**People: To illumine the darkness of suspicion and fear, to dispel the shadows of distrust, anxiety, insecurity, to radiate with the beams of new hope and understanding of the life about to be lived.**  
Leader: With the stone rolled away comes a future  
**People: With a truth that outshines the wisdom of ages, with space to be filled with the kingdom of God, with the company of those who through history confess Jesus Christ is risen today. Alleluia! Amen.**

**\*RESPONSE** Celtic Alleluia (*sing twice*) Fintan O'Carroll

**TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...**

**SCRIPTURE READING** Isaiah 25:6-9; I Corinthians 15:1-11

**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN** (11:00)  
Children age 4 through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Children's Worship. A nursery is available during the entire service for infants through age 3.

**SCRIPTURE READING** Mark 16:1-8

**SERMON** "And They Were Afraid For..." Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

**\*HYMN NO. 119** (blue hymnal) The Strife Is O'er *Victory*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) from *A Declaration of Faith*

In the death of Jesus Christ, God's way in the world seemed finally defeated. But death was no match for God. The resurrection of Jesus was God's victory over death. Death often seems to prove that life is not worth living, that our best efforts and deepest affections go for nothing. We do not yet see the end of death. But Christ has been raised from the dead, transformed and yet the same person. In his resurrection is the promise of ours. We are convinced that the life

God wills for each of us is stronger than the death that destroys us. The glory of that life exceeds our imagination, but we know we shall be with Christ. So we treat death as a broken power. Its ultimate defeat is certain. In the face of death we grieve. Yet in hope we celebrate life. No life ends so tragically that its meaning and value are destroyed. Nothing, not even death, can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ...** The Lord's Prayer

(During the Prayers of the People there will be a time of silence. You are invited to use this time for personal reflection, confession, thanksgiving, and prayer.)

**THE OFFERING**

*Please sign and pass the Friendship Register found on the pew nearest the center aisle.*

*If you would like to receive our newsletter or more information about the church, include your address, phone number and email address. Though many of us contribute electronically or by a check in the mail, your holding and passing the offering plate is an act of blessing and dedication to our life together in Jesus Christ.*

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** O filii et filiae Volckmar Leisring  
O filii et filiae, Rex caelestis, Rex gloriae, Christus surrexit hodie! Alleluia!

*O sons and daughters, the King of heaven and glory, Christ, has risen today! Alleluia!*  
trans. Ron Jeffers

Meredith Mackay, Soprano I  
Becca Millett, Soprano II  
Bettie McDavid Mason, Alto

**\*AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology No. 514 (red hymnal) *Old Hundredth*  
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**

**TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...**

**\*HYMN NO. 104** (blue hymnal) Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! *Hymn to Joy*

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** Hail Thee, Festival Day! *Salve festa dies*

**\*POSTLUDE** Toccata (from *Symphony No. 5*) Charles-Marie Widor

\*Indicates standing.

**NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY**

**WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP** here today.

**PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK:** Kristi Gordon and Tim Ryan  
**CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR APRIL:** Linda Rutherford

**SERVING TODAY**

**ACOLYTES** (11:00): Joseph Hutzenbiler and Ellie Tidwell

**GREETERS** (11:00): Bill and Renee Wiesehuegel

**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:**

(9:00) Childcare through age 5

(11:00) Angela Grobe, Nursery Staff

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:** Chancel Choir

**SENIOR USHER:** Sue Caradine

**USHERS:**

(9:00) Bonny Naugher, Doug Naugher, David Woodall, Jeff Bendy

(11:00) Brian Bonnyman, Michael Yates, Joe Ben Turner, Rob McKeehan, Carol Beilharz

**OUR THANKS** to Meredith Mackay, Bettie Mason, and Becca Millett for their enrichment of our worship this morning as they sing antiphonally with the Chancel Choir on the offertory anthem.

**PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT** to enjoy the artwork displayed in the narthex, which is on loan to Westminster from the collection of John Kennerly.

**VOLCKMAR LEISRING (1588-1637)** was a composer, theorist, and Protestant clergyman living and working in Middle Germany. He studied theology in Jena from about 1605 to 1611, and in 1612 became rector, cantor, and town clerk in Schkölen (near Weißenfels). It is possible that during his tenure in Schkölen he came in contact with the composers Melchior Vulpus and Johann Hermann Schein. Most of Leisring's compositional activity occurred during this time as well. *O filii et filiae* (the hymn and text called "The Joyful Canticle" by P. Guéranger because of the abundant alleluias that accompany its singing) is from his collection *Cymbalum Davidicum* (1611) which contains homophonic (chordal) motets in eight voices for double choir. Following his time in Schkölen he served as pastor at churches in Nohra and Buchfart.

**THOSE WHO HAVE DONATED TO THE EASTER FLOWERS** may take a lily home after the 11:00 a.m. service today. Others that are left will be taken to members of our congregation who are unable to attend church. The remainder will be given to Random Acts of Flowers to be redesigned into arrangements for those in the hospitals who never receive flowers. Thank you for your generosity this Easter and each Sunday in the year.

## THE LUNCH BUNCH

A group of women are gathering for lunch at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at Mimi's Café in Turkey Creek. It will be much the same format as the evening dinner gatherings with each person taking a turn deciding on a date, the place and time. Please call Georgann Byerley by Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup> if you can come so we can get a reservation at Mimi's.



**THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING** collection concludes today. Offering envelopes are available in the pew or in the narthex. Your gifts lend a hand after devastating natural disasters. They help by educating and equipping individuals and congregations to eliminate hunger by addressing the issues that perpetuate hunger. And these gifts help people help themselves with long-term solutions to poverty and pressing community problems. The ministries supported by One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) are ever present, responding with love and compassion.

**MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT** is Tuesday, April 10. The Environmental Team will be providing our refreshments.

**THE ABBEY DEADLINE** is Wednesday. Please send your articles to [unitedprinters@comcast.net](mailto:unitedprinters@comcast.net).

**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST:** Start your day off right with breakfast, fellowship and a short study session. On Thursday, April 12 at 7:00 a.m. we will meet in the McKinnon Room for breakfast prepared by Don Byerly and a lesson led by John Muntz. If you want to review the lesson ahead of time, just pick up a copy in the church office or ask the office to email the lesson to you. Everyone is welcome.

**FISH** delivery is Thursday, April 12. If you are able to help make deliveries, please contact Nancy Cundall (405-3828). The number of families receiving bags of groceries is dependent on the number of Westminster volunteers. **YOU are needed!**

## Easter Flowers

*Given by:*

Ken and Ellen Anderson. . . . . In memory of Gwendolyn Hills, much-loved aunt  
Jack and Laura Barron. . . . . In memory of their parents, Harriette and Lester Rowe  
    . . .and John and Viola Barron  
Sharon Boyce and Jack Woodall. . . . . In memory of Erwin Boyce, Lee Boyce and Virginia Boyce  
    . . .and Jack and Eloise Woodall  
Sara Cantrell. . . . . In memory of Bob  
The Carey Family. . . . . In memory of Betty Carey and Edith Landis  
Barbara Cline. . . . . In honor of Gabrielle Cline-Snell, Jeff Snell and Lisa Cline  
Daniel, Amanda, Fiona and Elinor Collins. . . . . In honor of Mr. and Mrs. David Collins,  
    . . .Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Collins and Mr. Aaron Smith  
Nancy Dean. . . . . In memory of Scott, Carter and Mimi  
Christie Dowling. . . . . In memory of her father, John C. Struckmeyer  
David Drake. . . . . In honor of his mother, Mary Frances Drake  
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Jan and John Gross. . . . . In memory of their parents, Lillian and Marshall Gross,  
    . . .Sue and Chalmer Newman, and in memory of their son, Jeffrey Allen Gross  
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The Hatmaker Family. . . . . In memory of Linda Morton, Mr. and Mrs. Fred N. Hatmaker (Doris)  
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John and Ibbie Muntz. . . . . In honor of George E. Jack  
Rick and Janice Rawe. . . . . In honor of Westminster Flower Guild  
Elizabeth, Jeanne and Larry Ridley. . . . . In honor of Don and Sue Byerly  
Linda and Scott Rutherford. . . . . In memory of their parents, Laurence and Louise Baker  
    . . .and Cecil and Georgia Rutherford  
Joyce and Tim Ryan. . . . . In memory of their parents, Paul Ryan,  
    . . .Annie Laurie Bowman and Rodney E. Bowman, and Joyce's brother, Rodney Bowman (2007)  
Kathleen and Larry Tragesser. . . . . In memory of George and Justine Dukas  
    . . .and Gene and Clovis Tragesser  
The Wiesehuegel Family. . . . . In memory of Shirley Rechenbach, Tommy Cunningham  
    . . .and Rene' Cordell  
John and Shirley Wittman. . . . . In memory of their parents, Clifford and Mildred Hanks  
    . . .and John and Lucile Wittman  
Jim and Linda Yates. . . . . In honor of their 10 grandchildren: Patrick and Ryan Toomey,  
    . . .Max and Ellie Yates, Owen, Ian, Sarah and Grace Salsbery, Jonah and Luke Yates