



THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

10:50 a.m.

✠ We Gather in God's Name ✠

Welcome

Pastor Bill Pollack

Prelude

Winchester Bells

Easter Celebration

Robert Hughes

Call to Worship

Larry Wilson

L: Come, sisters and brothers, gather together.

P: From all the bruises of a busy week, gather.

L: Plunge your sorrow and worry into the fountain of life.

P: Here, find comfort and hope.

L: Place your dreams and concerns on the table of blessing.

P: Here, find courage and renewal.

L: Give your questions and doubts to the heart of God.

P: Here, find a peace that lightens the load and restores the faith.

All: Welcome to this place where we can become a family of love, a community of song, a people of prayer. Thanks be to God!

† **Hymn of Easter** (tune Hymn to Joy)

#231

Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers

Christ has risen while earth slumbers, Christ has risen where hope died,
as He said and as He promised, as we doubted and denied.

Let the moon embrace the blessing; let the sun sustain the cheer;
let the world confirm the rumor. Christ is risen, God is here!

Christ has risen for the people whom He loved and died to save;
Christ has risen for the women bringing flowers to grace His grave.

Christ has risen for disciples huddled in an upstairs room.

He whose word inspired creation is not silenced by the tomb.

Christ has risen and forever lives to challenge and to change
all whose lives are messed, or mangled, all who find religion strange.

Christ is risen. Christ is present making us what he has been
evidence of transformation in which God is known and seen.

† **Call to Confession**

† **Prayer of Confession**

Sometimes, Lord, we are like Job, who saw himself covered by dark, thick, clouds; and sometimes we are like Peter, crying out in fear because of the raging storm all around us. Sometimes Lord, the thick darkness is within us, the darkness of depression, the darkness of doubt, the darkness of worry, the darkness of fear. Speak, Lord Jesus, with Your strong, yet gentle voice. Forgive us when we fear and doubt. Let us hear the word that brings calm and peace, the word that assures us that You are here with us, the word that convinces us that in the end Your divine power will prevail. For the sake of Christ, we pray. Amen.

† **Assurance of Pardon**

† **Response**

#245 (3)

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!
Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

✠ **We Listen to God's Word** ✠

Children's Message

Kelly Hanni

Anthem

Chancel Choir

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing

Melchior Vulpius

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia! The Lord of life is risen for aye; bring flowers of song to strew His way; Let all mankind rejoice and say: Alleluia! Praise we in songs of victory that love, that life which cannot die, And sing with hearts uplifted high: Alleluia! Thy name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing today with one accord. The life laid down; the life restored. Alleluia!

Prayer for Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson

Joshua 1:1–9 (NRSV)

After the death of Moses, the servant of the LORD, the LORD spoke to Joshua, son of Nun, Moses's assistant, saying, ²“My servant Moses is dead. Now proceed to cross the Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the Israelites. ³Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, as I promised to Moses. ⁴From the wilderness and the Lebanon as far as the great river, the River Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, to the Great Sea in the west shall be your territory. ⁵No one shall be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you. ⁶Be strong and courageous, for you shall lead this people to possess the land that I swore to their ancestors to give them. ⁷Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to act in accordance with all the law that My servant Moses commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, so that you may be successful wherever you go. ⁸This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to act in accordance with all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall be successful. ⁹I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”

L: The Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God!**Psalm 86** (tune: O Waly Waly)

#844

Incline Your Ear, O Lord, to Me

Incline Your ear, O Lord to me, for I am poor and need Your care.
My God, the anchor of my trust, the truest answer to my prayer.

You, Lord, have shown to me Your grace in ways beyond my
mortal sight.

Before Your face I lift my soul, to sing Your praise is my delight!

With steadfast love and mercy sure, God hears confession and
forgives.

Redeemed, the soul in which God dwells and blessed the heart in
which God lives!

All nations shall proclaim You Lord, and at Your name all knees shall bend.

To glorify Your righteousness and sing Your praises without end.

† **The Gospel Lesson**

John 20:19–23 (NRSV)

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.”²⁰ After He said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, so I send you.”²² When He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

L: This is the Holy Gospel of Christ! **P: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Pastor Bill Pollack

Don't Be Afraid!

† **Hymn of Response**

#250

In the Bulb There Is a Flower (Hymn of Promise)

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There's a song in ev'ry silence, seeking word and melody.
There's a dawn in ev'ry darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

✠ **We Respond to God's Word** ✠

† **Affirmation of Faith**

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come again to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering Acknowledgement

Special Offering: Organ Repair Fund

† Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

† Prayer of Dedication

✠ WE ARE SENT IN GOD'S NAME ✠

† Hymn of Sending

#546

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace.
Let us each, Your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us, trav'ling through this wilderness.

Thanks, we give and adoration for the gospel's joyful sound:
may the fruits of Your salvation in our hearts and lives abound!
Ever faithful, ever faithful to Your truth may we be found.

Savior, when Your love shall call us, from our struggling pilgrim way,
let no fear of death appall us, glad Your summons to obey.

May we ever, may we ever reign with You in endless day.

Closing Voluntary

Max Jackson

Today, God's Only Son Is Risen

(J S Bach)

† **Benediction**

† *Standing if you are able.*

SERVING TODAY

Head Usher: *Kim Whitman*

Liturgist: *Larry Wilson*

LAST WEEK'S RECAP

Attendance: 93

General Offering: \$4,499.50

Backpack Ministry: \$170.00

Easter Flowers: \$90.00

Easter Towels: \$241.00

Online Offering: \$1,225.00

Pastor's Discretionary Fund: \$500.00

Total Offering: \$6,725.50

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

► **Sunday, April 14**

Sunday Morning Study, 9:18 a.m./Flip Through Philipians

Armchair Theologians, 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship, 10:50 a.m.

Children/Youth Membership Class, Noon

Genesis Bible Study, 5:30 p.m.

► **Monday, April 15**

Rummage Sale Donations Accepted, **11 a.m.–2 p.m.; 5–6:30 p.m.**

► **Tuesday, April 16**

Rummage Sale Donations Accepted, **11a.m.–2 p.m.**

► **Wednesday, April 17**

Men's Bible Study, 7 a.m./Bob Evans

Rummage Sale Donations Accepted, **1 p.m.–3 p.m.**

Bells Rehearsal, 5:45 p.m. | Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:45 p.m.

► **Thursday, April 18**

Rummage Sale Donations Accepted, **11 a.m.–2 p.m.; 4–6:30 p.m.**

Paper Angels, 1 p.m.

► **Friday, April 19**

Rummage Sale Donations Accepted, **11a.m.–2 p.m.**

► **Saturday, April 20**

Rummage Sale, **9 a.m.–1 p.m.**



Please do not donate clothing or shoes. We also need plastic shopping bags. All proceeds from this sale will be used to purchase new kitchen supplies such as plates, pots, pans, etc.

Share the word with your friends and family. Thank you for your kind support. Contact Barb Payne (606.922.6617) with questions.

KARA'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Kara's birthday is coming soon, and we are inviting you to join in the celebration, following Morning Worship on **Sunday, April 21**. Kara has a special ministry with our children. Help us say thanks! The celebration will be in the Narthex. A basket will be available for cards and/or other expressions of appreciation.



GRADUATE INFORMATION NEEDED



If you or someone you know is graduating from high school, college, or trade school, please contact the church office by **Sunday, April 21**. We need the graduate's name, school, and the type of degree. The graduates' names will be published in the May *Heartbeats* and the worship bulletin.



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Please Join Us in Celebrating
NANCY PAYNE'S
Ninety-fifth Birthday

APRIL 21, 2024
DROP-IN FROM 2 - 4 PM
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1600 WINCHESTER AVE ASHLAND

PRAYER CONCERNS

Week ending April 11, 2024

Joe Lane (Lee McCloud's father)

Phyllis Pennington (Nanette)

Wilma Potter

(Lois Jackson's sister and Pam & Roger Potter's sister-in-law)

Week ending April 4, 2024

Johnny Justice (Jane Justice's stepson)

Margaret Ruth (Kelly Hanni)

Ron Patton (Nanette & Pastor Bill)

Week ending March 28, 2024

Kyle Call (Nanette & Pastor Bill)

Kim Harper (Judy & Dave Eby's daughter)

Jane Justice

Sue Lichtenberger (Mary Patterson)

Greg Sanders (Pastor Bill's brother-in-law)

Catherine, Princess of Wales (David Murphy)

Ann Wiseman

Prayer requests will rotate off after three weeks. If you have an ongoing concern, please contact the church office.

Ongoing: Gretchen Dillon; Charlie Holbrook; Kenny McGill, Derek Payne; Nancy Payne, Bonnie Pettijohn, Tim Shephard, Jan Winans, Kim Whitman

The Lantern: Barry Barbour

Morning Pointe: Carolyn Graber

Military: Erik Adkins (USAF Reserves, son of Kris Adkins)

Cadet Katie Brown (West Point, granddaughter of Kim & Mike Whitman)

Greg Weston (Kentucky National Guard)

Major Kaitlin Whitmore (US Army, niece of Don & Judy Lilly)

PUZZLE



Resurrection refresher

All four gospels confirm Jesus' resurrection, and each one offers important details.

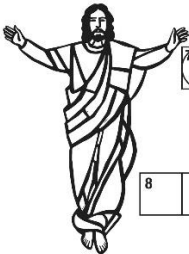
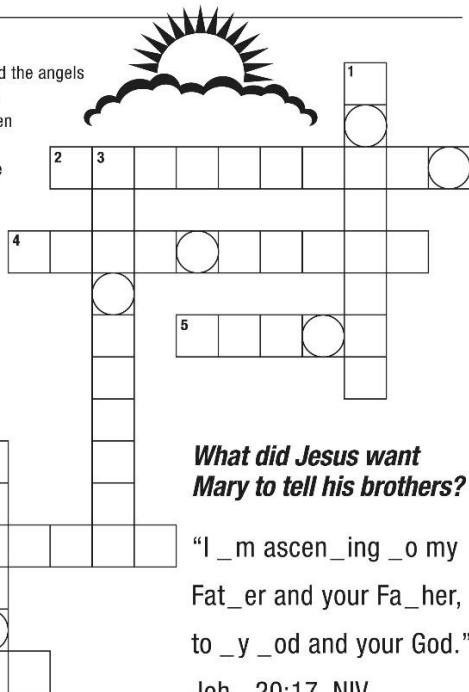
Directions: Complete the crossword. Then insert the circled letters (in order of the clue numbers) to complete John 20:17 below.

ACROSS

- 2. The women did this when they heard the angels talk about Jesus' death. (Luke 24:8)
- 4. The women at the tomb did this when they saw Jesus. (Matthew 28:9)
- 5. The man in Jesus' empty tomb wore this color robe. (Mark 16:5)
- 7. Jesus instructed his brothers to go here. (Matthew 28:10)
- 8. Peter saw strips of this in the tomb. (Luke 24:12)

DOWN

- 1. At first, Mary thought Jesus was this person. (John 20:15)
- 3. As an angel came from heaven, this happened. (Matthew 28:2)
- 6. She went with Mary to anoint Jesus' body. (Mark 16:1)



What did Jesus want Mary to tell his brothers?

"I _ m ascen _ ing _ o my
 Fat _ er and your Fa _ her,
 to _ y _ od and your God."
 Joh _ 20:17, NIV

Answer: ACROSS 2. remembered, 4. worshipped, 5. white, 7. Galilee, 8. linen;
 DOWN 1. gardener, 3. earthquake, 6. Salome; "I am ascending to my Father and
 your Father, to my God and your God." John 20:17, NIV

STAFF

Minister: *Rev. William Pollack*
Choirmaster/Organist: *Max Jackson*
Administrative Assistant: *Nanette Pollack*
Facilities Manager: *Glen Thomas*
Nursery Attendant: *Kara Adkins*

SESSION MEMBERS

President of Congregation: *Mitch Hall*
Secretary of Congregation/Clerk of Session: *Kelly Hanni*
Treasurer: *Cathy Wilson*

2024	2025	2026
<i>Lee McCloud</i>	<i>Kelly Hanni</i>	<i>Mitch Hall*</i>
<i>J.T. Norris</i>	<i>Kim Whitman</i>	<i>Jan Holbrook</i>
<i>Cathy Wilson*</i>	<i>Geri Willis</i>	<i>Ryan Whitman*</i>
		*2nd term of service

MINISTRY TEAMS

Building & Grounds: <i>TBD</i>	Membership: <i>Kim Whitman</i>
Christian Education: <i>Lee McCloud</i>	Mission: <i>Geri Willis</i>
Congregational Life: <i>Cathy Wilson</i>	Personnel: <i>Janet Holbrook</i>
Finance: <i>Trish Hall</i>	Worship: <i>Ryan Whitman</i>

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