



**4 April 2021 * Easter Sunday at
Harwich United Methodist Church**

~~Gathering and Welcome~~

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Call to Worship

L: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

P: **CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!**

L: Darkness has been vanquished!

P: **THE BRILLIANT LIGHT OF HOPE HAS COME!**

L: Come let us worship and celebrate the Good News!

P: **ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN! AMEN!!**

Opening Hymn

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

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1. Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth reply, Alleluia!

2. Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the vict'ry won, Alleluia!
Jesus' agony is o'er, Alleluia!
Darkness veils the earth no more, Alleluia!

3. Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Music: Anon., Lyra Davidica, 1708

Opening Prayer

Loving, Powerful God, joy floods over our souls on this day! Christ is risen! Fear is vanquished! Open our hearts and our spirits to receive fully the joy which has been given for us! Let us celebrate the victory of Christ and the hope for the future! AMEN.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you have walked patiently with us throughout our Lenten journey. You have celebrated our successes and our growing understanding of your love; and you have mourned our failures and rejections of your healing mercies. This day, as we have gathered to celebrate the joy of Easter, let us remember that we are to become "Easter People", people of the Resurrection; people who know that what was thought to be impossible has been conquered. Forgive our stubbornness and fears. Fill us with your healing love and help us to become the disciples that you need to serve in this world. For we ask this in the name of our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ. AMEN.

Assurance of Pardon

Responsorial Psalm 118;1-2, 14-24

L: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

P: Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

L: The Lord is my strength and my might; the Lord has become my salvation.

P: There are joyous songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:

L: "The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;

the right hand of the Lord is exalted;

P: the right hand of the Lord does valiantly."

L: I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

P: The Lord has chastened me sorely, but has not give me over to death.

L: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

P: This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

L: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

P: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

L: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

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

~~The Church Proclaims the Word~~

Scripture Reading Acts 10:34-43; 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; John 20:1-18

Reader: The Word of God for the People of God

Response: Thanks be to God

Message

The Gardener

Pastor Dianne Carpenter

Hymn

The Strife is O'er the Battle Won

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Refrain: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

1. The strife is o'er, the battle done; The victory of life is won;
The song of triumph has begun: Alleluia!
2. The pow'rs of death have done their worst; But Christ their legions has dispersed;
Let shouts of holy joy outburst: Alleluia!
3. The three sad days are quickly sped; He rises glorious from the dead;
All glory to our risen Head: Alleluia!
4. He closed the yawning gates of hell; The bars from heav'n's high portals fell;
Let hymns of praise His triumphs tell: Alleluia!
5. Lord, by the stripes which wounded You, In us You've won the vict'ry too,
That we may live, and sing to You: Alleluia!
 - o *Refrain 5: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

~~Response to the Word~~

We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God,
Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten,
not made, of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.
who has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Gloria Patri

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

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Prayer for the Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Lord Jesus, all that we have is yours, and all that we are is yours. In offering
these tokens of our lives, may all that we do serve you to the glory of God.
Amen.

~~The Church Goes Forth~~

Final Hymn

Up from the Grave He arose

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1. Low in the grave He lay
Jesus my Savior!
Waiting the coming day
Jesus my Lord!
2. Vainly they watch His bed
Jesus, my Savior!
Vainly they seal the dead
Jesus my Lord!
3. Death cannot keep his prey
Jesus, my Savior!
He tore the bars away
Jesus my Lord!

REFRAIN:

Up from the grave He arose
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes
He arose a Victor from the dark domain
And He lives forever with His saints to reign
He arose! (He arose)
He arose! (He arose)
Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Benediction

"God Be With You"

Liturgist: Carl Johnson

You are welcome here. No matter who you are. No matter what.

April 11, 2021: Scripture Passages

Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31



Easter Flowers

Fred and Jo Buess in memory of Ruth White
Valerie and Herb Bell in honor of their family
Linda Carberry in memory of my birth mother

Carl Johnson in memory of his late wife Janet Johnson
Dave and Pam Purdy in memory of loved ones
Pat and Gordon Thayer in memory of loved ones
Jackie Winne in loving honor of Our Risen Lord
Jackie Winne in honor and appreciation for my wonderful daughter, Claudia
Jackie Winne in loving memory of Todd
Jackie Winne in loving memory of her husband Charles Winne
Karl Young in memory of Jean Young

Prayers

Praise the Lord! Successful surgeries for Cindy Farrell-Starbuck & Delores Chase
Emily-Jeanne Decker at Pleasant Bay for rehab and maybe will become a resident there.
Marjorie Farrell, Cindy's mother with testing revealing serious problems.
Don Howell finally has a surgery date scheduled - April 15.

Brian Mielke is having tests to determine how the doctors can repair a leaky valve in his heart.
Please pray for Ruth Zeller's sister, Lee, who lives in Virginia and has been diagnosed with dementia.

Carl Johnson's daughter and son-in-law, tested positive for Covid. Please pray for Carl and his family. Also for the death
Health: Bob Porter, Dave Blanchette (cancer), Ann-Marie Haggerty (cancer), Les and Justine (cancer),

Bill Bly

Healing: Fred and Jo Buess

Continuing Prayer: Joan Stevens, Mary (Lil Murphy's sister), Pauline Doliber, Dan Murphy, Sandra and Mark Loeffler, Jason
Pierre Bonin, Greg Legeyt and Karen Daffinee, Declan Smith

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