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The Resurrection of Our Lord Easter Sunday

April 1, 2018

10:30 AM

Worship is broadcast at 11 AM on WCHS-580AM

A warm welcome is extended to all who worship here today.

Large print hymnals, Bibles, hearing devices,
and information about child care are available from any usher.

**If your hearing aid has a button for telephone use, turn it on now
to receive sound directly to your hearing aid.**

All children are welcome and encouraged to participate in worship.

Clipboards, children's Bibles and books to borrow during worship are located at the entrances.

The asterisks (*) invite you to stand in body or in spirit.



We Gather

TIME FOR PREPARATION

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears Him and does what is right is acceptable to Him. You know the message He sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—He is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him. We are witnesses to all that He did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put Him to death by hanging Him on a tree; but God raised Him on the third day and allowed Him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with Him after He rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that He is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about Him that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name."

Acts 10:34-43

MUSIC FOR PREPARATION

The Easter Brass

David Porter, trumpet; Todd Wilson, trumpet
Marsha Palmer, horn; Joe Patton, trombone; Andrew Tatman, tuba

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

We Praise God

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill McCoy

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 232

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Christian Johnson

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ginna Taylor

Leader: Almighty God, in Jesus' resurrection from the grave, You shattered the power of sin and death.

All: We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear.

Forgive us for resisting the changes we know we must make to receive new life.

Leader: Rescue us from all hurtful and destructive habits.

All: Help us to trust Your power to change our lives and make us new,
that we may know the joy of life abundant in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

Please continue to pray silently.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WELCOME AND CELEBRATION OF FRIENDSHIP

Bill McCoy

Please sign the friendship pad placed at pew's end, so we may greet each other by name.

(Children may come forward for the baptism.)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

For Odin James Curtis, son of Heather and James Curtis. Bill McCoy, Ellen Golden, and Dick Golden

Leader: Keep me, keep me as the apple of the eye;
Hide me, hide me in the shadow of Thy wings.

People:

Keep me, keep me as the ap - ple of the eye: *Fine*
hide me, hide me in the sha - dow of Thy wings.

Leader:

Keep me,

People:

Keep me,

Leader:

Hide me;

People:

Hide me;

Welcome by congregation

Odin, with joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church.

As we are all one in Christ, we promise to love, cherish and support you, to share
the good news of the Gospel with you, and to help you to know and follow Christ.

*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*HYMN 245

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

LLANFAIR

We Declare our Faith

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

GINNA TAYLOR

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

HYMN 581

*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, Amen.*

We Give Thanks to God

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

CHRISTIAN JOHNSON

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.

OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE

Offertory

Now the Green Blade Riseth
The Capella Bells; Kathy Lynch, director

arr. K. McChesney

*Doxology

*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

CHRISTIAN JOHNSON

God of Life, in raising Jesus from the dead, You triumphed over the power of the grave and opened the way to Your kingdom of life. You have called us to bear witness to Your good news. Let the gifts we dedicate, and the lives we lead, proclaim the glory of the risen Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

The Word is Proclaimed

ANTHEM

Since By Man Came Death

G.F. Handel

*Since by man came death, by Man came also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive!*

The Geneva Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

John 20:1-18; Pew Bible, NT, p. 114

CHRISTIAN JOHNSON

EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 6:3-11; Pew Bible, NT, p. 156

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalms 23; Pew Bible, OT, p. 501

Bill McCoy

SERMON

FAVORITE THINGS:
Forever

Bill McCoy



Let the earth re-sound with songs of praise to the Fa-ther's pow'r and love.
Let the earth be stilled be-fore the sight of a Fa-ther's sac-ri-fice,
Let the earth re-sound with songs of faith at the won-der yet to come,



For the One who set each star in place chose to set His heart on us.
That re-vealed the depths of love di-vine in the face of Je-sus Christ.
When all sin and pain are put to death and the church and Christ are one.



To the One whose might gives vic-to-ry yet whose mer-cies nev-er cease,
Through a life of full o-be-di-ence and a death in a-go-ny,
When we stand as God's great fam-i-ly and we meet the Fath-er's gaze



as the tap-es-try of his-to-ry tells the sto-ry of His grace.
He re-moved the re-bel's pun-ish-ment and He set the pris-'ner free.
And we share in His e-ter-nal joy as we join in cease-less praise.



King im-mor-tal, faith-ful God, crowned with splen-dor, rich in love.



Let the heav-ens and the earth re-sound with songs of praise to You.

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*INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND BENEDICTION

Bill McCoy

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Hallelujah!" from *Messiah*
(See insert)

G. F. Handel

*POSTLUDE

Fantasia for Easter Morning

Albin Whitworth

The asterisks (*) invite you to stand in body or in spirit.

In worship leadership last Sunday: We thank Amelia Keller for chiming the Trinity and Emma Berger and Bekah Grishaber for serving as acolytes during worship March 25.

Restrooms and water fountains are found through the double doors to the left of the chancel; please accompany children.

Childcare: Nursery and Rooms 113 and 114

Elder visitation: Sallie Daugherty, Art Doumaux, Jesse Forbes

The lilies in the sanctuary today are given for the glory of God and in loving memory of William R. and Betty J. Lickert by their children, Constance, Mary, and William Jr.

Greeters today: Amberlee Elmore, Raegan Elmore, Barb Gessner, Marty Martin

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