



# THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

*Easter Sunday*

April 17, 2022

10:00 a.m.

## OUR STATEMENT OF WELCOME

As a congregation which covenants to walk together in Christian love,  
believes that all persons are created equal before God,  
and affirms the inclusive love of Jesus Christ,  
we welcome to our work and worship all people  
regardless of race, gender, age, ethnicity, sexual orientation,  
ability, or economic circumstance.

*Adopted at Annual Meeting, June 26, 2005*

## GOD GATHERS US

WELCOME AND EASTER GREETINGS

Pastor Reed Baer

EASTER INTROIT

*Christ Has Arisen!*

Daniel Mattix

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

*One: Christ the Lord is risen today!*

**All: Alleluia!**

*One: All creation, join to say:*

**All: Alleluia!**

*One: Raise your joys and triumphs high!*

**All: Alleluia!**

*One: Sing, O heavens, and earth reply:*

**All: Alleluia!**

*One: Alleluia!*

**All: Amen!**

HOW WE GOT HERE *and* THE GOOD NEWS OF EASTER Luke 24:1-12

Associate Pastor Christie Burns, Saturday Worship Leader

PRELUDE

Alleluias  
incorporating *Christ ist erstanden* & Victory

Robert Lau

\* HYMN #182 (Red)

*"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"* vs. 1-4

EASTER HYMN

A RESPONSIVE PRAYER FOR EASTER

*One: God, it has happened: the alleluias are restored, the whole of creation has found voice, and proclaims in every molecule: death has no power!*

**Many: May we celebrate today.**

*One: It has happened that tombstones and graveyards have become places of life, and the whole rhythm of faith explodes into this day, with a power that conquers death.*

**Many: May we dance to the beat.**

*One: It has happened that mystery and mourning women find each other in the dawn, and nothing is at is seems; your greatest joke on death is played out,*

**Many: and may we laugh with the angels.**

*One: It has happened that Good Friday has met Easter Day and life won. In this resurrection morning your people praise you, celebrating with all that is alive, and proclaim to the world:*

**Many: death is no more! Christ is risen!**

*One: Christ is risen indeed!*

**Many: Amen.**

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.**

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

EASTER, ACCORDING TO PETER      Acts 10:34-43      New International Version

SOLO      Resurrection Victory      Music: Lloyd Larson  
Incorporating DIADEMATA by George J. Elvey  
Words by: Cecil F. Alexander, alt. Geoffrey Thring

A BRIEF ADDRESS      "A God Who Is Just Right"      Pastors Reed and Christie

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

\*HYMN #187 (Red)      "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"      LLANFAIR

ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

## CALL TO PRAYER

*One: God be with you.*

**Many: And also with you.**

*One: Let us pray.*

## A RESPONSIVE PASTORAL PRAYER

*One: God of new life, you are with us in this sacred space, in this sacred moment; as you are with all people in all times and places. God of liberty, hear our joyful cries of alleluia, for we need no longer look for you in death, the tomb is empty. We need no longer seek you in an empty tomb, you are alive. We witness you in life, abundant and beautiful life. Alleluia!*

*And so this we pray, this we vow: Other may counsel resignation and despair,*

**Many: but we will be bringers of good news.**

*One: Others might sow discord and hatred,*

**Many: but we will be beacons of love.**

*One: Others might go through life bereft of joy,*

**Many: but we will be bearers of delight.**

*One: Relationships are often empty of peace, friendships might be torn apart by partisan wrangling,*

**Many: but we will demonstrate the ways of reconciliation.**

*One: Some might fill their emptiness with life-destroying behaviors,*

**Many: but we will provide evidence that there are alternative paths to fulfillment.**

*One: Others might turn their backs on those who have empty stomachs and thirsty mouths,*

**Many: but we will find ways of providing nourishment.**

*One: Some people may be fearful of the future,*

**All: but we will hold before them the promise of peace. May we be a reflection of the compassion of Jesus. All so your abundant love can flow through all the world. Amen.**

## OFFERING INVITATION

*In thanksgiving to God and giving witness to generous hearts,  
our financial gifts support our ministries here and in the wider community.*

*Text to Give instructions are on the back page.*

## OFFERTORY

Christ The Lord Is Risen Today  
Based on the hymn tune EASTER HYMN

Sandra Eithun  
HANDBELLS

\*SONG OF PRAISE

**Your name we bless, O risen Lord,  
And sing today with one accord.  
The life laid down, the life restored;  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### GOD SENDS US FORTH

\*HYMN #215 (Green)

*“Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day”*

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RESPONSIVE COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

*One: We believe beyond all death, there is the eternity of life,*

**Many: and we SHALL live it!**

*One: Beyond darkness, there is a gathering of the light,*

**Many: and we shall SEE it!**

*One: Beyond the cross, there is the dance called resurrection,*

**Many: And we shall DANCE it!**

*One: Because the tomb is empty your life can be full,*

*so go into every place and every day as people brimming with the love of God.*

*Be graceful in spirit, hopeful in word, and faithful in deed.*

*Live for the risen Christ as Christ lives in you.*

*Alleluia! Christ is risen!*

**Many: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

*Maestoso from Symphony #3 "Organ"*

Camille Saint-Saens (1835-1921) arr. Craig Garner

\* All who wish, please stand.

**The children are invited to join together for an Easter Egg hunt following the service.**

**Please let them get out first or risk being trampled in the excitement!**

## *Easter Flowers*

Thank you to those who have sponsored the Easter flowers  
gracing the Meetinghouse this morning.

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| <i>Steve &amp; Mindy Abbott</i> | <i>in memory of Howard &amp; Lois Abbott<br/>and Fred &amp; Martha Strauss</i>  |
| <i>Jean Birch</i>               | <i>in celebration of grandsons<br/>Alexander and Chrisopher Birch</i>   |
| <i>Sandy &amp; Rik Clark</i>    | <i>in honor of our brothers and sisters in Ukraine</i>  |
| <i>Jackie Clayton</i>           | <i>in memory of Paul Clayton</i>  |
| <i>Paul &amp; Lisa Fackler</i>  | <i>in memory of Dorothy &amp; Walter Fackler<br/>in memory of Kay &amp; Bruce Ota<br/>in celebration of Henry Fackler Chen!</i> |
| <i>Robin Fryer</i>              | <i>in loving memory of my dear mother and father</i>  |
| <i>Bobbie Jordan</i>            | <i>in memory of my parents Lloyd &amp; Ida</i>  |
| <i>Ken &amp; Diane Juthe</i>    | <i>in memory of our parents: Merton &amp; Bertha Swett<br/>and Randolph &amp; Evelyn Juthe</i>                                  |
| <i>Susan Moeller</i>            | <i>Happy Easter from the Moeller family</i>   |
| <i>Rick &amp; Nancy Serodio</i> |   |
| <i>Peter &amp; Betsy Smith</i>  | <i>in memory of our parents and loved ones</i>  |
| <i>Sharon &amp; Bob Wyman</i>   | <i>in memory of Sunny &amp; Wes Merritt<br/>and Evelyn &amp; Edward Wyman</i>   |

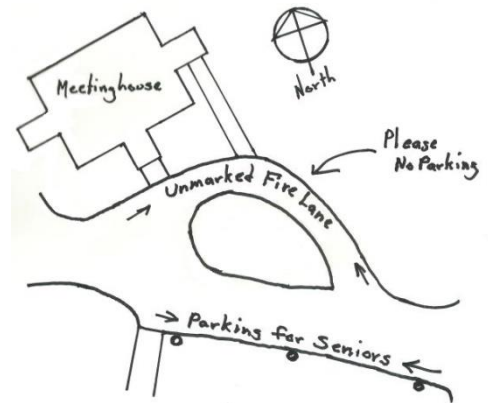
### The Week of April 17, 2022

<b>Sunday</b>	4/17/22	7:30 am 10:00 am	Worship Worship
<b>Monday</b>	4/18/22	5:00 pm	<b>Office Closed</b> AA (J)
<b>Tuesday</b>	4/19/22	11:45 am 5:00 pm 6:15 pm 6:30 pm	Music Lessons (M) AA (J) Handbells (M) Study Group (G)
<b>Wednesday</b>	4/20/22	4:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Board (G) AA (J)
<b>Thursday</b>	4/21/22	1:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	Bridge Group (G) AA (M) AA (J)
<b>Friday</b>	4/22/22	10:30 am 5:00 pm	Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
<b>Saturday</b>	4/23/22	4:30 pm	Worship
<b>Sunday</b>	4/17/22	10:00 am	Worship

- ♦ **The ushers this morning are** Chris & Brad Haven, Robin Fryer, Donna Grohe and Ted Gould.
- ♦ **Coffe Hour is hosted today by** the Board of Deacons.
- ♦ **The flower sponsorship calendar is up and there are lots of opportunities to sponsor a week!** Stop by the kiosk in Jenkins Hall or call the office to check the dates available and pick one (or more) to sponsor the flowers. For \$32, payable in the office, one of the flower committee will put together an arrangement for you and have it in place in the Meetinghouse.
- ♦ **The Coffee Hour sign up** is on the kiosk in Jenkins. If you can spare a little of your time to help with preparing and serving at our Sunday *Coffee Hour* it would be greatly appreciated. It's a wonderful way to socialize with old friends and to make new ones. Thank you.

**we ask your cooperation** in protecting the 1717 Meetinghouse by not parking your vehicle in or alongside the teardrop closest to the Meetinghouse. Although it is not marked, it is a FIRE LANE and preserves clear access to the Meetinghouse for Emergency Vehicles.

However, more parking is available. At least three, maybe four, spaces can be used on the west side of the Tear Drop for those with mobility issues.



### **Text to Give**

If you haven't tried it out, it's easy:

1. Text 866-586-0169 (the give-by-text number for West Parish) and in the body of the message enter the amount you wish to donate and send.
2. You will receive a registration link. Click on it, enter your contact and payment information then press "Process."
3. After registration is complete, you will receive a verification text and receipt via email.

You only need to register and set up your payment information once.

For future giving, simply send a text with the amount you wish to give, and it will process automatically.

Add "West Parish Give by Text" as a contact on your phone to make it even easier!

If you have questions or would like help setting it up, see Marianne Williams.

### **Church Staff**

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