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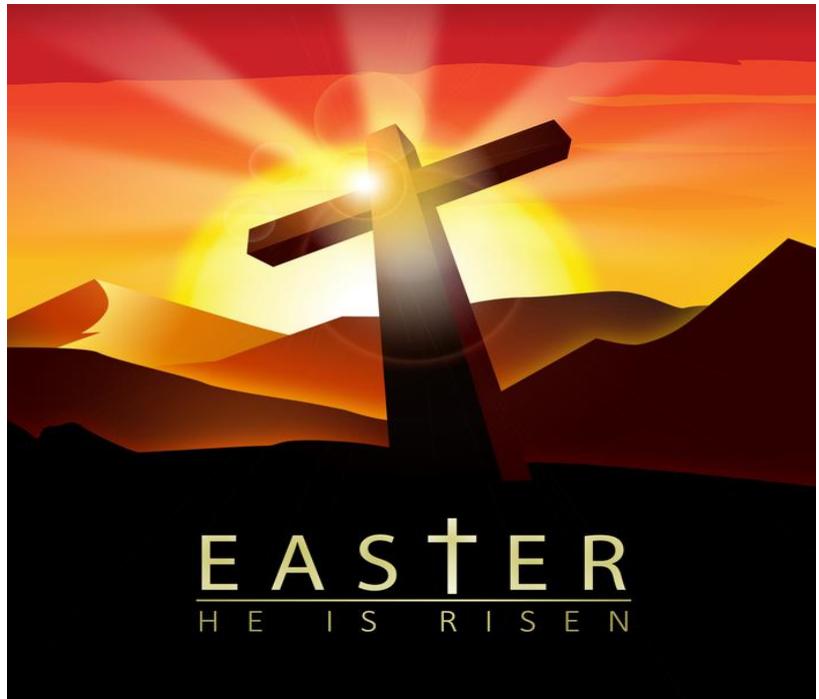
# United Church of Christ

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*Loving, Serving and Accepting All People  
with God's Life-Changing Power*

*“Do not  
abandon  
yourselves to  
despair. We  
are the Easter  
people and  
hallelujah is  
our song.”*

*–Pope John  
Paul II*



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**Sunday April 12, 2020 • 10:00 AM**

**Easter Sunday**

*Pastor*  
• Allan Lane

*Director of Music*    *Financial Secretary*    *Ministers*  
• David Debick    • Joy Garapic    All of our Members  
*Office Manager* – Jeannette Kroeger

## **Affirmation of Welcome**

**We are an Open and Affirming Congregation, welcoming all of God's children.**

*If you are single, married, divorced, separated, or partnered,*  
**You Are Welcome Here!**

*If you are Asian, Hispanic, Black, or White,*  
**You Are Welcome Here!**

*If you are male, female, or transgender,*  
**You Are Welcome Here!**

*If you are 3 days old, 30 years old, or 103 years old,*  
**You Are Welcome Here!**

*If you've never been in a church, if you are Buddhist, Roman Catholic, agnostic,  
Or a life-long member of the UCC,*  
**You Are Welcome Here!**

*If you are straight, gay, lesbian, bisexual, or pangender*  
**You Are Welcome Here!**

*If you are fully abled, or a person with differing abilities,*  
**You Are Welcome Here!**

*Whoever we may be, wherever we are on our life's journey,*  
**We welcome one another to this place,**  
**Even as God welcomes us all in Jesus Christ!**



*Please sign our guest book in the narthex before you leave and join us for refreshments in Pilgrim Hall downstairs following the service. If you are interested in learning more about our church, please speak to our pastor.*

*Large Print Bulletins are available. Simply ask an usher. Hearing difficulty? Please talk to any usher about a Personal Sound receiver available for your use. Pillows for back support are also available, if needed*

### **Office Hours:**

**Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs.: 9:00 - 12:00**

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# April 12, 2020 – Easter Sunday

## Meditation Music

“And now brothers and sisters, I will ask you a terrible question, and God knows I ask it also of myself. Is the truth beyond all truths, beyond the stars, just this: that to live without him is the real death, that to die with him the only life?” – Frederick Buechner, *The Magnificent Defeat*

## Gathering in God's Presence

*\* Please Stand as you are able.*

### Prelude

Morning Has Broken

Trad. Gaelic melody, arr. Cat Stevens

*[Betsey Wilson, flute]*

### Bearing the Light of Peace Bearing the Light of Christ

#### \* Call to Worship\*

Leader: Christ is risen!

**People: He is risen indeed!**

L: The women went to the tomb and found it empty.

**P: The angels said, “He is not here! He is risen, just as he promised.**

L: Christ is risen!

**P: Once he was dead, but now he is alive forevermore. Death is defeated!**

L: This is our hope; this is his promise:

**P: Because he lives, we shall live! Let us worship God!**

#### \* Hymn of Praise

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

arr. From *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

1. Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! Mortal tongues and angels say: Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, glad heav'ns, and earth reply: Alleluia!
3. Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids Christ rise, Alleluia! God has opened paradise, Alleluia!
4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Foll'wing our exalted Head, Alleluia!  
Made like Christ, like Christ we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

**\* Prayer of Approach and Confession [Unison]**

O glorious Lord Jesus Christ, we come before you with praise and thanksgiving, for your tomb is empty and you are not there. The burden of our sins could not silence you; the coldness of death could not still you; the tomb with its stone could not hold you. That tomb is in Jerusalem, but you are not there, for you have been raised! Hallelujah! By the grace of the cross and the power of the empty grave, make good your promise that because you live, we also shall live. Amen

**Words of Assurance**

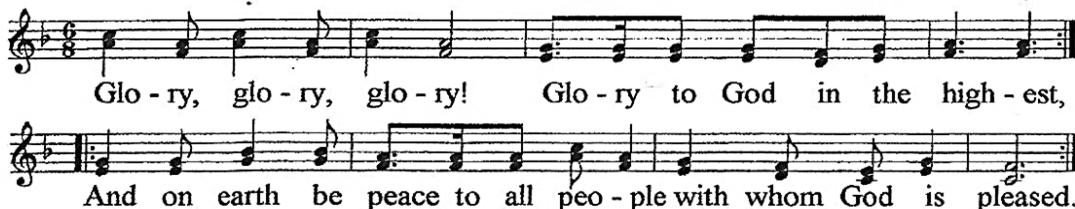
L: Jesus said, "Don't let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Parent's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, I would have told you. I go ahead to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also."

**P: Thanks be to God for eternal life in Jesus Christ! Amen**

**\* The Song of Praise**

**Glory to God**

Pablo Sosa, 1988



Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the high - est,  
And on earth be peace to all peo - ple with whom God is pleased.

**Contemporary Reading**

*Making Wishes*

Richelle E. Goodrich

**The Epistle Testament**

Colossians 3:1-4

**The New Testament**

Matthew 28:1-10

**Time with Young Worshipers**

**Musical Offering**

Love Crucified Arose

Card

**Sermon**

*Jesus Has Left The Building*

Pastor Allan Lane

## Hymn of Reflection

Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day

15th century German carol

1. Joy dawned again on Easter Day, the sun shone out with bright array;  
For when th'Apostles hid in fear, the Risen Christ to them appeared.
2. O Jesus, Savior, Gentle One, come take our hearts to be your own,  
That we may give you all our days the willing tribute of our praise.
3. O Sovereign One, with us abide in this our joyful Eastertide;  
From every weapon death can wield, your own redeemed forever shield.  
c. 5th century Latin, transl. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt

## ***The Church at Prayer***

### Silent Meditation

### Prayers of the Church

**Our Lord's Prayer** *[the additional use of "Mother" is optional, according to One's Theological understanding]*

**...Our Father-Mother, 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.**

### Organ Response

## ***Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings***

### The Invitation

**Jesus is Risen! He is Risen indeed. The greatest gift of God to humanity was the hope of eternal life through Jesus Christ. Jesus lived out the love of God for all people; Jesus cherished doing what was right, and good, and just. Let us present our gifts and offerings to God, so that, as a church, we can do what is right and good and just, and live out the love of God for all people.**

### Offertory

**\*Offertory Hymn**

**We bring our gifts because we care,  
They are a part of what we share.  
Our love is strong, it heals, uplifts.  
With hearts of joy we share our gifts. Amen.**

**\* Prayer of Dedication [Unison]**

**O Risen One, alive on the first Easter, alive today, refresh our hearts by your living presence, and fill us with your Spirit's power to renew the world with love. Amen**

## ***Holy Communion***

**The Thanksgiving**

**Words of Institution**

**Prayer of Consecration**

**The Invitation**

**Receiving the Bread and Cup**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving [Unison]**

**Because you are risen, O Jesus our Savior, you can be present with us today in the bread and the wine through the Spirit's power. Strengthen our bodies and our wills to live for you in a hurting and desperate world. Amen**

## ***Going with God's Love***

**\* Hymn of Departure**      Yours Is the Glory, Resurrected One!      Handel

1. Yours is the glory, Resurrected One! Endless is the vict'ry you o'er death have won.  
    Angels clothed in radiance rolled the stone away;  
    conquered is the grave in which your body lay.  
Yours is the glory, Resurrected One! Endless is the vict'ry you o'er death have won.
2. See, it is Jesus, Jesus has appeared; do not doubt at all for nothing you will fear.  
    Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing;  
    tell it without ceasing: Death has lost its sting.  
Yours is the glory, Resurrected One! Endless is the vict'ry you o'er death have won.

3. Am I still frightened? One whom I adore, Jesus, lives again, gives peace forevermore.  
Jesus is my vict'ry, life and strength and Head;  
Jesus is my glory, nothing shall I dread;  
Yours is the glory, Resurrected One! Endless is the vict'ry you o'er death have won.

**\*Carrying the Light of Christ into the World**

Acolyte

**\* Circle of Community - Caribbean melody**

As we move to form a circle around the pews, we will sing **Halle, Halle, Hallelujah (3 times) Hallelujah, Hallelujah**. After the benediction is pronounced, we will sing it once more. Our circle is open near the door as a symbol of our welcome to new people to our community of faith.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Halle, Halle, Hallelujah'. It consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive. The lyrics are written below the notes. Above the first staff, the chords A, E, A, D, Bm, and E are indicated. Below the second staff, the chords A, C#7, F#m, Bm, E7sus4, E7, and A are indicated. The lyrics are: 'Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja.'

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

An Easter Fanfare

(from *Gaudeamus! Music for Brass with Organ and Timpani*) Giomo

[Performed by Concord Brass Ensemble]

**PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

Max Roha, Nancy Stella, Betty Kaul, Don Seager, Justin Brownlow, Anna Mary Fisher, Bill Toneff, Jan Wardlaw, Suzanne Patrick (Niece of Kathy Smith), Jill Black, Stan McCain, Phyllis Molnar, Lenore Harris, Dottie Faust, "Edna House", Jon Thompson, Tina Ortiz, Dassie Matsuoka, Lee Sanderson, Kathleen Stewart, Cindy Burton, people who are unemployed and under employed.

(Please let the office know of any additions, corrections or changes to our prayer lists.)

## ***BUCC ANNOUNCEMENTS***

**WE WELCOME** all our guests who are worshipping with us today. Please sign our guest book and join us downstairs in Pilgrim Hall for our Coffee Hour.

**WE WELCOME VISITING PARENTS** - We offer several childcare options and fun activities for kids during worship hour: Infants and toddlers will be cared for in the nursery. Kindergarten through seventh grade will go to class after the Word to Young Worshipers. Crayons and paper are also available from ushers for children.

**PFLAG** - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. This is a local and national organization that has been in the Cleveland Area for 35 years. One of the services provided is a Monthly Support Group Meeting. The group is led by a licensed Psychologist and Social Workers. The purpose is to provide support and education to family and friends of people coming out Gay, Lesbian, Trans, Bisexual or Questioning. The group is free and meets at Trinity Cathedral on the second Tuesday of the month 6:45p-8:30p. For more information, call Mark Lehman, LISW at 330.631.4415

**STAFF CONGREGATION RELATIONS** is creating a team of member volunteers who might be willing to perform small office tasks on an occasional basis in order to help Jeannette during busy times or when she is out sick or on vacation. These tasks might include answering phones during office hours, copying, folding, stapling, typing, mail distribution, preparing the weekly bulletin, or assisting with the monthly pillar. If you are willing to be called on occasion to perform one or more of these tasks, please contact SCR Chairperson Evie Novak at 440-479-9743 or [evienovak1@gmail.com](mailto:evienovak1@gmail.com). Thank you to David Ritchey, Marge Culver, Jan Renovetz and Jim Duffy who are currently assisting with office responsibilities as needed. We would like to have a few more volunteers, if possible.

## **Readings**

### **Contemporary Reading - Making *Wishes*, Richelle E. Goodrich**

“Easter is...  
Joining in a birdsong,  
Eying an early sunrise,  
Smelling yellow daffodils,  
Unbolting windows and doors,  
Skipping through meadows,  
Cuddling newborns,  
Hoping, believing,  
Reviving spent life,  
Inhaling fresh air,  
Sprinkling seeds along furrows,  
Tracking in the mud.  
Easter is the soul’s first taste of spring.”

### **The Epistle Testament - Colossians 3:1-4**

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your<sup>[a]</sup> life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

### **The New Testament - Matthew 28:1-10**

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he<sup>[a]</sup> lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead,<sup>[b]</sup> and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

**LAY READERS**

**April 12, 2020**

**Lay Reader:**

**Matt Wolbert**

**April 19, 2020**

**Lay Reader:**

**Cliff Cribbs**