



# Easter Worship

April 17, 2022

The Lord is risen!

## Alleluia!

\* indicates where the congregation is to stand if able  
*italic type is spoken by the liturgist – bold is spoken by the congregation*

### **PRELUDE**

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Bell Choir

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Rejoice! There is great news! Christ is risen!*

**Christ is risen, indeed!**

*Let all the earth proclaim the joy!*

**Let all heaven show forth in praise.**

*Alleluia!*

**Alleluia!**

### **OPENING PRAYER**

**Holy and Living God, like a tomb's darkness that gives way to light, open us this day to newness of life; open us to your love, to your acceptance, to your forgiveness, to your peace; open us to one another, and to the possibilities you have in store for us. Give us hope for the future and a passion for life here and now. We pray in the name of the One who destroyed death, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

**\*HYMN #232** Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

1. Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

3. But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! our salvation have procured. Alleluia!  
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia! where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!  
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND BROKENESS**

**Living Lord, when we stand before the empty tomb we don't always feel the joy of resurrection. We feel fear, doubt, and distrust. We feel empty. Forgive the fear that paralyzes us at the brink of new life. Forgive our doubt of your love. Forgive our distrust of your surprising, joyous plan. Fill our emptiness with your glorious light. Raise us to abundant new life for the glory of your name. Amen.**

#### **WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND BLESSING**

**... Jesus died for me. Jesus forgives me. Jesus loves me. Jesus is good to me. 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. Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** Psalm 118

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

The Day of Resurrection  
Paul Wachtendorf, trumpet

Nisbet

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

**\*HYMN #157** I Danced in the Morning

1. I danced in the morning when the world was begun, and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth. At Bethlehem I had my birth.

*Refrain:* Dance then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he, and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

2. I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee, but they would not dance and they would not follow me. I danced for the fishermen, for James and John. They came with me and the dance went on. *Refrain*

3. I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame. The holy people said it was a shame. They whipped and they striped and they hung me high, and left me there on a cross to die. *Refrain*

4. I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black. It's hard to dance with the devil on your back. They buried my body and they thought I'd gone, but I am the dance and I still go on. *Refrain*

5. They cut me down and I leapt up high. I am the life that will never, never die. I'll live in you if you'll live in me, I am the Lord of the Dance said he. *Refrain*

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** John 20:1-18

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

Rejoice! The Lord is King by Darwell

Bell Choir

**SERMON** While It is Still Dark – Life.

**AN EASTER AFFIRMATION** by Larry Peacock

**We believe in God**

**who brings sunshine after rain and works healing in the midst of pain; who looks into each soul with love, touches each memory with blessings and longs for us to know we are beloved; who splashes the world with springtime color and fills the air with the singing of birds and the roar of the ocean; who meets us at the tomb of our fears and sends us out with hope and joy.**

**We believe in Jesus**

**the Risen Christ, the friend of the forgotten, Savior of the world; who loves us without judgment yet persuades us to change; who joins us as we walk and work with the poor and oppressed; who befriends us when we feel lonely, surprises us when we feel bored, prods us when we get complacent; who loves all children, dances with the elderly, shows compassion to the dying and blesses the breaking of bread.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit**

**who weaves us into communities of faith of all ages, nations and races; who is the stillness in every silence, the breath in every deep sigh, the love in every tender embrace.**

**We believe we are called to be an Easter people**

**challenging despair with glowing hope, acting peacefully in the midst of painful Good Fridays, and living joyfully even in the midst of harsh realities.**

**We believe in the church**

**the hand-holding, heartily-singing and passionate-caring fellowship of seekers and finders.**

**This we believe. Amen.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

I'm Gonna Sing So God Can Use Me  
Charlie Dell'Orefice, Rachel Dell'Orefice, and Courtney Woolslayer

Pote

**RECOGNITION OF THE OFFERING**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Generous God, we offer these gifts as our testimony to your glory and as our commitment as your disciples. Bless our gifts to your work in the world and to your reign here on earth. Through your blessing of our gifts, may death be destroyed and hope fill all of creation. Amen.

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND 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 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.

**\*HYMN #233** The Day of Resurrection!

1. The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad, the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.

From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free, our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.

2. Let hearts be purged of evil that we may see aright the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light, and listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain, his own "All hail!" and hearing, may raise the victory strain.

3. Now let the heavens be joyful; let earth its song begin; the round world keep high triumph and all that is therein.

Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend, for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end.

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS: April 17, 2022**

This week's carillon is in memory of Emma Rockafellow.

Easter Egg Hunt today following Worship.

**Thursday Night Bible Study and Fellowship:** Our final Bible Study until the fall will be held Thursday April 21 at 7pm on Zoom. All our welcome and hope you can join us. <https://zoom.us/j/127591875>

**Lenten Food Collection Mission Project:** All are invited to join a "Food Team" and then collect food that will be donated to the Doylestown Food Pantry All food items are to be brought to the church on Sunday, April 24. Call the church office if you would like to be placed on a team.

<b>Calendar:</b>	<b>April 24</b>	10:00am	Worship Service and Sunday school followed by Coffee Hour
		6:30pm	Youth Group
	<b>April 25</b>	7:00pm	Boy Scouts, Bell Choir rehearsal in Church.
	<b>April 26</b>	7:00pm	Session mtg.
	<b>April 27</b>	12:00pm	Wednesday Lunch.
		12:30pm	Knitting/Crocheting Group.

Elder of the Month: Donna Jencks    Deacon of the Month: Maggie Realley

***In our thoughts and prayers:***

The Conner/Lang Family, Aleena Lang, Bill Wark, Raymond Tinari,  
Dick Wright, Jim Turner, Peggy Cosner



**Church Staff**  
**Susan Fall, Pastor**  
**Leanne Yerkes, Director of Music**  
**Susan Flanagan, Office Administrator**  
**Frank Orzechoski, Treasurer**



***The Easter Flowers were given to the Glory of God....***

***In loving memory of Frank Greenwood from Martha Greenwood.***

***In loving memory of The Sands family from Dot Tinari.***

***In loving memory of Mabel and William Bowers from Linda Bowers.***

***In loving memory of Nancy Yerkes from Leanne and Joe.***

***In loving memory of All our loved ones who are no longer with us from the Holton family.***

***In loving memory of Kristen McCormick from the Holton family.***

***In loving memory of our parents from Kevin and Maggie Realley.***

***In loving memory of Elliott and Kathryn Wiggins from Rick Wiggins.***

***In loving memory of Loved Ones from Dee Tori.***

***In loving memory of Fraser and The Thiessen Family from Sally Thiessen.***

***In loving memory of my loving husband Walter from Emilie Cullerton.***

***In loving memory of our parents Earl and Pinky Hampton and Rudy and Sally Kalozi from Jim and Sue Hampton.***

***In loving memory of John Martin and David Danilowicz, Sr. from Peggy and Dan Danilowicz.***

***In loving memory of Janice Propsner's parents, Bob and Edith Payton and Bob Propsner's dad, Bob Propsner Sr. from Bob and Janice Propsner.***

***In honor of our loving family from Ralph and Janet Martin.***

***In honor of the people around the world giving of their time and talents to help the Ukrainians, from Marilyn Cook.***

***In honor of our grandchildren, Alexa, Nolan and Zahra from Craig and Donna Jencks.***

***In honor of Bill Yerkes from Leanne and Joe.***

***In honor of Marilyn Cook and Esther Welch from Pat Gessner.***

***To the Glory of God from Penny Kipe***