

# Creation The Presbyterian Church of Okemos

April 4, 2021

Easter Sunday



## Preparation

*Alleluia, Christ Is Risen, Christ is Risen Indeed!*

## Prelude

*Trumpet March  
March*

Connor Johnson & Joel Burns, Trumpets  
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, Organ

Jean-Baptiste Lully  
Johann Sebastian Bach

## Greeting and Announcements of the Church

Rev. Peggy Huston

## Introit

*Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands*  
Maria Schoon, Soloist  
Connor Koppin, Piano

## Easter Call To Worship:

Ellen Hoekstra, Liturgist

One: Where shattered hearts are made whole,  
where wounded souls are healed,  
where life is stronger than death:

**All: there, the stone has been rolled away.**

One: Where the lonely become our friends,  
where a stranger is welcomed home,  
where hope is stronger than despair,

**All: there, we find Jesus walking.**

One: Where closed wallets are opened,  
where the anxious find serenity,  
where love is stronger than hate:

**All: there, Jesus is opening our eyes.**

One: The stone has been rolled away!  
Jesus is our companion on the journey!  
Our eyes are opened to the needs of others!

**All: Alleluia! Christ is risen!**  
**Alleluia! Christ is with us!**

## Call to Confession

Ellen Hoekstra, Liturgist

One: 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 fears. Fill us with your healing love and help us to become the disciples that you need to serve in this world. Please join me in our Easter Prayer of Confession saying:

## **Easter Prayer of Confession**

Ellen Hoekstra, Liturgist

We seek and find you in Creation, O God,  
in the world you have made and the people you have called.  
Your vulnerable, powerful Lamb is our shepherd and guide,  
leading us to share the shelter of your abundant life.  
Let us recognize you here in the beauty of this morning and in its challenge;  
may the Risen One, your Shepherd-Lamb,  
lead us to act for your justice and peace:  
so that all may drink from your springs of the waters of life,  
and find their tears of sorrow and pain wiped away.  
In the name of the Risen One we pray: Amen.  
*(silent prayer of confession)*

## **Promise of the Gospel**

Ellen Hoekstra, Liturgist

**One:** Christ is Risen! The stone is rolled away, the tomb found empty. Mary calls out, "I have seen the Lord!" We have seen Christ, too, in every helping hand, in every heartfelt gift, in every choice to restore life in this world. We are called to this new life, a life of forgiveness and reconciliation.

**All:** Walk forward on this journey of faith, knowing your brothers and sisters are with you.  
Amen.

## **Hymn #232**

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*, vs. 1-4  
[Easter Hymn]  
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, Organ

## **Children's Sermon**

Rev. Peggy Huston

## **First Scripture Lesson**

John 20: 1-10

Ellen Hoekstra, Liturgist

## **Second Scripture Lesson**

Revelation 21: 1-7

## **Sermon**

"Creation Carriers and Creation Seers"  
Rev. Peggy Huston

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Ellen Hoekstra, Liturgist

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 Spirit, 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

**Special Music**

*The Call from 5 Mystical Songs*  
Connor Koppin, Soloist  
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, Organ

Ralph Vaughan Williams

**Holy Communion**

*Please have bread and juice, or some grain and liquid, prepared so that we can partake of communion together.*

Invitation  
Great Thanksgiving  
Breaking of the Bread  
Communion of the People  
The Lord's Prayer

**Minute for Mission**

One Great Hour of Sharing

Mary Schuring

**Offering**

Ellen Hoekstra, Liturgist

**Hymn #245**

Christ The Lord Is Risen Today, vs. 1-4  
[Llanfair]  
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, Organ

**Benediction**

Rev. Peggy Huston

**Postlude**

*Hallelujah Chorus from Messiah*  
Voces8, Hallelujah Chorus Sing Along

George Frederic Handel

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