

The Presbyterian Church of Okemos
April 17, 2022
Easter Sunday



COVID-19 Safety Recommendations

- *Wear a mask while singing in the sanctuary, and when interacting with young children.*
- *Remember that young children are not vaccinated.*

Prelude

Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals

Marlene Brewbaker, organ

Mark Davis, trumpet

Brittney Self, trumpet

Justin Phillips, horn

Michael Kirby, trombone

Sigfrid Karg-Elert
arr. Sondra K. Tucker

Welcome

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Choral Introit

Christ is Risen: Alleluia!

PCO Chancel Choir & Brass Quartet

Ralph L. Grosvenor

Easter Proclamation (from Luke 24:1 and John 20:1)

Laura Haskel, Liturgist

Early on the first day of the week, the disciples of Jesus went to the tomb where he had been buried only to find that the stone had been rolled away and the tomb was empty.

Friends, we gather here as Christ's disciples, on the first day of the week, to celebrate the good news of the gospel: Jesus Christ has risen from the dead!

Call to Worship

Laura Haskel, Liturgist

One: Rejoice and be glad:

All: This is the day that the Lord has made!

One: Rejoice and be glad:

All: Heaven and earth will never be the same!

One: Rejoice and be glad:

All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

*** Hymn #232**

Jesus Christ is Risen Today, vs. 1-4

[Easter Hymn]

PCO Handbell Choir and Brass Quartet

Prayer of Adoration

Laura Haskel, Liturgist

One: When everything was dark and it seemed that the sun would never shine again, your love broke through. Your love was too strong, too wide, too deep for death to hold. The sparks cast by your love dance and spread and burst forth with resurrection light.

Gracious God, we praise you for the light of new life made possible through Jesus.
We praise you for the light of new life that shone on the first witnesses of the
resurrection. We praise you for the light of new life that continues to shine in our hearts
today.

All: **We pray that the Easter light of life, hope and joy will live in us each day, and that
we will be bearers of that light into the lives of others. Amen.**

* **Act of Praise #581**

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.

Children's Sermon

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Special Music

Ode to Joy

Beethoven

Youth Instrumental Choir

Lizzie Conroy-Krutz, violin

Connor Haskel, cello

Alex Juarez, trumpet

Owen Locke, trumpet

Spencer Locke, tuba

Andrew Mayhew, euphonium

Maddie Pearson, trumpet

Prayer of Illumination

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Living God, by your Holy Spirit, open our eyes to see the new light of this day; open our lips to
tell of the empty tomb; open our hearts to believe the good news; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Scripture Reading

John 20:1-18

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Sermon

The Promise of the Empty Tomb

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Anthem

Crown Him With Many Crowns

arr. Hal H. Hopson

Brass Quartet and PCO Chancel Choir

Offering

Rick Gierman, liturgist

Invitation

Offertory

Now the Green Blade Riseth

arr. Kevin McChesney

PCO Handbell Choir

***Doxology #606**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Holy Communion

Invitation

Pastor Lisa Schrott

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rick Gierman, liturgist & Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts,

All: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us give thanks to God.

All: It is right to give both thanks and praise.

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Communion

Prayer

* Hymn # 233

The Day of Resurrection! vs.1-3
[Lancashire]

* Benediction

One: Because the tomb is empty, our lives can be full.

So live for Christ. Be graceful in Spirit; faithful in all you do;

And let your words be full of hope. For Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia, amen.

Benediction Response

Hallelujah Chorus
[Messiah]

George Frideric Handel

(We invite all who would like to join the choir in singing the Hallelujah Chorus to come to the musicians' area during the singing of the last hymn. We will give you the music so that you may join your voice in praising God.)

Postlude

Toccata from *Symphony No. 5 for Organ*
Marlene Brewbaker, organist

Charles-Marie Widor

Ushers: Ron & Barbara Dorr, Bill & Barbara Given

* Please rise in body or spirit

You are invited to stay for fellowship and refreshments in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the service. An Easter Egg Hunt for children ages pre-school through fifth grade will take place in the church yard at 11:30 a.m.

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