

The Presbyterian Church of Okemos
March 31, 2024
Easter Sunday



Prelude *Awake, Thou Wintry Earth* J.S. Bach
Organ arr: Christina Harmon
Trumpets

Choral Introit *Easter Call to Worship* Ralph L. Grosvenor
PCO Chancel Choir
Brass Ensemble

Welcome Pastor Lisa Schrott

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

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** Maddie Pearson, Liturgist

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

One: We have not seen the risen Christ,

All: but we see him in the lives of those transformed by grace.

One: We have not seen Jesus face-to-face,

All: but we have seen him in the faces of everyone whose love encourages us.

One: We have not touched the wounds from the cross,

All: but we have been called to bring healing to the scarred of the world.

*** Hymn #232** *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*, vs. 1-4
[Easter Hymn]
PCO Chancel Choir
PCO Handbell Choir
Brass Ensemble

Prayer of Adoration

Maddie Pearson, Liturgist

One: Eternal God, in the darkness of the winter, we celebrated the gift of the Word made flesh, the birth of Jesus Christ. Heralded by angels and shepherds and wise ones, we offered our prayers of adoration for the King of Glory who entered the world through humble means. This morning in the splendor of a spring day, we celebrate the gift of the eternal Living Word. We praise you for the promise of new life revealed in the resurrection of Jesus. We give thanks for the witness of the women who shared the good news of the empty tomb with the disciples.

All: We praise you that we all have been called to be witnesses to your never ending love and grace. We praise you for the fulfillment of our Advent hope, peace, joy and love in the Christ who taught us that death does not have the last word. Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen!

Passing of the Peace

Maddie Pearson, Liturgist

One: Let us celebrate our Easter joy by sharing the peace of Christ. The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you. *Please greet your fellow worshippers in ways you feel comfortable.*

*** 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.***Special Music***Rondo Jubilee*
PCO Handbell Choir

Brenda Austin

Prayer of Illumination

Rebecca Mattern

God of new beginnings, by the power of your Spirit roll away the stone and reveal to us the Word of Life. May it serve to show us the path to the Living Christ and lead us into your presence where there is fullness of joy. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Rebecca Mattern

Scripture

Luke 24:1-12

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Sermon*Looking for the Living Christ*
Pastor Lisa Schrott**Offering**

Rebecca Mattern

Invitation**Offertory***Alleluia! Christ Is Risen*

arr. Jon Paige

PCO Chancel Choir & Brass Ensemble

Alleluia, Christ is Risen! See the stone is rolled away.

Dawn reveals a shattered prison; Morning shows an empty grave.

Earth is quaking, bonds are breaking, dead are waking, hell is shaking.

Christ the Lord is ris'n today!

Alleluia, Christ is living! See the garden now restored.
All creation, sings thanksgiving, praises to the living Lord!
People singing, valleys ringing, music soaring, Christ adoring.
Christ is risen from the grave!
Alleluia! See the Glory! Death surrenders to the Light!
Now begins a better story, love and grace have won the fight.
Jubilation, celebration! Alleluia, Christ is living still today!

***Doxology #606**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Holy Communion

Invitation

Pastor Lisa Schrott

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rebecca Mattern

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

Pastor Lisa Schrott

*** Hymn #233**

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

*** Benediction**

Pastor Lisa Schrott

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 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
Organ

Charles-Marie Widor

** Please rise in body or spirit*

After worship join us for a brunch hosted by our Parish Life Committee.

Thank you to the musicians in the Brass Ensemble who joined us in worship today.

Trumpet 1: Michael Minenna
Trumpet 2: Eliana McDonald
Horn: Katherine Pilbeam

Trombone: Adam Duffy
Tuba: Ian Graves

Ushers: Jayne Zuhlke, Sue Cobbett

Next Week's Scripture: Luke 24:13-35

Next Week's Education Time: Gun Safety and preparing for the Greater Lansing Gun Violence Prevention Summit. Topics addressed will be:

Guns to Gardens: David Detrisac will share what he learned in his 6-week class through the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship.

MI Laws: Ellen Hoekstra will update us on Firearm Safety laws in Michigan.

PC(USA) Overture: Pastor Lisa Schrott will talk about an overture to our General Assembly as well as share information about the April 13 Summit.

The Call to Worship is adapted from words by the Rev. Thom Shuman from the Re-worship blog found online at

<https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2015/04/call-to-worship-seeing-risen-christ.html>

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