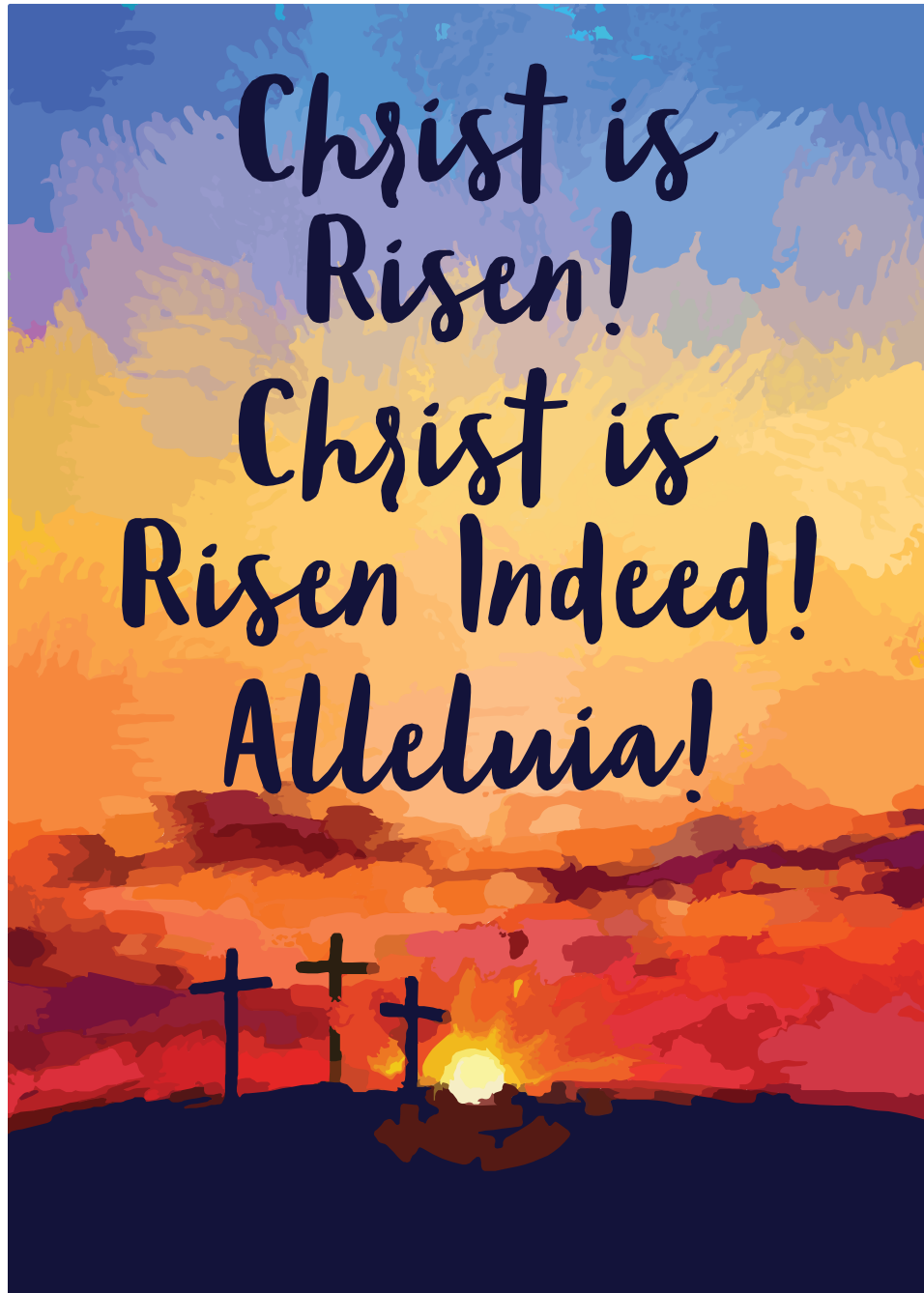


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Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Sunday

SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

April 4, 2021

11:00 am

The Resurrection of the Lord Sunday/Easter

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE *Fantasy Prelude on an Easter Hymn*
12th Century German Tune
arr Martin

Please use this time to prepare your inward spirit for the worship of God.

ENTRANCE OF THE WORD AND THE LIGHT

THE CHURCH BELL RINGS

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION "One Great Hour of Sharing"

INTROIT *Hear the News This Easter Morn*

Susan Homan & David Witt, duet; Garret Jones, piano; Bill Heavner, organ
CCLI 1625560

Listen, listen, hear the news this Easter morn; listen, listen, sound the trumpet, sound the horn. Listen, listen, hear the news and hear it well, listen, listen, sound the trumpet, ring the bell! Choirs are singing; news is spreading all around, bells are ringing; listen to the joyful sound! Listen, listen, listen, listen! Christ is risen! Let all creation sing: alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Eternal Lord, Redeemer, King! . . . Listen, listen, Jesus Christ is risen. Listen, alleluia.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Early in the morning light,

The women went to Jesus' tomb.

The tomb was empty, the stone rolled away,

For God's love is stronger than evil,

God's love is stronger than death itself.

Let us join our voices with Mary Magdalene:

"We have seen the Lord!"

Easter people, Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

**Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**

**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!**

**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!**

**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!**

EASTER MORNING PRAYER (unison)

O God, you raised Christ from the tomb and shattered the powers of sin and evil. Raise us from the tombs of our sin, O Lord, and bring us to new life in you. You bring us good news of Easter joy. Help us to hear it. You send us out to share your love. Help us to carry it. You cast a vision for peace and justice. Help us to imagine it, to step up and work for it, to enact it in our lives and world. For we believe, you are the God of the empty tomb, the God of possibilities, the one who makes all things new. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE HYMN NO. 240..... Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks
CCLI#1622560

Refrain **Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.**

Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation. Refrain

**Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
Jesus has died and has risen.** Refrain

We have been crucified with Christ. Now we shall live forever.
Refrain

Come let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior.
Refrain

PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC..... Christ Is Risen
Susan Homan & David Witt, duet; Garrett Jones, piano
CCLI#1622560

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling over death by death, come awake, come awake! Come and rise up from the grave. Christ is risen from the dead, we are one with Him again, come awake, come awake! Come and rise up from the grave. O death, where is your sting? O hell, where is your victory? O church, come stand in the light; the glory of God has defeated the night! O church, come stand in the light; our God is not dead! He's alive, He's alive! Christ the Lord is risen today! Sons of men and angels say, Come awake, come awake! Come and rise up from the grave. Made like him, like him we rise! Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies! Come awake, come awake and sing!

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

EPISTLE LESSON: I Corinthians 15:1-11, 51-58

GOSPEL LESSON: John 20:1-18

CONVERSATION WITH ALL AGES "The Best Day Ever!"

NO. 248 *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*
CCLI#1622560

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!

Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.

**In the desert all surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.**

**Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning, see what love can do and dare.**

**Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.**

**Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.**

Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"

God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!

SERMON "Come Awake!"
Pastor David Witt

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Imagining on "Morning Has Broken"*
Traditional Gaelic Melody
arr Maxey

THE DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *A Sanctified Art*

We know the fear of the upper room.

We know the feeling of hard days and long nights.

We know the grief of the tomb,

And the particular ache of saying goodbye.

We know the pain of Good Friday,

And we know the darkness before dawn.

And still,

And still,

We believe.

We believe that again and again,

**The sun will rise.
Again and again,
God will draw near.
Again and again,
We will march toward justice.
Again and again,
The tomb will be empty.
Again and again,
Love will win.
Again and again,
God will lead the church.
Again and again,
And again and again,
We will be loved.
The journey will not be perfect.
We will need to rise before dawn.
We will need angels along the way.
But again and again,
The sun will rise.
We believe. Amen.**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

(We say "debts" and "debtors" *in* the prayer)

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Communion Music *Because You Live, O Christ*
17th Century Dutch Melody

Closing Communion Prayer

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

HYMN OF DEDICATION HYMN NO. 238 Thine Is the Glory
CCLI#1622560

Refrain **Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.**

**Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.** Refrain

**Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.** Refrain

**No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.** Refrain

CHARGE AND BLESSING

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN NO. 583 Glory to God

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!**

POSTLUDE *Christ Hath Burst His Prison*

Tune: St. Kevin
arr Martin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 4-11, 2021

TODAY

Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Communion, One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

- 6:00 AM: Recorded Sunrise Service
NO 8:30 In-Person Worship
NO 9:45 Faith Formation Hour
- 10:00 AM: Drive-In Easter Sunday Worship with Communion
- 11:00 AM: Traditional Live Stream Worship with Communion at Home

THIS WEEK

- Monday: Church Office Closed
- Tuesday: 10:00 AM – Staff Meeting
6:30 PM – Congregational Meeting
6:30 PM – Ministry Team Night
- Wednesday: David & Carole Witt Sabbatical Begins
12:00 NOON -- "Snackin & Chattin"
- Thursday 10:00 AM – Tai Chi @ the Picnic Shelter
7:00 PM -- Book Study

NEXT SUNDAY

- #### **The Second Sunday of Easter**
- Worship led by Reverend Phil Sommer
- In-Person Worship – 8:30 AM
Faith Formation Hour – 9:45 AM
Live Stream Worship—11:00 AM
"The FEAST" – 11:30—1:30 PM

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

OPC Family/Staff
Laurel Hathaway & Family
Sandy Haney
Mac McNichols
Curt Budny
June Windle
Carlene Lemasters
Atlanta Shootings
Boulder Shootings
E.F. "Shorty" Green
Tammy Workman
Leslie & Jim Tucker
Texas
Jarett Cestaro
Gary Seabright
Terry McKay
Peggy Gruenther
Nathan Windle
Jeff & Kim Barbour
Sylvia Wingfield
Grace & Sid Eadie
Paula McNichols
Dr. Michael Albig
Cindy Corell (missionary)
Doug Dicks (missionary)

Jose Lamont Jones
(missionary)
Nancy Budny
Mary Lou Thomas
Donna Schmidt
Ben & Theresa Montgomery
Katie Teets
Jeff Snyder
Unity of Our Nation
Ethiopia
Erin Richman
Jay Beach
Wildfires
Nancy Kerns
David Trickle
Dianne Fleming
Darimu Presbytery, Aremi
Village & the Congregation
Racial Injustice
Reconciliation
Local Schools
Firefighters
Police Officers
First Responders
Essential Workers
Jim & Cheryl Friend

Tom Schmidt
Al "Pop" Owens Sr
Coronavirus
Food Banks
Homeless
Underemployed &
Unemployed
Mike Shade
Associate Pastor Nominating
Committee (APNC)
Casey Carr
TK Tandy III
Brad Treece
Patricia Ferguson
Women & Children of
Domestic Violence
Families of Children, Youth &
Young Adults with Special
Needs
Disaster Relief Agencies
Kes Mersha
Jane Lewis
Doug Koch
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PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY SERVICE

Joshua Blake, Max Crane, Andrew Crane, Thomas Crane, Edison Gomez, Taylor McMurdo, Samuel & Julia Phillips, Brandon Michael, Jared Snawder, Greg Sousa, Katherine Tufts, Michael White, and their families.

CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session of Opequon Presbyterian Church calls for a meeting of the congregation on Tuesday, **April 6 at 6:30 pm via ZOOM**. The ZOOM link will be sent out the week before. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the report of the Church Nominating Committee regarding a vacancy on session. Because of her recent illness, Elder Paula McNichols resigned from session in February. While we are saddened by her resignation, we are grateful that Paula is doing well in her recovery. The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce that they will nominate **Mike Wygant** to complete

this term in the Class of 2021, chairing Building and Grounds. Mike is a retired insurance agent, a dedicated volunteer for the community garden, a LOGOS table parent, and a very willing project volunteer. He and his wife, Wendy, attend 8:30 am worship and are the proud parents of three adult sons. Please join us for this meeting.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering is one of the four church-wide special offerings sponsored by the Presbyterian Church (USA). It is highlighted during Lent, received and dedicated on Easter. This year marks the 72nd anniversary of the first OGHS, begun as American Christians recognized the need to respond to the worldwide devastation caused by World War II. In March 1949, a national broadcast on a Saturday evening asked Americans to give generously the next morning in their churches; a remarkable assembly of national leaders and celebrities gave their efforts to the broadcast, and more than 75,000 churches responded the next day.

Today, our contributions to One Great Hour of Sharing are divided equally among the Presbyterian Hunger Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and Self-Development of People. When it comes to Easter Sunday, let there be no mistake about our commitment to feed the poor and help the afflicted. We encourage everyone to give to OGHS. A special envelope for you was enclosed with the April newsletter.

HOLY WEEK WALK- OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE- DON'T MISS IT!

This outdoor experience on the church grounds is available through today. The Holy Week walk is a self-guided exploration around the grounds of the building, offering time for reflection, observation, and expression on the events that took place this week before Jesus' death. Guides for the experience are found in a bin on the covered porch. You are invited to come any time of the day to this outdoor experience and go at your own pace. Enjoy sunshine, fresh air and a meaningful experience.

CHILDREN'S OBJECT LESSON

This week's children's lesson is titled "An Easter Lesson in a TEA BAG". A tea bag accompanied each child's lesson as it was sent to children's homes this week. Have fun as you move through this lesson using your tea bag. Celebrate Easter!

HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT VBS?

There WILL BE Vacation Bible School this summer in an exciting new way! The dates are June 21-23 (Monday-Wednesday), open 5-7pm each evening. The focus will be on Serving our own families, serving our friends, and serving our neighbors; with loads of fun in 'God's Big Backyard'! There will be indoor and outdoor stations for families to roam around to, each with a different activity each night. Dinner meals can be reserved for pick-up while you are here. Families are invited to come ANY and ALL nights that work for you. Watch and listen for more details to come.

TURKEY FEAST TO-GO ORDERS

You can order Turkey Feast to-go meals including turkey, mashed potatoes, choice of green beans or carrots, stuffing, cranberry sauce, gravy, a roll, and a piece of chocolate Texas sheet cake for pickup on Sunday, April 11, 11:30am-1:30pm. Please contact Rebekah Witt at wittrc@dukes.jmu.edu or call the church office and talk with Rebekah to reserve meals. Monetary donations accepted. Meal orders are due by TODAY, April 4, at 12:00pm.

CHURCH WORKDAY ON THE GROUNDS SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 9 AM

Mulching, gardening, cleaning windows, and other assorted tasks! Please bring gloves, a rake, and bottled water. We'll socially distance while working together. Many hands make light work! Let's all pitch in!!!

OPEQUON ON SOCIAL MEDIA

You may already visit the Opequon YouTube channel regularly, but did you know that Opequon is on other social media sites?! Search for Opequon Church on Facebook and Instagram to see pictures, announcements, and other happenings!

WORSHIP NOTES AND REFLECTIONS

NOTES ON TODAY'S MUSIC

How did today's music witness to Easter Sunday?

NOTES ON TODAY'S PRAYERS

Where do I need to focus my prayers this week?

NOTES ON TODAY'S CONVERSATION WITH ALL AGES

What makes you happy today? Why is Easter "the best day ever?"

NOTES ON TODAY'S SCRIPTURE AND SERMON

When was the last time you were awakened from a sound sleep? How did you feel?

How is Easter familiar to you?

How did Mary Magdalene react to an empty tomb?

How did Peter and the beloved disciple react to an empty tomb?

When Mary returned to the tomb, what did she see? What did she feel?

What turned Mary around and expanded her vision? How did she "come awake?"

How have we "come awake" over the past year as we have persevered?

What do you claim "again & again" on Easter?

What gives you hope on this day of resurrection?