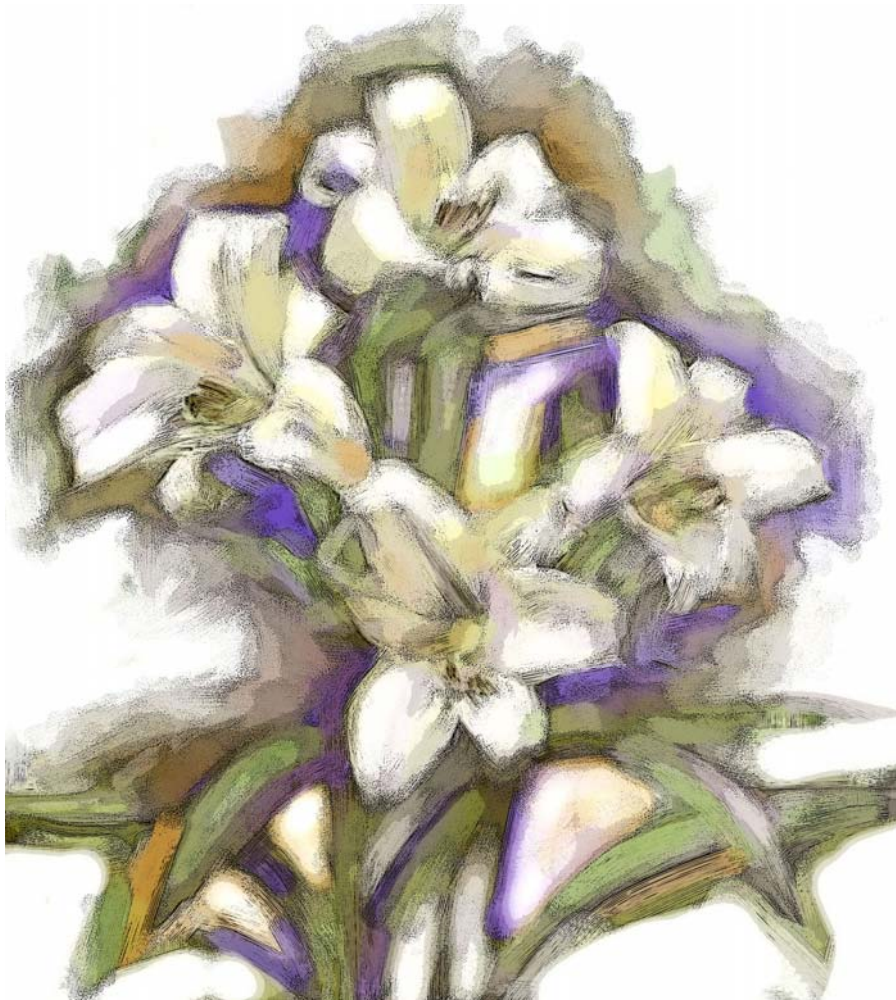


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Easter Sunday
April 12, 2009
11 am



Coming Together in Christ

10:55 AM MEDITATION (Please pause in quiet preparation for worship.)

11:00 AM CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE *Sonata in D, K. 144* W. A. Mozart

INTROIT *Hallelujah! For the Lord God Omnipotent* *Reigneth*

Entering God's Presence

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Bless to us, O God, this day, fresh made.

Women: In the chorus of birds, bless us.

Men: In the scent of blossom, bless us.

Women: In the wet grass and the spring flowers, bless us.

All: Bless us and heal us, for we come to you in love and trust. We come to you in expectant hope.

* HYMN OF PRAISE #123 *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* "Easter Hymn"

THE PRAYER OF APPROACH

SILENCE

AMEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (together)

O God, give us a well of tears to wash away the hurts of our lives. O God, give us a well of tears to cleanse the wounds, to bathe the battered face of our world. O God, give us a well of tears or we are left, like arid earth, unsanctified. Heal us and your grieving world of all that harms us. By the power of your resurrection restore us to new life, set us on new paths, bring us from darkness to light, help us to choose hope.

KYRIE ELEISON (Congregation & Choir) #574, The Hymnal

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE DECLARATION OF PARDON John Dillon

* THE RESPONSE IN PRAISE #579, The Hymnal

**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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hearing God's Word

TIME FOR CHILDREN

* HYMN OF PREPARATION #111	<i>Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!</i>	"Gelobt Sei Gott"
THE FIRST LESSON:	Galatians 3:26-29	Pew Bible p. 178
THE SECOND LESSON:	Mark 16:1-8	Pew Bible p. 51
THE ANTHEM	<i>Dona Nobis Pacem</i> Grant us peace.	F. J. Haydn
THE SERMON	"The Blame Game"	Rev. John Dillon

Our Response to God's Love

* THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

Leader: Lord God, early in the morning, when the world was young, you made life in all its beauty and terror; you gave birth to all that we know. Hallowed be your name.

Women: Hallowed be your name.

Leader: Early in the morning, when the world least expected it, a newborn child crying in a cradle announced that you had come among us, and you were one of us. Hallowed be your name.

Men: Hallowed be your name.

Leader: Early in the morning, surrounded by respectable liars, religious leaders, anxious statesmen and silent friends, you accepted the penalty for doing good, for being God: you shouldered and suffered the cross. Hallowed be your name.

Women: Hallowed be your name.

Leader: Early in the morning, a voice in a guarded graveyard and footsteps in the dew proved that you had risen, that you had come back to those and for those who had forgotten, denied and destroyed you. Hallowed be your name.

Men: Hallowed be your name.

Leader: This morning, in the multi-colored company of your Church on earth and in heaven, we celebrate your creation, your life, your death and resurrection, your interest in us; so we pray,

All: Lord, bring new life where we are worn and tired; new love where we have turned hard-hearted; forgiveness where we feel hurt, and where we have been wounded; and the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit, where we are prisoners of ourselves.

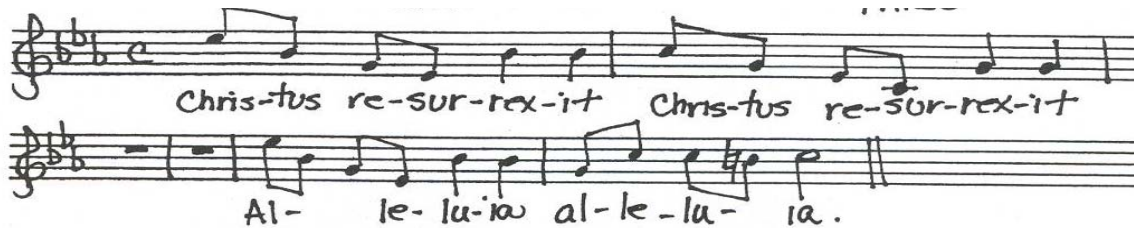
THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

(Please partake of the communion elements as you receive them.)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

*During Communion, "Christus Resurrexit" from the Taize liturgy, will be sung.
Please see the refrain listed below and join the Sanctuary Choir in singing.*



WORSHIPPING THE LORD THROUGH OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY DUET

Christ is Arisen

Francois Couperin

Alleluia! O Jesu, O Jesu, Thou art our Light and Life! Christ hath triumphed and we conquer, ours the cross, the grave, the skies! We with him to life eternal by His resurrection rise! Glorious light and life immortal, life immortal on his holy Easter morn. To immortal life we too shall rise! Alleluia!

* THE DOXOLOGY

#592, The Hymnal

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

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

* THE HYMN OF PARTING #113

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

"Llanfair"

* SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

Leader: The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

(Please greet one another in the peace of Christ.)

* SUNG BENEDICTION

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Dennis

(Please join hands as we sing the Benediction)

**Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love:
The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above.**

Going Forth in God's Love

* THE POSTLUDE

Hallelujah

G. F. Handel

* Those who wish to do so are invited to stand

Statement of Purpose

Our Church exists to worship God and proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Spirit, we shall serve God's Kingdom by loving our neighbors and promoting peacemaking, justice and care of the earth.

Statement of Vision

We embrace open and progressive theology. Through education, training, worship and Session leadership we will realize our vision both individually and in community. We will be open to new ideas and programs while staying true to our beliefs and traditions. We will commit our personal and corporate resources to embody our Statement of Purpose. We will live our lives responsibly with honesty and integrity.

Music Notes

Triumph! Resurrection! Joyous Praise! The music of Easter is heard and proclaimed throughout Christendom with joyous song and trumpet fanfare! We welcome our guest instrumentalists from the Maryland Symphony and the Music Department at Frostburg State University this morning!

The Anthem this Easter Morn is the final movement from the "Harmoniemesse" in B flat Major of Franz Joseph Haydn. This was composed in 1802 and first performed in Eisenstadt, Austria. This is a mature work, with Haydn being in his 60's, full of spiritual optimism and possessing the tools to express his imagination. But this final Haydn mass didn't come without effort; he wrote to his benefactor, Prince Esterhazy, that he was "laboring wearily at it." But the product was well worth the struggle. The journey is exhilarating, contrasting serene contemplation with jaw-dropping splendor. "Dona Nobis Pacem" falls in the "jaw-dropping" category as you hear triumphant and reassuring declamations that the Peace of God is ours!

The Offertory Duet is an arrangement by Kenneth Jewell of a duet by Francois Couperin (1668-1733). Containing exhilarating and rich vocal melismas in thirds, this is triumphant and soars with joy!

"Hallelujah" needs no explanation to say that it epitomizes our Feast of Easter. Written in only 24 days, the entire *Messiah* work captures the life, death and resurrection of our Lord. Join in heartily as we proclaim our praises!

What's Happening This Week:



SUNDAY, APRIL (12) Easter Sunday

7:00 AM Sunrise Service at Rocky Gap State Park
9:00 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
9:30 AM Intergenerational Easter Event in the Fellowship Hall
10:30 AM Coffee Hour in the Kitchen
11:00 AM Worship Service, Easter Sunday, Communion, OGHs Offering Accepted, On the Air WCBC

MONDAY, APRIL (13)

Church Office Closed
No Learning Tree Nursery School

TUESDAY, APRIL (14)

9:00 AM Church Office Open
9:00 AM Learning Tree Nursery School
4:30 PM Finance & Administration Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAY, APRIL (15)

Newsletter Articles Due

9:00 AM Church Office Open
9:00 AM Learning Tree Nursery School
6:15 PM JoyBells Rehearsal
7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, APRIL (16)

9:00 AM Church Office Open
9:00 AM Learning Tree Nursery School
7:00 PM Session Meeting

FRIDAY, APRIL (17)

9:00 AM Church Office Open
9:00 AM Learning Tree Nursery School

SATURDAY, APRIL (18)

PW Spring Gathering at Woods Memorial

SUNDAY, APRIL (19)

9:00 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal
9:30 AM Sunday School for All Ages
Confirmation Class Meets in Pastor's Office
10:15 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
10:30 AM Coffee Hour in the Kitchen
11:00 AM Worship Service, 2nd Sunday of Easter, JoyBells Playing, On the Air WCBC
2:00 PM Darfur/Chad Benefit at Windsor Hall
5:00 PM Pastor's Book Study
5:30 PM Church Basketball Banquet