

# Easter

Welcome to a church where everyone matters  
and everyone belongs.

## Prelude Welcome

4/16/2017

*Alive! Alive! Alive forever more. My Jesus is alive, alive forever more.*

*Alive! Alive! Alive forever more. My Jesus is alive.*

*Sing Hallelujah! Sing Hallelujah!*

*My Jesus is alive, alive forever more*

*Sing Hallelujah! Sing Hallelujah!*

*My Jesus is alive.*

Led by the Junior Choir, Althea Madigan, Director

## Light of Christ

**\*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.**

## Call to Worship/Prayer

Taunya Bird

Leader: There is Good News! God's angels appeared to the  
faithful women of Jesus' company,

**People: bringing them news more wonderful and awe-  
inspiring than they could imagine – Christ is Risen!**

Leader: Surely God's angels can interrupt our lives, too, breaking  
into our losses and sorrows

**People: and offer a message of tremendous joy to change our  
lives!**

Leader: God comes this Easter morning to fill us with the joy of  
the women disciples,

**People: the first witnesses to the resurrection, that our lives  
may also be renewed in hope and glory.**

Leader: Let us roll back the stone of the grave

**People: and pick up the stones of Alleluia once again!**

Leader: Alleluia indeed! Let us pray...

**Risen Messiah, Hallelujah! Christ is risen! Christ is risen  
indeed! Glory be to you, whom death could not defeat. Praise  
to the savior of heaven and earth. Honor and glory are yours,  
now and forever, Christ our Savior and Redeemer. Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn** #216 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

*Jim Montlick, trumpet*

## Children's Message

**The Lord's Prayer** (*unison*)

***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.***

*(Children may leave for Sunday School.)*

## Anthem

"Jesus Shall Reign"

Hatton/Eithun

Joyful Noise Bell Choir, *James Burr, Director*

## Pastoral Prayer

## Call to Offering

## Offertory

"Christ Is Risen!" Alleluia"

M. Hayes

*Leanne Connolly, Minister of Music*

## \*Doxology

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

## \*Prayer of Dedication

**O God, you have become our light and our salvation – let  
these gifts open the gates of joy to all who hunger and thirst  
for your holy presence on this and every day. May they bear  
the gifts of Alleluia which we hold so dear, and give away with  
great joy. We pray in the name of our Risen Savior, Jesus the  
Christ! Amen.**

## Scripture

Luke 24:1-12

## Sermon

Rev. Robin Bird

## \*Closing Hymn

"Hallelujah Chorus" (*insert*)

## \*Benediction

### Postlude

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

Giardini/J. and S. Pethel

\*All who are able are invited to stand.

### Today's Preludes

*James Burr, organist*

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|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| "Majestic Sweetness Sits Enthroned" | Hastings          |
| "Lift High the Triumph Song Today"  | arr. Atwood       |
| "The Day of Resurrection"           | arr. Whitford     |
| "Preamble"                          | J. S. Bach/Heinze |
| "Lift High the Cross"               | Nicholson/Smith   |
| "Ring in the Christ"                | Gounod/Lorenz     |
| "Triumphal March"                   | Grieg             |

**Joyful Noise Bell Choir Members:** Dave Bower, Michelle Bower, Jane Burr, Dan Cima, Kate Fowler, Margaret Klukas, Joanne Myer, Sally Sullivan

**Please join us downstairs after the service  
for coffee and refreshments in Fellowship Hall.**

### In Our Ongoing Prayers

**Ethel Harrison and family** on the loss of her husband, William; Carol Whitney (health concerns); Althea Madigan recovering from surgery; Helen Dahling; Janet Boucher; David Nelson; Mark McPartland and Doug Penhall, friends of Shar Christman; Elizabeth Fry; David Drouin; Doris Brown; Gregg Moffatt; Shirley Bryant; Amy Robinson; Dean Hockenberry awaiting a new kidney; Steve Carr, Sr.; James Purnell; Sara Levy; Julie, friend of the Turner family; Geraldine Strong; Pat Lazeran; Helen Dyar; Dave Hollister; John Arthur; Dick Myer; Margaret Klukas; Paul Westerberg; people struggling with mental illness and their families; the people of Syria; Heidi Howie; Mason Bower; Martha Fowler; Michael Bebrin; Cooper Doyle

*New additions in **bold** print*

**Reminder...**Sunday School ends at 11:15 AM, *Debi Hockenberry, Director of Christian Education*

### This Week's Activities

**Bible Study:** Monday, April 17, 11 AM, Kellogg Hall

**Ways & Means:** Monday, April 17, 7 PM, Kellogg Hall

**Stephen Ministry:** Monday, April 17, 7 PM, Conference Room

**Men's Breakfast Group:** Tuesday, April 18, 6:30 AM, Vernon Diner

**AA:** Tuesday, April 18, 7 AM, Kellogg Hall

**Grief Support Group:** Tuesday, April 18, 10:30 AM, Kellogg Hall

**BCE:** Tuesday, April 18, 7 PM, Kellogg Hall

**Stephen Ministry:** Wednesday, April 19, 1 PM, Kellogg Hall

**Library Committee:** Wednesday, April 19, 6 PM, Library

**Board of Music:** Wednesday, April 19, 7 PM, Conference Room

**Finance:** Wednesday, April 19, 7:15 PM, Kellogg Hall

**Theology on Tap:** Thursday, April 20, 6 PM, Mitchell's Restaurant

**Sanc. Choir Rehearsal:** Thursday, April 20, 7:30 PM, Kellogg Hall

**Caring & Sharing Group:** Friday, April 21, 10:30 AM, Kellogg Hall

**TPC Potluck Dinner and Celebration:** Saturday, April 22, 6 PM in Fellowship Hall and Sunday, April 23 during the worship service. Join us as we celebrate 21 years as a Teaching Parish. Visit with our past students and our newest student at the potluck. Please sign up for the potluck on the Women's Fellowship bulletin board. Check out the display on the Communion Table of pictures, our award and the symbols, provided by the students, which represent their time with us.

**The Sunday School is collecting peanut butter during April.**

**Lasagna Dinner:** Friday, April 28, 5-6:30 PM, Fellowship Hall. Menu: meat and veggie lasagnas, garlic bread, salad ice cream cake and beverage. Gluten free available. Adults - \$12, Kids - \$6.

**Church-Wide Tag Sale, April 29, 9 AM-2 PM** - the J\*Walkrz fundraiser for their Summer Mission Trip to Washington DC. Items will be collected the week of April 24-28.

**9<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament,** June 3, Willow Brook golf course in South Windsor. There is a need for golfers and people to sponsor a hole, a contest and lunch. Donations are needed for raffle prizes and silent auction items. Questions? Contact a committee member or Michelle Bower (860-872-7274).

**Teddy Bear Ministry:** Teddy Bears in the pews are for you to take and give to someone in need of caring love. Contact Joanne Myer at 860-872-9222 or [jmyer0146@yahoo.com](mailto:jmyer0146@yahoo.com) if you have questions.

**To request a visit with the pastor,** please call the Church Office, 860-875-7580.

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### **Hallelujah Chorus**

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

The kingdom of this world

Is become the kingdom of our Lord.

And of His Christ, and of His Christ;

And He shall reign forever and ever,

Forever and ever, forever and ever.

King of kings, and Lord of lords,

King of kings, and Lord of lords,

And Lord of lords,

And He shall reign,

And He shall reign forever and ever,

King of kings, forever and ever,

And Lord of lords,

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

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Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

