

# *The First Congregational Church in Worcester*

*Easter Sunday Worship*

*April 4, 2021*

Prelude

*Prelude in Classic Style ~ Young*

Ringling of the Chimes

Call to Worship

Invocation and 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 trespasses, as we forgive those that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

\*Opening Hymn

*Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!  
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!  
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

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Responsive Reading

*Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24*

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

**Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."**

The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

**There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;**

the right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly."

**I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.**

The Lord has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.

**Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.**

This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it

**I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.**

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

**This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 25:6-9*

Sharing of Announcements, Celebrations and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Giving of Our Offerings

Gospel Reading

John 20:1-18

Meditation

The Lord's Supper

\*Closing Hymn

*Thine is the Glory*

Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won.  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes where Thy body lay.

Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won.

No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of life!!  
Life is nought without Thee; aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conqu'rors, through Thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan to Thy home above.

Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won.

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Benediction

Chimes

Postlude

*Rigaudon ~ Campra*



Participants

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