



Easter Sunday

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Prelude

I Know That My Redeemer Lives
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WINTSON OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, who through your Son overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life, thank you that we who celebrate our Lord's resurrection may arise from the death of our sin through the renewal of your Holy Spirit and may hear and obey your living Word of truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. Alleluia, amen!



welcome!

Welcome to the United Presbyterian Plainfield's 2022 Easter Sunday
service.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bible Study

1

Beginning May 2 and continuing Monday through Saturday, from 6:00 am – to 6:15 am, join the UPC family morning prayer and Bible study.

Mid week service

2

May 5 at 7:00 pm, our midweek service resumes via YouTube.

Pastor's Brunch

3

Thursday, May 19, join the UPC pastor's monthly brunch kickoff.

Pastor's Commission Service

4

Mark your calendar! June 12 is the tentative date for the pastor's commission service.



RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ the Lord has risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

O sing unto the Lord, for he has done excellent things.


Easter Time, the queen of seasons, bright with the day of splendor, with the royal feast of feasts, brings its joy to render; brings to glad humanity, who with true affection welcomes in unwearied strains Jesus' resurrection.

"Alleluia!" now we cry to our King immortal, Who, triumphant, burst the bars of the tomb's dark portal.

"Alleluia!" with the Son, God the Father, praising. "Alleluia!" yet again to the Spirit raising –

Grace be to you and peace, from him who is and who was and who is to come - Jesus Christ, King of Kings and Lord of Lords, the Alpha, and Omega.

Alleluia, amen!



OPENING
HYMN

Christ the Lord is Risen Today





AN ADAPTIVE RESPONSIVE READING OF PSALM 118

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! Let all the people say, "God's 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 is exalted and valiant.

It upholds me. Therefore, I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD. Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

The righteous shall enter through the gate of the Lord and be glad. They shall say, Lord, I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone 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.

The Word of God, for the people of God. Thanks be to God!



AFFIRMATION OF FAITH AND CALL TO CONFESSION

(From the Heidelberg Catechism BOC 4.045)

(Lit) How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?



Left side

First, by his resurrection, he has overcome death, so that he might make us share in the righteousness he won for us by his death.



Right side

Second, by His power, we, too are already now resurrected to a new life.



All

Third, Christ's resurrection is a guarantee of our glorious resurrection. This is our faith and hope. Alleluia, amen.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION



Almighty God, unto whom all hearts and minds are open and from whom nothing is hidden, we confess to your glory that Jesus is Lord of all. He is the first and the last. The One who was one with you in the beginning. Lord, we acknowledge that because of Christ and through Christ, all things are possible if we only believe. Jesus' death and resurrection make reconciliation between fallen humanity and you possible. Because of Christ, healing and wholeness are possible. Fractured relationships can be restored, forgiveness is given and received, and the burden of guilt and shame can be lifted. On the cross, Jesus paid it all.

Most gracious and holy Father, thank you for your immeasurable and unconditional love. Teach us to love you and others. In Jesus' mighty name, we pray. Amen.



ASSURANCE
OF PARDON



PASSING THE PEACE

Peace of Christ be with you!



RESPONSIVE READING ACTS 10: 34-43


Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation, anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.

You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced:

how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree.

But God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

He commanded us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."



SOLO

Elder Marcia Marsh-Hinds



A READING FROM THE GOSPEL

Luke 24: 1-12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared. 2And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, 3but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. 4While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men suddenly stood near them in dazzling clothing; 5and as the women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living One among the dead? 6 "He is not here, but He has risen. Remember how He spoke to you while He was still in Galilee, 7saying that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again." 8And they remembered His words, 9and returned from the tomb and reported all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. 10Now they were Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James; also the other women with them were telling these things to the apostles. 11But these words appeared to them as nonsense, and they would not believe them. 12But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen wrappings only; and he went away to his home, marveling at what had happened.



MORNING MEDITATION





CALL TO
DISCIPLINESHIP



PRAYERS OF THE
PEOPLE



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. Lead us away from temptation and deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.



CROSSING

HYMN

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All Hail The Power of Jesus'
Name





BENEDICTION

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, 21 equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.
(Hebrews 13: 20-21)





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Amen





POSTLUDE

Hallelujah Chorus - excerpted

Handel

