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**FINANCIAL UPDATES**  
 Received Last Week: \$4,835.00  
 Received to Date: \$126,357.78  
 Expenses to Date: \$139,917.03

**SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY**  
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**THIS WEEK AT ELON COMMUNITY CHURCH**

**Sunday 4/9—Easter**

7:00 am Sunrise Service  
 9:30 am Children's Sunday School  
 9:30 am Seekers' Class  
 9:30 am Senior Pastor's Bible Study  
 10:30 am Worship Service

**Tuesday 4/11**

7:00 pm PFLAG

**Wednesday 4/12**

7:00 pm Chancel Choir  
 8:00 pm AA

**Thursday 4/13**

3:00 pm Faith Walk  
 6:30 pm Chancel Ringers

**Friday 4/14**

6:30 pm NA Meeting

**Saturday 4/15**

12:30 pm Meet at Church for Elon Women's Softball Game

**Sunday 4/16**

9:00 am Chancel Choir  
 9:30 am Children's Sunday School  
 9:30 am Seekers' Class  
 9:30 am Senior Pastor's Bible Study  
 10:30 am Worship Service  
 3:00 pm Genesis Chimes, JuBELLation  
 3:15 pm Youth Choir  
 3:40 pm Children's Choir  
 3:45 pm Youth Band  
 4:30 pm Young Ringers  
 5:00 pm Catholic Mass  
 5:30 pm COOL/EDGE  
 6:00 pm Catholic Supper

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

Kristin Pinnix	4/9
Mac King	4/9
Betty Griffin	4/9
Jeremy Wood	4/9
Sheree Pedigo	4/10
Elliana Stiegel	4/11
Harriet Von Oesen	4/11
Susan Menikheim	4/12
Andre Johnson	4/12
Stephen Stiegel	4/14
Jean Toms	4/15
Bill Beggs	4/15
Barbara Gerhardt	4/15

**Join us for the Jones Baby Shower**

You are all invited to a baby shower for Matt and Grace Jones on Sunday 30 April after church. They are registered online at Babylist. The link is Grace + Matt's Baby Registry: <http://www.babylist.com/list/grace+matt>. Please come and celebrate the pending arrival of Baby Jones!

**ELON FARMERS MARKET REOPENS THURSDAY, APRIL 20**

The new name means that we are no longer linked with Authentic Alamance Markets as that grant went away. THE GOOD NEWS IS that the Town of Elon has hired a new part-time person who will lead and coordinate the market! So that explains the new logo and name, now simply called Elon Farmers Market. Our church still plays an important role. I hope you all will renew your effort to attend the market to buy local, possibly volunteer to be a shopper for others or possibly return to a church tent! We are in the process of figuring out all we can do, so stay tuned as the Market opens on April 20, and will be open every Thursday from 3-6 pm.

**Earth Week Veggie Potluck and Movie**

On Tuesday, April 18, at 6 pm, Green Church invites you to a vegetarian potluck supper in the CLC, followed by an engaging 37-minute film titled *Current Revolution*. In it, we see that because of climate change, economic factors, and national security concerns, America is on the brink of a transition from fossil fuels to electrification. What will that involve? How will it affect us and future generations? Can it be done in ways that are fair? Can it be done in time to avoid some climate catastrophes? Please join us and bring a vegetarian dish to share. We will provide drinks. As for covid concerns, we realize and are glad that most people have been able to get back to their normal lives. For those of us who want to come but still need to play it as safe as possible, there will be a dining section reserved for people who are willing to test the day of the event and test negative. Please sign up in the bulletin or call the church office at (336) 584-0391 if you plan to attend. That will help us with setup.

**Celebrate Connie Canova's 90th Birthday**

On Sunday, April 16, after worship, the family of Connie Canova will be providing lunch in the Community Life Center to celebrate her 90th birthday. All are welcome!

**It's Almost Time for Summer Music**

Our chancel choir's last anthem for the season will be June 4. It's not too early to sign up to provide special music for our summer services. If you play an instrument, sing, or do drama, and want to sign up, please send Stephen an email with some date preferences: [sfutrell@elon.edu](mailto:sfutrell@elon.edu). Kids, youth, adults—all are welcome!

**GET REGISTERED FOR SUMMER CAMP**

Johns River Valley Camp is happening again for summer for those entering 4<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup>. Go to [www.jrv.org](http://www.jrv.org) for schedules, rates and registering for the camps. The biggest change over the last few years is that camps now run from Sunday to Friday. Also, Manda Stiegel is on the camp's Board of Trustees and she is a wealth of knowledge! Lastly, Pastor Randy will be leading the Junior Camp for those entering 4-6 grade from July 9-14. I hope to have a great camp and need campers! Pass the word, invite friends to go and know we have camperships to help pay for the fees! Camp is and can be a life-changing experience! Consider a week at camp!

**Solar Panel Update:** It's raining as I write this report, so our solar panels are taking a break. They worked hard in March though, producing 2.92 MWh of energy! Since they started work in January 2019, they have produced 139 MWh. That has saved us \$14,868.14 and prevented 215,229.7 pounds of carbon dioxide from being released into the atmosphere. That's equivalent to planting 1,626 trees!



*Dedicated to spiritual renewal, we strive to be an accepting, thinking, and serving community of faith.*

APRIL 9, 2023  
 10:30 AM  
 EASTER SUNDAY

We welcome all guests and members who worship with us this morning. If you are a visitor, please take time to sign the visitor portion of the insert and leave it in the offering plate at either exit. Please join us at Meet and Greet immediately after worship for light refreshments and fellowship!



"Then go quickly and tell his disciples: **'He has risen from the dead** and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.'"

MATTHEW 28:7, NIV



# Gathering God's People

## CHIMES

## GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP—Please Sign In

## PRELUDE

Lobe den Herren arr. Michele Robeson-Howard

## The Call

### † CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ Is Risen!

**All: Christ is Risen indeed!**

Leader: We gather together for yet another new day. We look toward the tomb seeking life.

**All: The stone has been rolled away. The tomb is empty! Alleluia!**

Leader: Alive in the searching, in the garden, in our hope-filled spaces, we proclaim...

**All: Alleluia! Christ lives and we are changed!**

### † PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Charlotte Lee/

(The congregation is invited to sing.) arr. D.E. Wagner

*Christ, the Lord is ris'n today. Alleluia!  
Earth and heav'n in chorus say, Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high. Alleluia!  
Sing ye heav'ns 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!*

*Live's again, our glorious King. Alleluia!  
Where, o death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Once He died our souls to save. Alleluia!  
Where's thy victory boasting grave? Alleluia!*

*Soar we now where Christ has led. Alleluia!  
Following our exalted Head. Alleluia!  
Made like Him, like Him we rise. Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave the skies. Alleluia!*

### † PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION OF NEW LIFE

**Amazing God, we know there is life and love in this day. We confess to our profound need of your love, strength, and mercy. Too often, we come toward the tomb resigned to the status quo. We anticipate the worst and even at times only see death. We allow despair over the condition of our world to overwhelm us when we are confronted with new life. Transform us now as we too rise to know your love cannot end.**

### † ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Just as Christ did not come to condemn but to liberate, so too is Christ raised from death not to judge but to celebrate. Cast off the yoke of sin and instead raise up the scepter of joy – Christ lives! We live! All is made new on this Resurrection morning!

**All: Alleluia and amen!**

### † PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: This is a new day! A new time! Peace Be With You.

**All: And also with you.**

Leader: Let resurrection show in the peace you share with all around.

*Please let people know what you wish by waving, a fist out to bump, or if you are open to a handshake or even a hug.*

### † GLORIA PATRI

**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.**

## Encountering the Sacred Word

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Colossians 3: 1-4, 12-17

Page 197 (NT)

Leaders: Through this scripture God is still speaking.

**All: And we are listening!**

### CHILDREN'S TIME

Little Children Come Unto Me

SILER

**Little children come unto me, Little children come unto me.**

**You are made in God's image so perfectly.**

**Little children come unto me.**

### GOSPEL

Matthew 28:1-10

Page 33 (NT)

### SERMON

Resurrection Again!

Randy Orwig

## Responding to the Word

### SHARING OF JOY AND CONCERNS

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison. "Forgive us our trespasses...")

*Please address God in the way that is most comfortable to you:*

*"Our Father," "Our Father and Mother," "Our God," etc.*

### PRESENTING TO GOD OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

The Call to Give

The Symbolic Giving of Tithes and Offerings

### OFFERTORY

Alleluia, Christ is Alive!

Joel Raney

### † THE DOXOLOGY WITH ALLELUIAS

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God, all creatures here below!**

**Sing your praises, Alleluia!**

**Praise God above you heavenly host;**

**Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost,**

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

### † PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING

## The Table

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Leader: May God be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift our hearts to God.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the living God.

**All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Leader: This gathering table is a sacred table because we sit with all in Christ the world over to proclaim that Christ is Risen.

**All: Holy God, the grave is not the final word, blessed be your name. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Leader: We join all creation in singing:

HYMN 253

Yours is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS

(Verse 1)

*Yours is the glory, Resurrected One!*

*Endless is the victory you o'er death have won.*

*Angels clothed in radiance rolled the stone away;*

*Conquered is the grave in which your body lay.*

*Yours is the glory, Resurrected One!*

*Endless is the victory you o'er death have won.*

Leader: Come now to eat and drink. You are a part of God's Community of hope and faithfulness.

**All: We are the Body of the risen Christ.**

Leader: This is the joyful feast of the people of God. All are welcome here.

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

*Please come forward and pick up a small cup holding the bread to partake, then choose a cup of juice to drink. There is a place to dispose of these before you return to your seat.*

*The servers will be masked. There will be some traveling Deacons who can bring this communion to you or you can use the pre-packaged communion pack that you picked up when you came in.*

### COMMUNION HYMN 238

Now the Green Blade Rises

NOEL NOUVELET

*Now the green blade rises from the buried grain;  
Wheat that in dark earth for many days has lain;  
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:*

**Refrain: Love is come again like wheat that rises green.**

*In the grave they laid their Love whom hate had slain,  
Thinking that their Love would never wake again,  
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen: (R)*

*Christ came forth at Easter, like the risen grain,  
Jesus, who for three days in the grave had lain,  
Quick from the dead the risen One is seen: (R)*

*When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,  
Christ's warm touch can call us back to life again,  
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been: (R)*

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

## Sending God's People

### † BENEDICTION

### † CLOSING

Hallelujah Chorus

G.F. Handel

*Cathedral Brass, Organ, Chancel Choir, Congregation*

*The congregation is invited to sing along. Copies of scores are in your pew if needed.*

### † POSTLUDE

Recessional for Brass and Organ

G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

arr. S. Drummond Wolff (1916-2004)

† *You are invited to stand as able at these moments.*

**Welcome and Thank You to the Brass Quartet:**

*Luis Rodriguez, trumpet*

*Jonathan Poquette, trumpet*

*Sandy Griffin, trombone*

*Ken White, euphonium*

*Christopher Waters, timpani*