



# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH EASTER SUNDAY

4 April 2021 + 10:00 a.m.

**Welcome**

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

**Voluntary** Trumpet Tune in D

John Stanley

**\*Ringing of the Bell** *The congregation rises at the ringing of the Tower Bell.*

**\*Call to Worship**

Rev. Gerald W. Boutelle

Leader: Christ is risen!  
People: **Christ is risen indeed!**  
Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;  
People: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**  
Leader: Let us worship our Risen God.

**\*Processional Hymn** Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

*Easter Hymn*

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!  
our triumphant holy day! Alleluia!  
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!  
our salvation have procured. Alleluia!  
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!  
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!  
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and holy Ghost. Alleluia!

**Prayer of Confession**

Rev. Trajan I. McGill

**God of endless possibility, we confess that we do not always perceive you or the opportunities you place before us. Caught up in our own hopes, plans, and dreams, and crushed when they disappoint us, we are slow to recognize you and to see the pathways before us. Open our eyes, that we may see the new life you offer and reflect the resurrection of Jesus Christ in the living of our lives. Hear now our silent prayers of confession.**

**\*Response** Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

**\*Declaration of Pardon**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.  
People: **in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**  
Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.  
People: **And also with you.**  
All: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**\*Response of Praise** Gloria Patri

**Children's Easter Sermon**

Rev. Christian K. Choi

**Response** Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

*Children pre-K through grade 5 go to Sunday School with Mrs. Sherrick in Parish Hall following the response. Parents are invited to meet their children in Parish Hall following worship to receive a treat bag for a self-guided Easter egg hunt.*

**Scripture Reading** John 20:1-10

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that Christ must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

**Anthem** Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Song

Eric Thiman

Come, ye faithful, raise the song of triumphant gladness!  
God hath brought his Israel into joy from sadness.  
'Tis the spring of souls today: Christ hath burst his prison,  
And from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath risen.  
Now the queen of seasons, bright with the day of splendour,  
With the royal feast of feasts, comes its joy to render;  
Comes to glad Jerusalem, who with true affection  
Welcomes in unwearied strains Jesu's resurrection.  
Neither might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark portal,  
Nor the watchers, nor the seal, hold thee as a mortal;  
But today amidst the twelve thou didst stand, bestowing  
That thy peace which evermore passeth human knowing.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

## Scripture Reading

John 20:11-18

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. Rather, go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and she told them that Christ had said these things to her. Amen.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** Alive Again

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

**\*Hymn** Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

*Hymn to Joy*

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!  
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.  
In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.  
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.  
Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.  
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.  
Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.  
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.  
Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.  
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.  
Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"  
God the first and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!

## The Church at Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.  
People: **And with your spirit.**

## The 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 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.**

**Anthem** Christ the Lord is Risen Again

Philip W. J. Stopford

Christ the Lord is risen again, Christ hath broken every chain.  
Hark, angelic voices cry, singing evermore on high, Alleluia!  
He who gave for us his life, who for us endured the strife,  
is our Paschal Lamb today; we too sing for joy and say Alleluia!  
He who bore all pain and loss comfortless upon the cross,  
lives in glory now on high, pleads for us, and hears our cry.  
He who slumbered in the grave is exalted now to save;  
now through Christendom it rings that the Lamb is King of Kings.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

## The Presentation and Dedication of Our Gifts

**\*Offertory Response**      Doxology

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

1 Corinthians 15

This is the good news which we have received,  
in which we stand, and by which we are saved,  
if we hold fast: that Christ died for our sins  
according to the scriptures, that he was buried,  
that he was raised on the third day,  
and that Christ appeared to the women,  
then to Peter, and to the Twelve,  
and then to many faithful witnesses.  
We believe that Jesus is the Christ,  
the son of the living God.  
Jesus Christ is the first and the last,  
the beginning and the end;  
Christ is our Lord and our God. Amen.

**\*Anthem**      Hallelujah

George F. Handel

Hallelujah! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.  
The kingdom of this world is become the Kingdom  
of our Lord and of His Christ;  
and he shall reign for ever and ever.  
King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Hallelujah!

Words: Revelation 11 and 19

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Voluntary**      Toccata from the Fifth Symphony

C. M. Widor

*(\* Stand, as you are able.)*

### Worship Participants

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer, Pastor and Head of Staff  
Rev. Trajan I. McGill, Associate Pastor for Parish Life  
Rev. Christian K. Choi, Associate Pastor for Family Ministry  
Rev. Gerald W. Boutelle, Parish Associate  
Dale T. Rogers, Organist and Director of Music and the Arts  
Eleanor VanDeventer, Soprano      Adam Miller, Counter-tenor  
Jamie Greenwald, Tenor      Lyle VanDeventer, Bass  
Dennis Jones, Trumpeter      Mia Marcy, Butterfly Banner Bearer  
Elsie and Bob Fox, Videographers  
Judy Ridinger, Greeter  
Nathaniel Brower, Erin Ekstedt, and Jess Weitzel, Ushers  
Mary Ray and Alan Schuermann, Safety Team

## EASTER MUSIC FUND

In memory of Donna Wolaver, by Sandy Bellatti  
In loving memory for the life of Heather Huitt, by Robert, Julie, Brian, and Sarah Blythe  
In loving memory of Terry Wells, by Julie, Robert, Brian, and Sarah Blythe  
In loving memory of Anthony J. Leone, Jr., by Cathy Cragoe  
In memory of my father, The Rev. Dr. William Cross, by John Cross  
In honor of Lyle VanDeventer, by Bill Deemer  
Leah Duling  
Pat Hildebrand-Culler  
In memory of our families, by Mary & Bob Leffler  
In honor of Dale Rogers and the Westminster Choir, by Bill Post  
In gratitude for Dale Rogers  
In loving memory of Rosella & Harold Rogers, by Dale T. Rogers  
In memory of loved ones, by the Romack family  
For the glory of music, by the VanDeventer & Manning families  
Kate Wilson

## EASTER DECORATION FUND

Julie Barton & family  
In memory of Robert Bellatti, by Sandy Bellatti  
In loving memory of Fred and Betty Blythe, by Robert, Julie, Brian, and Sarah Blythe  
In loving memory for the life of James Blythe, by the Blythe family  
In loving memory of E.R. "Jack" & Minnie Lee "Mimi" Jones, by the Blythe family  
In loving memory of Scott Hoff, by Linda and Michael Brady  
In memory of our grandparents, by Meridith & Jim Bryans  
In memory of loved ones, by Linda & Ed Caupert  
In loving memory of my father, Arthur C. Cragoe, by Cathy Cragoe  
In honor of Elsie and Bob Fox, by Bill Deemer  
In memory of Ellis Hutcheson, with love from the Robbs family  
In memory of loved ones, by Pat Roller  
With gratitude for my family, by Diane Rutledge  
In memory of Bill Cordes, Hugo & Ann Spada, and Jim Spada, by Suzie & Tom Spada  
In memory of our parents, by Julie & Mike Sundquist  
In memory of Heather Huitt, Dan VanDeventer, and Roy, Marilyn, and Dave Tungett,  
by Eleanor & Lyle VanDeventer

## EASTER MUSIC AND DECORATION FUNDS

Anonymous

In memory of our fathers, Barry Allen and Robert Bellatti, by Beth & Tad Allen  
Carolyn & Keith Beatty

Meleah & Aaron Berkowitz and family

In memory of Grace & Lyle Cooley, by Carol & Bill Bloemer  
Ellen & Rance Carpenter

In memory of Morris D. Cooper, Sr., by Virginia Cooper and family

In memory of family & friends, by Carol & Dick Cordier  
Sophia & Rev. Christian Choi

Given in appreciation for Westminster's staff for their devotion to each of us over this past year,  
by Sue Cull

In memory of loved ones and in celebration of Anna Faye Simhauser, by Carolyn & Dan Dungan

In memory of Jack Fixmer, by his family  
Dee & Donald Funk

In honor of our children and grandchildren, by Kathy & Randy Germeraad  
Sharon & Matt Gilmour

In memory of Gerry Hale, by her family  
Elaine Hoff

In memory of Heather Huitt

Pat & Al Hymans  
Kathleen Kenyon

In loving memory of Peter's aunt, Kathryn Hill Strickler, by Blythe and Peter Kieffer

In honor of Dr. George Maer and Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Kluge, by Priscilla & Tim Kluge

In appreciation for the WPC Staff, for sustaining our spiritual need during the pandemic,  
by Judy and Todd Knox

In dedication to Mrs. Singleton & Mr. Mitchell (the youth choir leaders when I was a child),  
and to Mr. Rogers (my son's choir leader and the creator/director of all things beautiful in  
our church for more than 30 years). I am grateful beyond words, by Katie Maeda

Pat McKenzie

In loving memory of Marjorie and Claude Nicholson, by their children

In memory of Georgia & Ralph Norton and Morgan N. Salisbury by Maribeth Norton

In loving memory of Dr. Glen D. Pittman, by Jeanne Pittman and family

In loving memory of my sure foundations: Doris & Carl Ray, Karen Dillon, and Kyle Stone,  
by Mary Ray

In memory of our parents, by Marilyn & James Rigney

In memory of loved ones, by Betsy Ruklick

To the glory of God and in memory of loved ones, by Susan & Michael Shaw

For all God's blessings & to the loving memories of Dick Maldaner & Jane Smith,  
by Anne & Andy Smith

In memory of Lois Strom, by Bruce Strom

Marty & Alan Stutz

In memory of our parents, by Carolyn & Brad Swanson

In gratitude for our church family and friends, by Jeanne and Pete Van Gieson

In memory of Elvin Zook, by Sharon Zook