



**“Thine is the Glory!”
Easter Sunday
April 17, 2022
10:30 a.m. Service**

*Believing that every person is a child of God invested with worth and dignity,
and believing that every person is a recipient of God’s grace,
we at First Congregational United Church of Christ, Grand Ledge,
aspire to mirror God’s unconditional love by declaring that we are
an Open and Affirming congregation.*

Taken from Our Church’s Open and Affirming Statement

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Welcome to First Congregational United Church of Christ!

*As you look over the bulletin, please notice that you are invited to read aloud **bold** text, and an asterisk (*) indicates to please stand, as you are able. As you enter the sanctuary, please share your offering in the offering plate by the door. We ask that you social distance from others not in your family or pod.*

Our hymns are not announced, but are printed in the bulletin, so feel free to locate them ahead of time. Helpful worship notes and information on the church can be found in the brochure by the hymnals.

Guests and visitors – a special welcome! Please fill out a “Welcome” card (in the pew pocket) and put it in the offering plate so we may send you a small gift.

MOMENT FOR CENTERING

GREETING

One: Christ is Risen!

Many: He is Risen, indeed!

INTRODUCTIONS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

BELLS/CHIMES

Grand Ringers

INTROIT

“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

(Chancel choir)

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: This is the day that God has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!

All: We gather today to shout Alleluia! Christ is risen; he is risen indeed.

One: Out of the doom of death and despair, victory comes, glory appears!

All: We gather today to shout Alleluia! Christ is risen; he is risen indeed.

One: We shall live, witness, and recount the deeds of the God whose love endures forever.

All: We gather today to shout Alleluia! Christ is risen; he is risen indeed.

*OPENING HYMN #233

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

GATHERING PRAYER

One: Please join me in prayer:

Many: O, Redeeming God,

**Like Mary of Magdala weeping at the tomb,
we, too, have witnessed the wonders of your work
with our own teary eyes.**

In this hour, O God,

Elevate us in Christ and with the power of the Holy Spirit,

so that others may be awakened through our

preaching and proclaiming the good news:

news of healing, peace, justice, and community for all people. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

ANTHEM

“Worthy Is the Lamb”
(Chancel Choir)

FRESH PERSPECTIVES

Rev. Dr. Laura Miller-Purrenhage

SUNG BLESSING #325

“Child of Blessing”

**Child of joy, our dearest treasure,
God’s you are, from God you came.
Grow to laugh and sing and worship,
Live as one who bears Christ’s name.**

GOSPEL READING

Luke 24:1-12 NRSV (964)

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

One: Words from the past, made new for us today.

Many: Thanks be to God.

CHORAL RESPONSE

“Halleluja”

**Halle, halle, halleluja.
Halle, halle, halleluja.
Halle, halle, halleluja.
Halleluja, halleluja.**

HOMILY

“Thine Is the Glory!”
(Rev. Dr. Laura Miller-Purrenhage)

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Coronation”
(Chancel Choir, featuring Kelly Sandula-Gruner/horn and Dr. James Sullivan/Double Bass)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Since our services are posted publicly on Facebook, we ask that you either leave people unnamed in your prayer requests [ex: prayers for a friend who is in his last stages of life or that you obtain permission from anyone you wish to name in prayer.]

**Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kin-dom 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 who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver from evil.
For thine is the Kin-dom, and the power and glory forever. Amen.**

MUSICAL REFLECTION

“Resurrection Morn”
(Chuck Byam)

OFFERING MOMENT

(For those of us meeting in person, you are invited to place your offering in the offering plate in the back of the sanctuary. For those of you worshipping at home, please give what you can by mail or through prayers. If you have any questions, please reach out to Lynn Hart (hartacre3@aol.com))

*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

DEDICATION PRAYER

One: Please join me in prayer:

Many: Beloved God, accept the gifts we offer, and bless them to the fulfillment of our calling. Following Jesus, our mission is to serve God by building an inclusive community where uplifting worship and relevant messages deepen spirituality and inspire acts of justice, service and compassion. May it be so. Amen

*CLOSING HYMN #253

“Yours is the Glory, Resurrected One”

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Laura Miller-Purrenhage

*CHORAL RESPONSE

“In the Lord I’ll be Ever Thankful” (sung once)
(Chancel Choir)

**In the Lord I’ll be ever thankful
In the Lord, I will rejoice!
Look to God, do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.**

BELLS/CHIMES

Grand Ringers

POSTLUDE

“Hallelujah! Let’s Praise the Lord”
(Chuck Byam)

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SUNDAY ROSTER

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Homily – Rev. Dr. Laura Miller-Purrenhage

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Sound Board - Julie Wilkinson

Choir Director - Brandon Frost

Pianist/Organist – Chuck Byam

Special Musicians – Dr. James Sullivan and Kelly Sandula-Gruner

Crucifer – Karen Walker

Usher – Fay Schroeder

Greeter – Bil Turner

Acolyte – Mason Lipsey

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Matt. 28:5-8; 1 Cor. 15:20-22; 54-57

Charles Wesley, 1739; alt.

1 Christ the Lord is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Let the Vic - tor's peo - ple sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!

Mor - tal tongues and an - gels say: Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where, O death, is now your sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Dy - ing once, Christ lives to save, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Death in vain for - bids Christ rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Made like Christ, like Christ we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!

Sing, glad heavens, and earth re - ply: Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where your vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
 God has o - pened par - a - dise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!

The unknown editor of Lyra Davidica wanted music with more movement and spirit than found in the grave, slow-paced psalm tunes, with one note to a syllable. Easter Hymn was among the first of a new popular style.

Tune: EASTER HYMN 7.7.7.7. with alleluias
 Arr. from Lyra Davidica, London, 1708

(Yours Is the Glory, Resurrected One!)

Matt. 28:1-10; John 20:19-29; 1 Cor. 15:54-55

Edmond L. Budry, 1904

Transl. The New Century Hymnal, 1993

1 A toi la gloi - re, ô Res - sus - ci - té! A toi la vic - toi - re,
1 Yours is the glo - ry, Res - ur - rect - ed One! End - less is the vic - tory
2 See, it is Je - sus, Je - sus has ap - peared; do not doubt at all for
3 Am I still fright - ened? One whom I a - dore, Je - sus, lives a - gain, gives

pour l'é - ter - ni - té! Bril - lant de lu - miè - re, l'ange est de - scen -
you o'er death have won. An - gels clothed in ra - dian - ce rolled the stone a -
noth - ing you will fear. Let the church with glad - ness hymns of tri - umph
peace for - ev - er - more. Je - sus is my vic - tory, life and strength and

du, il rou - le la pier - re du tom - beau vain - cu.
way; con - quered is the grave in which your bod - y lay.
sing; tell it with - out ceas - ing: Death has lost its sting.
Head; Je - sus is my glo - ry, noth - ing shall I dread.

Refrain

A toi la gloi - re, ô Res - sus - ci - té!
Yours is the glo - ry, Res - ur - rect - ed One!

A toi la vic - toi - re, pour l'é - ter - ni - té!
End - less is the vic - tory you o'er death have won.