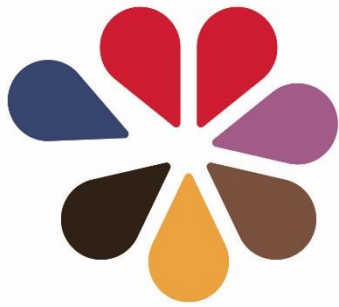




DOWNTOWN

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"Because you live, O Christ,



The garden of the world has come to flower"

Celebration of Worship

Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024

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Prelude

Te Deum Laudamus

Johann Michael Haydn

"O God, we praise you; O Lord, we acclaim you. Eternal Creator, all the earth reveres you. All the angels, the heavens and the Powers of heaven, Cherubim and Seraphim cry out to you in endless praise: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are filled with your glory."

Words of Welcome

Mark 16:1-8

The Rev. Val Fowler

Chime

Introit

Te Gloriosus Apostolorum Chorus

J.M. Haydn

"The glorious choir of Apostles sings to you, the noble company of prophets praises you, the white-robed army of martyrs glorifies you, Holy Church throughout the earth proclaims you, Creator of an infinite majesty, with your true and only Son, worthy of adoration, and the Holy Spirit, Paraclete. You, O Christ, are the King of glory, you are the Creator's everlasting Son;"
Carolina Sullivan, Elizabeth Jackson, Olivia Anderson, and Elijah Gebers, soloists

*Easter Affirmation (Eastern Orthodox)

Amy Genge

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! - Christ is risen indeed! - Christ is risen indeed!

Christ is risen from the dead!

Trampling down death by death and giving life to those in the tomb.

*Opening Hymn

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

1. Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!

Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!

Praise eternal as God's love, Alleluia!

2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
Christ, who slumbered in the grave, Alleluia!
Is exalted now to save! Alleluia!

3. "Jesus Christ is risen today," Alleluia!
All creation, join to say! Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high! Alleluia!
Sing, O heav'ns, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Text: Lyra Davidica, Charles Wesley, Michael Weisse

Prayer for Wholeness

O Christ, in your resurrection, the heavens and the earth rejoice. **Alleluia!**
By your resurrection you broke open the gates of hell and destroyed the
power of sin and death.

Keep us victorious over sin.

By your resurrection you raised the dead and brought us from death to life.

Guide us in the way of eternal life.

By your resurrection you confounded your guards and executioners and filled
the disciples with joy.

Give us joy in your service.

By your resurrection you proclaimed good news to the women and the
apostles and brought salvation to the whole world.

Direct our lives to show your new creation.

Assurance of Forgiveness

We no longer look for Jesus among the dead.

He is alive and has become the lord of life.

From the waters of death you raise us with him.

You renew the gift of life within us. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen
life we share with Christ. Help us to grow as your people to the fullness of
eternal life with you. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord
Amen.

Scripture

Isaiah 25:6-9

Time with Young Disciples

Music for Reflection

Te Ergo Quasumus

J.M. Haydn

*"When you resolved to save the human race, you did not spurn the Virgin's womb;
you overcame the sting of death and opened wide the Kingdom of Heaven.
You are seated at the right hand of God in the glory of the Creator.
We believe you are the One who is to come. And so we beg you,
help your servants, redeemed by your most precious blood."*

Aeterna Fac

*"Number them among your saints in eternal glory.
Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance. Shepherd them and raise them to eternal life.
Day by day, we bless you and praise your name for endless ages evermore.
Be gracious, Lord, on this day, and keep us from all sin.
Have mercy on us. May your mercy be upon us, Lord, as we place our trust in you.
In you, O Lord, I rest my hope: let me never be confounded."
Nyla Thomas, Emmalouise St. Amand, Evan McMahon, and Alan Jones, soloists*

Scripture

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24

Sermon

"God's Steadfast Love Endures Forever"

Rev. Fowler

*Hymn

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks
(*Music may be found on page 7.*)

ALLELUIA NO. 1

*New Testament Reading ~ Affirmation of Faith

I Corinthians 15:1-11

We confess our faith in the words of the apostle Paul:

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I
proclaimed to you, **Which we in turn received, in which we also stand,
through which also we are being saved if we hold firmly to the message
proclaimed to us—unless we have come to believe in vain.**

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn received:

**That Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he
was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the**

scriptures, and that he appeared to the women, then to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God, I am what I am, and God's grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

^Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the people

After each section of the prayer please respond:

Make of this world your new creation!

Prayer of Jesus

Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Spirit 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 Spirit, and the power, and
the glory, forever. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering [†]

Offertory Music

Te Deum in C Major Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Text: Same as the complete J.M. Haydn, sung in one movement

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Let songs rise up from earth below;
Let stars and galaxies enthrone;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One! Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

By your grace, God of resurrection and eternal life, enable us to be witnesses
to the resurrection and messengers of the good news that not even death can

separate us from your love, nor destroy your power that lives in us. Make all of our words and deeds be words and deeds of grace and mercy, in the spirit of the Risen Christ. Amen.

*Hymn

Because You Live, O Christ
(*Music may be found on page 8.*)

VRUECHTEN

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Toccata from Symphony V

Charles-Marie Widor

*Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

Thank you to. . .

Guest Preacher: Rev. Val Fowler,
Liturgist: Amy Genge

Chancel Choir Members

Soprano: Nicole Knickerbocker, Carolina Sullivan, Joan Sussman, Nyla Thomas

Alto: Cecelia Allchin, Kathryn Borden, Elizabeth Jackson, Emmalouise St. Amand

Tenor: Olivia Anderson, Jason Cloen, Mark Darling, Evan McMahon

Bass: Rob Brown, John DeHority, Elijah Gebers, Alan Jones, Stephen Lloyd

Guest Musicians

James Marshall and Rachel Smith, violins, Yu-Ping Wu, cello

Derek Gong and Jarett Jean Jacques, trumpets, Ben Blaesing, timpani



Our special Easter Music this morning was made possible by generous gifts to the Downtown Church music fund.



240 Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Descant



2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:

3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.

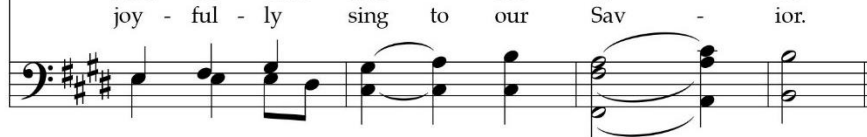
4 Come let us praise the liv - ing God,



Je - sus has died and has ris - en.

Now we shall live for - ev - er.

joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - ior.



This text and tune were created together in the context of an ecumenical, charismatic, missionary Christian community in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Their energy and emphasis center in the opening and closing refrain's "Alleluia"—the essential Easter word of proclamation.

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1 Be-cause you live, O Christ, the gar-den of the world has come to
 2 Be-cause you live, O Christ, the spir-it bird of hope is freed for
 3 Be-cause you live, O Christ, the rain-bow of your peace will span cre -

flow - er; the dark-ness of the tomb is flood-ed with your
 fly - ing; our ca-ges of de-spair no lon-ger keep us
 a - tion; the col-ors of your love will draw all hu-man -

Refrain

res - ur-rec-tion pow-er.
 closed and life-de - ny - ing. The stone has rolled a-way and death can-kind
 to ad-o - ra - tion.

not im - pris - on! O sing this Eas - ter day, for Je - sus Christ has

This New Zealand author's text contains no familiar images of springtime to bolster its message, because Easter in the Southern Hemisphere comes in autumn. This hymn resulted both from her dissatisfaction with existing hymns and from her love of this exuberant Dutch tune.

TEXT: Shirley Erena Murray, 1987
 MUSIC: Dutch melody, 17th cent.; harm. Alice Parker, 1966
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VRUECHTEN
 6.11.6.11 with refrain
 (alternate harmonization, 244)



This Week at Downtown United Presbyterian

Tuesday, April 2

10:30 Bible Study via Zoom

Thursday, April 4

7:15 Worship Committee via Zoom

Sunday, April 7

9:45 Sunday Forum

10:00 Choir Warm-up

10:45 Nursery

11:00 Worship - Rev. Phil Davis

11:15 Sunday School

12:00 Coffee Hour in Sanctuary

Monday, April 8

Solar Eclipse ~ Building Closed

Tuesday, April 9

10:30 Bible Study via Zoom

6:30 Deacon Meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, April 10

4:00 DEIB Meeting via Zoom

7:00 Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 11

5:00 Finance Team Mtg via Zoom

7:30 Property Team Mtg via Zoom

Saturday, April 13

12:45 Justice League Mtg via Zoom

Sunday, April 14

9:45 Sunday Forum

10:00 Choir Warm-up

10:45 Nursery

11:00 Worship - Rev. Phil Davis

11:15 Sunday School

12:00 Coffee Hour in Sanctuary

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DUPC Sunday Forum Series

April 2024

What Are Our Tenants Doing?

Sundays, 9:45AM—Shaw Room

April 7

Spiritus Christi Ministries

Lauren Urzetta – Spiritus Christi Hospitality and Youth Minister

Come learn about Spiritus Christi's many ministries including a mental health center, a recovery house, prison outreach, anti-racism coalition, buddy readers, and ongoing work in Haiti and Mexico.

April 14

DUPC Building Tour

Eileen Dietsch, DOO and Staff

Ever wonder about spaces in our buildings seldom seen? Come take a grand tour.

April 21

Faith Groups at DUPC

Alan Dailey – UCLM (United Christian Leadership Ministry)

Rev. Fred Dicks – LIFFE (Love International Faith Fellowship Experience)

Eager to find out more about these two organizations?

This Sunday Forum will give you the chance to listen, learn, and ask questions.

April 28

The Problems with Plastics

Rochester Friends Meeting Earthcare Committee Members

Plastics are ubiquitous and problematic. The Quaker Earthcare Committee will share ways to reduce single use plastic, what plastics are recycled locally, and the health effects of plastics and microplastics. Efforts to regulate plastic use will also be discussed.

Welcome Visitors!

Nursery Care for children up to 2nd Grade is available in room C24.

Children not in nursery care will be invited forward during the "Time with Our Children and Youth" for a brief time with the pastor, and then will be taken up to their Sunday School room by their teacher. Parents are welcome to come up with their kids if they would like.

You may place your offering in the offering plates as they are passed. If you would like to donate online you can use the QR code to the right to make your contribution to the church.



+We seek to use diverse images and liberating language about divine presence in our services of worship. Please feel free to adapt the words in hymns and prayers as needed so that they express your faith.

This is a Hearing Loop equipped sanctuary – please switch your hearing aid to the "T" (telephone) position.

*** An asterisk indicates** "please rise in body or spirit."

We hope you will join us after worship for conversations and refreshments! Cookies and drinks are available in the front of the sanctuary.

^Joys and Concerns – If you have a joy or concern that you would like to lift in prayer today, please complete a Prayer Request slip (available by the worship bulletins) naming the person(s), situation or event, and any other information that you would like to be shared. The prayer requests will be collected during the hymn following the sermon and provided to the pastor.

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