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EASTER WORSHIP – He IS RISEN!

April 4, 2021 11:00 AM

Minister: The Reverend Courtney B. Cromie

PRELUDE “The Day of Resurrection”

Arranger: Victor Labenske

GREETING AND WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Like the women at the tomb, we come out of darkness and into your light

People: **We come out of emptiness to enter your fullness**

Leader: We come out of our hopelessness to find your joy

People: **We come out of our confusion to seek your peace**

Leader: We come far from home because we know we have been found

People: **We come at your invitation to celebrate your risen life and to praise you**

ALL: **Jesus Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed! Hallelujah**

HYMN CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia! Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Lives 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!

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!

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 OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Loving God, we confess that at times we do not share in the joy of the resurrection but are caught in the worries of the world. We confess that we do not always live in the spirit of new life but remain discontent, grumbling and anxious. Forgive us for not sharing in the Good News. Forgive us when we find it more comfortable to worry and complain than to risk the joy and encouragement of new life in Christ. Call us back to Your ways, O God, to seek hope and reconciliation, restoration and peace. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS / WAVING THE PEACE

A TIME FOR THOSE WHO ARE YOUNG

HYMN: CHRIST AROSE (Accompanied by Chimes Choir)

Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior, waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord! Up from the grave he arose; with a mighty triumph o'er his foes; he arose a victor from the dark domain, and he lives forever, with his saints to reign. He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Savior, vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord! Up from the grave he arose; with a mighty triumph o'er his foes; he arose a victor from the dark domain, and he lives forever, with his saints to reign. He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior; he tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord! Up from the grave he arose; with a mighty triumph o'er his foes; he arose a victor from the dark domain, and he lives forever, with his saints to reign. He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING John 18:1-18 (Responsive)

Leader: Early on Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. She ran and found Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved. She said, "They have taken the Lord's body out of the tomb, and we don't know where they put him!"

People: Peter and the other disciple started out for the tomb. They were both running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He stooped and looked in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he didn't go in.

Leader: Then Simon Peter arrived and went inside. He also noticed the linen wrappings lying there, while the cloth that had covered Jesus' head was folded up and lying apart from the other wrappings.

People: Then the disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in, and he saw and believed—for until then they still hadn't understood the Scriptures that said Jesus must rise from the dead. Then they went home.

Leader: Mary was standing outside the tomb crying, and as she wept, she stopped and looked in. She saw two white-robed angels, one sitting at the head and the other at the foot of the place where the body of Jesus had been lying. "Dear woman, why are you crying?" the angels asked her.

People: "Because they have taken away my Lord," she replied, "and I don't know where they have put him." She turned to leave and saw someone standing there. It was Jesus, but she didn't recognize him. "Dear woman, why are you crying?" Jesus asked her. "Who are you looking for?"

Leader: She thought he was the gardener. "Sir," she said, "if you have taken him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will go and get him." "Mary!" Jesus said.

People: She turned to him and cried out, "Rabboni!" (which is Hebrew for "Teacher"). "Don't cling to me," Jesus said, "for I haven't yet ascended to the Father. But go find my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

Leader: Mary Magdalene found the disciples and told them, "I have seen the Lord!" Then she gave them his message.

SPECIAL MUSIC “The Power of the Cross” - Choral Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING John 17-27 Jesus the Resurrection and the Life

17 When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. 18 Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, 19 and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. 20 When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. 21 Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. 22 But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” 23 Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” 24 Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” 25 Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, 26 and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” 27 She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

MEDITATION – “I AM the Resurrection and the Life”

HYMN HE LIVES

I serve a risen Saviour, He's in the world today. I know that He is living, whatever men may say. I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer, And just the time I need Him He's always near. He lives! He lives! Christ Jesus lives today! He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way. He lives! He lives! Salvation to impart! You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart.

In all the world around me I see His loving care, And though my heart grows weary I never will despair. I know that He is leading, thro' all the stormy blast; The day of His appearing will come at last. He lives! He lives! Christ Jesus lives today! He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way. He lives! He lives! Salvation to impart! You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart.

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian! Lift up your voice and sing Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ, the King! The Hope of all who seek Him, the Help of all who find, None other is so loving, so good and kind. He lives! He lives! Christ Jesus lives today! He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way. He lives! He lives! Salvation to impart! You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

DOXOLOGY Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

A POEM FOR EASTER SUNDAY

SPECIAL MUSIC “Because He Lives” Choral Choir (Congregation to join on Chorus)

Chorus: Because He lives, I can face tomorrow. Because He lives, all fear is gone. Because I know, He holds the future and life is worth the livin' just because He lives!

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.

HYMN CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS (Accompanied by Chimes Choir)

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne. Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own. Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave, and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save; his glories now we sing who died and rose on high, who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side, rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified; no angels in the sky can fully bear that sight, but downward bends their burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time, creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime. All hail, Redeemer, hail! for thou hast died for me; thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH FOR EASTER We believe in an amazing God, who surprises us on Easter morn, who has the last word on evil, who never gives up loving and working for good, who weeps at our Good Fridays, and transforms our tears into alleluias. We believe in the Risen Christ, not stuck in a tomb of despair nailed to a dead-end future, or buried in the past, but alive, and willing to walk with us on the ups and downs of our journey. We believe in the Holy Spirit the invisible presence the divine wind of joy, hope, and possibility. We believe the Spirit creates a community of compassion, justice and welcome so that the whole world may be filled with wonder and hope. We believe we are to live as an Easter people grinning with hope, contagious with joy, and boundless in love.

HYMN THINE BE THE GLORY, CONQUERING SON

Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son; endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won. Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave-clothes where Thy body lay. Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son; endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won.

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb. Lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom; let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, for her Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting. Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son; endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won.

No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of life!! Life is nought without Thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than conqu'rors, through Thy deathless love; Lead us in Thy triumph to Thy home above. Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son; endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Christ the Lord is Risen Today, Alleluia" Arranger Victor Labenske



ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP INSIDE every Sunday at 11 AM! - Worship is live-streamed on Facebook at 11 AM; Recordings of worship available at a later date.

Music Ministry Update: Choral Choir Rehearsal & Chimes' Rehearsals are Thursday evenings. All are invited to join the Singing/Choral Choir and/or the Chimes Choir. Do you play a musical instrument and want to share in worship? Contact Sharon Keyes, our Director of Music, for more information.

Bible Study and Tea, Wednesday, April 27 & May 11, 3 PM Lois Riggs will be leading Tea & Bible Study which meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 3 pm. Tea and English pastries served. To learn more information, speak to Lois Riggs. Join anytime.

Wednesday Night Bible Study, May 4 & May 13, 7:00 - 8:30 PM In-Person and Via Zoom – Come and study God's Word the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays with Pastor Courtney. To learn more, speak to Pastor Courtney, pastorcourtney@larisonscorner.org.

Food Drive for Those in Need – We can help struggling families in our community with food/item needs. Items Needed: cereal, pancake mix and syrup, peanut butter and jelly, mac and cheese, pasta and sauce, tuna, soup, Chef Boyardee, toilet paper, and paper towels. Please place donations in the bin outside the side entrance of the church. If you know of families that need help, please contact Kirkpatrick Presbyterian at 908.782.1177 or admin@kirkpatrickchurch.org. Kirkpatrick Presbyterian: 37 John Ringo Rd, Ringoes NJ, 08551 A donation box is here at Larison's Corner and we drop the items there later.

Per Capita – In support of Presbytery, Northeast Synod, and General Assembly Staff & Mission, we submit "dues or per capita" per member. To contribute, share \$40 and mark it for Per Capita. If possible, consider helping to cover other members who may not be able to. Any amount would be appreciated.

Prayer and Praise for a New Great Awakening: Celebrating George Whitefield Preaching to a Crowd of 5,000 at Amwell, 1740, Sunday, April 24 at 3 PM, Pleasant Ridge Cemetery (Site of the Original Amwell Presbyterian Church), Old York Road (Route 514), Ringoes, NJ Come join The Rev. John Potter for this program of prayer, hymns, and refreshments. Contact 908-303-6657 / johnfpotter@comcast.net

Larison's Corner Flea Market, May 7th, 9am – 2 pm - Our Corner Club is planning a Flea Market for Saturday, May 7th (Rain Date May 14). Spots are available for anyone who wants to sell items for \$20.00 each. Larison's Church will have a table if you want to donate just a few items for the church to sell. Hot Dogs, Water, and Bake Sale Items will also be "For Sale." Help is needed for setting-up on Friday, May 6th & 7th and for: Baking Baked Goods, Setting-Up Pop-Up Tents, Selling Food Items, Manning the Church Table, and Other Errands. To Sign-up for a "spot" for \$20, contact Ruth Chiesa at: 908.507.9757. And to help with clean-up, cooking, etc., please reach out to Ruth and John Chiesa, Kathy Kovacs or Lois Riggs.

Share Your Resources to Support the Ministry of Larison's Corner – Ways to Give: 1. Leave a gift in the worship offering via cash or check; 2. Mail in a gift via check to Larison's Corner Church, PO Box 348, Ringoes, NJ 08551; 3. Give Online through "Tithely" You can make an online gift, by visiting our website link at:

<https://larisonscorner.org/contributions/>. You may also give on Facebook in our "about" section or by clicking here:

<https://tithe.ly/give?c=4558529> - Once you are in Tithely, you can set up a one-time gift, ongoing gifts, or a special gift. **Give today by using your camera on your cell phone over the image to the right and following the link to make your donation.*



SAVE-THE-DATE - Pig Roast & Ice Cream Social, Saturday, June 11, 4-7PM.

Volunteers are needed to help make cole slaw, baked beans, and help with set-up & clean-up. See Lois Riggs for more info.

EASTER FLOWERS

Betty Jane Biache -in memory of Nick Biache

Linda & Bob Barton – in memory of Harold & Irene Grine, Sr.

John & Ruth Chiesa – in memory of Eugene & Mary Chiesa; Paul Burkholder

Debbie & Harry Cooley – in memory of "Family that have passed"

Courtney Cromie – in memory of Richard & Margaret Cromie; Harry & Margaret Cromie; Melvin & Catherine Good; Carol & Bob Williams; Pete Williams; Robert Cromie; Jennifer Ator Tallman

David & Barri-Lynn Everitt - in memory of Alice & Roger Everitt and Ed & Florence Cook

Dianne & Larry Fleming – in memory of Alice & Roger Everitt; Bev Fleming

Judy Grignon – in memory of Ken Totten

James Kellogg – to the Glory of God

The Kirby Family – in memory of Dennis "Pops" Tredinnick; Mark Praskac

Arlene Knaub in memory of Florence S. Smith

Sharon Keyes in memory of The Rev. William E. Keyes

Kathy & Tom Kovacs – in memory of Alice & Roger Everitt

Patty & Bill Kurylo – in memory of Roger & Alice Everitt; Joe & Lenora Kurylo; Barbara Kurylo, Caitlin Kurylo & Jan Gillberg

Marlene Lambert – in memory of Marian & Pat Esposito; Doris & Tom Lambert

Sue Mannino – in memory of Tony Mannino

Teresa Martin – in memory of Daniel Horstmann; Elizabeth Padden

Yoama Pons & Luz Pons – in memory of loved ones who have passed

Lois Riggs & Marilyn Bernier – in memory of Russel & Hazel Elfvin; Betty & Alan Sutphin

Charles & Joan Rogers – in memory of Harold B & Edna M Golden; Charles Golden; Carol Heberling; Sylvia Hassel; Charles & Marion Rogers

Session

(Session meetings are the second Tuesday at 7:30 pm)

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