



# **Easter Sunday**

**April 12, 2020 @ 10:00 am**

## **Church of The Cross**

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## WELCOME ALL

### WORDS OF WELCOME

#### CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>

Rev. Julie Peterson

Do not be afraid; I know you are looking for Jesus who was crucified.  
He is not here. He has been raised!

**Alleluia!**

Come, with amazement and great joy. Come, with wonder and praise.

**Let us proclaim the good news!**

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen, indeed!**

#### OPENING HYMN

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

*with recorded version from 2019*

**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 God, Alleluia!**

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>1</sup>

**We confess, O Risen Christ, we need your resurrection more than ever.**

**We need your new life. Guide us to find your seeds of new life in the midst of the pandemic we face. Call us to perceive where the stone is being rolled away. Break us open to the world, even while we keep ourselves safe.**

**Remind us the Resurrection, the New Life in You, begins here and now**

**with us. Help us to boldly declare – Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen, Indeed.**

#### OUR SILENT CONFESSION

#### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

OUR SUNG RESPONSE

“Every Morning is Easter Morning”

*Chorus* **Ev'ry morning is Easter morning from now on**  
**Ev'ry day's resurrection day, the past is over and gone**

**Good-bye guilt good-bye fear, good riddance, hello Lord, hello sun**  
**I am one of the Easter people, my new life has begun**

*Chorus*

**Daily news is so bad it seems the Good News seldom gets heard**  
**Get it straight from the Easter people, God's in charge spread the word**

*Chorus*

**Yesterday I was bored and lonely, but today look and see**  
**I belong to the Easter people, life's exciting to me**

*Ending*

**Ev'ry morning is Easter morning, Ev'ry morning is Easter morning**  
**Ev'ry morning is Easter morning, From now on**

PASSING THE PEACE

“Dona Nobis Pacem”

*(Grant us Peace)*

## SHARE GOD'S LOVE

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

“Jesus Loves Me”

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 10:34-43

This is the word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 28:1-10

This is the word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Everything has Changed”

Rev. Julie Peterson

## OFFER HOPE ...IN JESUS' NAME

HYMN

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

*Chorus* **Alleluia, alleluia Give thanks to the Risen Lord**  
**Alleluia, alleluia Give praise to His Name**

**Jesus is Lord of all the earth, He is the King of creation ~ *Chorus***

**Spread the good news o'er all the earth, Jesus has died and has risen ~ *Chorus***

**We have been crucified with Christ, Now we shall live forever ~ *Chorus***

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH<sup>2</sup>

**“We believe in God – who brings Easter into our Good Friday worlds.  
Easter turns doubts upside down, sets loose new possibilities, reveals  
a God stronger than death, a love mightier than despair.**

**We believe Easter brings us the risen Christ, who knows our wounds,  
forgives our denials, sends us out to love and serve; who is not bound  
by a period in history but finds us wherever we journey; who receives our  
questions, speaks a word of peace, and causes our hearts to be warmed.**

**We believe Easter releases the Holy Spirit—the invisible presence of God at  
work in our world bringing reconciliation instead of hatred, creating  
communities of support in the face of senseless tragedy, causing us to  
walk with joy in our steps, hope in the our hearts, and a song on our lips.**

**We believe in the power of resurrection at work in our world!”**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

### PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### HYMN OF PREPARATION “Let Us Break Bread Together”

*Chorus* **When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun  
O Lord have mercy on me**

**Let us break bread together on our knees**

**Let us break bread together on our knees ~ *Chorus***

**Let us drink wine together on our knees**

**Let us drink wine together on our knees ~ *Chorus***

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

### INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

... Alleluia is not just a word, it’s a way of living...

**How many ways can we share ‘Alleluia!’?**

When the table is set for all... **Alleluia**

When the hungry are fed... **Alleluia**

When peace is celebrated... **Alleluia**

When the Holy Spirit brings our hearts together in the midst of ‘stay at home’... **Alleluia**

When neighbors extend care to one another... **Alleluia**

When we discover new ways of being Christ’s faithful... **Alleluia**

When the power and simplicity of faith is lived... **Alleluia and Alleluia!**

## GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

May the peace and presence of the Lord be with us.

**We lift our hearts to God!**

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God not just today, but always.

**Thanks be to God, day after day after day.**

We thank you, Creator God for making us in your image, and breathing into us the breath of life. When we turned away, our love failing, and our bodies diseased, you reached out to us again and again, providing healing, wholeness, and new life.

When the flood came, **You provided an ark.**

When the plagues came, **You provided safety.**

When evening came, **You provided a pillar of fire.**

When exile came, **You provided a new song.**

When fear and uncertainty cloud our vision, **You sing calm into our hearts.**

Your love is always and forever steadfast. **Day after day after day.**

And so with your people on earth, and all the company of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord! God of power and might!**

**Heaven and Earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the Highest!**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest!**

You are holy, O God of Majesty and blessed is Jesus Christ, our Lord, whom you sent to save us. He came with healing in his touch and was wounded for our sins. He came with mercy in his voice, and was mocked as one despised. He came with peace in his heart, met with violence and death. By your power he broke free from the prison of the tomb, and at his command the gates of hell were opened.

**The One who was dead now lives.**

**The One who humbled himself is raised to rule over all creation.**

**The One ascended on high is with us always, as he promised.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered in your Spirit throughout your world, and upon these your gifts of bread and wine. By your Spirit make us one with Christ so we may be one with all who share this feast, united in ministry in every place. In this season of ‘staying safe, staying at home,’ remind us we are never spiritually distant from You, nor each other, for we belong to You, Healer of the World, day after day after day.

**Holy Spirit use us to bring healing and reconciliation in Jesus name as we ‘gather’—one in Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world. Amen!**

## COMMUNING TOGETHER

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Holy One, we celebrate your gracious love! Nourished in your Name, we are now strengthened in our resolve to care for your people. As we continue in these uncertain times, may we know Christ's redemptive love and live this new life in him. Give us, who are fed at his hand, grace to share our bread with the hungry and the hungry of heart. Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final victory. In gratitude for your grace, in celebration of this Holy Day of Resurrection, we praise you Holy God of all that was and is and is to come. Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

**"Thine is the Glory"**

**Thine is the glory, risen conquering Son;  
Endless is the victory, Thou o'er death hast won.  
Angels in bright raiment, rolled the stone away,  
Kept the folded grave clothes, where Thy Body lay.  
Thine is the glory risen conquering Son;  
Endless is the victory, 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 the Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.  
Thine is the glory risen conquering Son;  
Endless is the victory, Thou o'er death hast won,**

**No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!  
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife.  
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;  
Bring us safe through Jordan, to thy home above.  
Thine is the glory risen conquering Son;  
Endless is the victory, Thou o'er death hast won.**

BENEDICTION

<sup>1</sup>Call to Worship 53.1 ©2019 Office of Theology & Worship Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) p94, 86

<sup>2</sup>Rev. Meghan Davis Young, Congregational Church of Tryon (UCC), North Carolina (<http://ucctryon.org/>)

Welcome All  
Share God's Love  
Offer Hope  
... all in Jesus' name



## DO YOU HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?

*If you have a prayer request, please email or text Pastor Julie.*

## WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR...

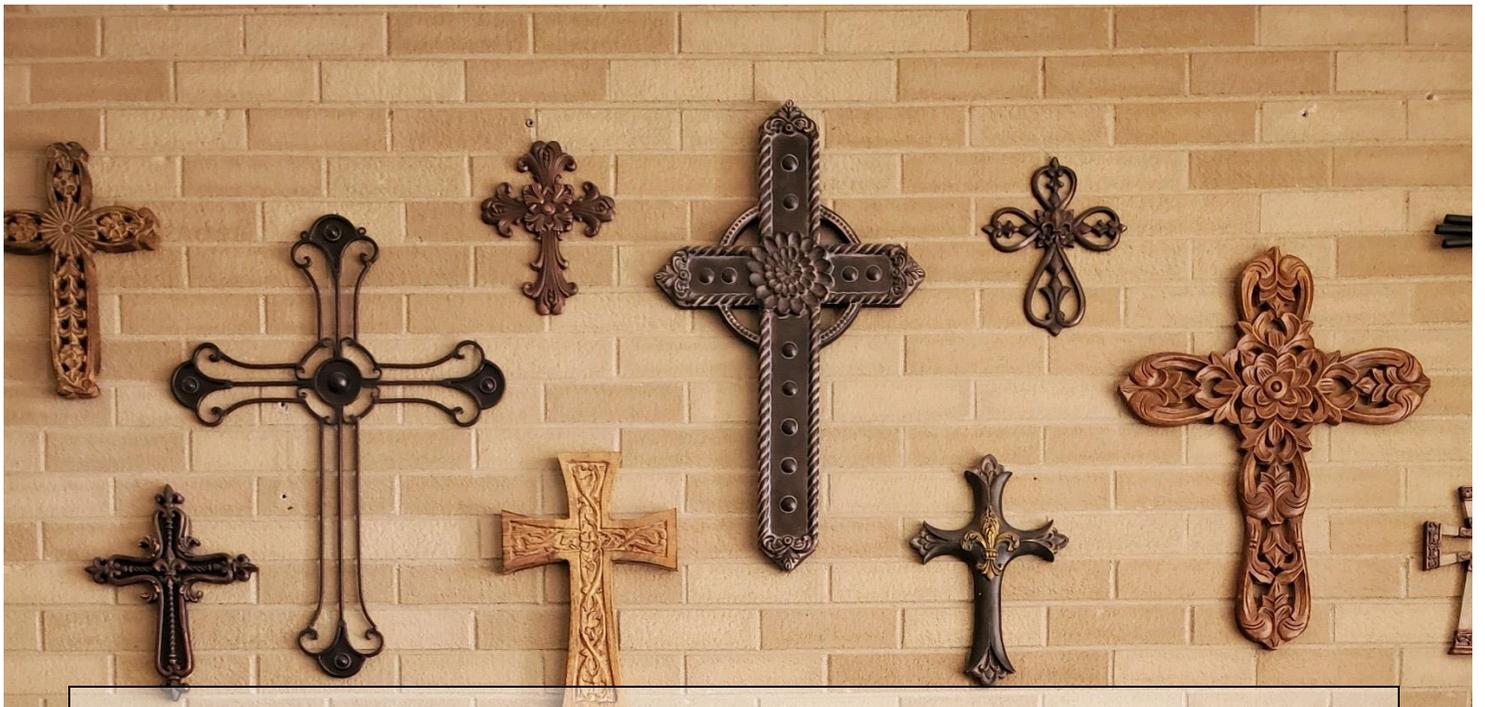
**Avonne** (Laura's mother)  
**Ed** (Terri H)  
**Linda A** (sister of Judy M)  
**Mary Lou A** (friend of Larry/Dawn)  
**Connie & Ed** (friends of Karen)  
**Sushma B**  
**Mildred B**  
**Mary Ann B**  
**Virgil B** (friend of Karen)  
**Andree C**  
**Becky C** (former member)  
**Chuck C**  
**Patrick C** (Stu/Marie's son-in-law)  
**Renee C** (Laura's sister-in-law)  
**Jim C** (Mary Ann's son-in-law)  
**Linda D** (Jim/ Sue's relative)  
**Betty F** (Chris L's mother)  
**Shawn F** (Karen F's son)  
**Jack and Donna F** (uncle/aunt of Sue L)  
**Karen F**  
**Adelaide G**  
**Bruce & Linda G** (friends of Stu/Marie)  
**Nick G** (Stu/Marie's grandson)  
**Ricky G** (Sue/Joe's nephew)  
**Rita H** (Jim/Ann's relative)

**Jessica** (Charlie/Nancy's niece)  
**Steve** (Jane's brother)  
**Jim/Cheryl L** (Ken/Pat's son-in-law/daughter)  
**Al M** (Pastor Julie's cousin)  
**Glenna M**  
**Judy M**  
**Klee** (Fritz/Fay's son)  
**Kofi M** (Adelaide's family friend)  
**Lisa M** (Karen's daughter)  
**Steve M**  
**Dick McW** (Ann M's brother)  
**Noah** (nephew of Adelaide's son-in-law)  
**Jann P** (Jeff's father)  
**Susan Q** (Ann S's boss)  
**John R**  
**Ann S**  
**Larry V** (Jim V's father)  
**April V** (Chris V's cousin)  
**Caregivers**  
**Communities impacted by natural disasters**  
**Those devastated by terrorism**  
**Families of suicide loss**  
**Those who grieve**  
**Our World which is spinning with the  
tragedy of the COVID-19 pandemic**



# Easter Flower Dedications

- Larry & Dawn Amos..... In loving memory of our parents
- John and Marilyn Baker ..... In honor of Lois R. Baker and June A. Cameron
- John and Marilyn Baker ..... In memory of Bonnie Coddington
- Jim and Susan Buchholz..... In memory of Ruth Buchholz
- Jim and Susan Buchholz..... In memory of Justin & Ina Lauzon
- Mary Ekstrom ..... In memory of Bob Ekstrom
- Karen M. Franz..... In memory of my parents, Marie and Leonard Spencer
- Bob Groenewold..... In honor of my family
- Pat and Ken Groenewold..... In memory of our parents
- Pat and Ken Groenewold..... In honor of Pastor Julie and Jeff
- Nancy & Charlie Keppel ..... To the Glory of God
- Nancy & Charlie Keppel ..... In memory of our parents
- Jane Lesch..... To the Glory of God
- Mike and Chris Lorentz..... To the Glory of God
- Hank and Glenna Morgan..... In memory of our parents
- Jim and Ann Moorman ..... In honor of our children and grandson, Aaron, Kim and  
RJ Moorman and Elizabeth Moorman
- Jim and Ann Moorman ..... In honor of our extended family
- Jim and Ann Moorman ..... In memory of our parents, Bob and Ruth Moorman
- Jim and Ann Moorman ..... In memory of our parents, Dick and Margaret McWilliams
- Jeff and Julie Peterson ..... In memory of Amy Peterson
- Jeff and Julie Peterson ..... In memory of Earl & Betty Nelson and Roger Nelson
- George Rogers ..... In memory of Joan Rogers
- Stu and Marie Rutter..... In memory of Lela and Ed de Beaumont
- Stu and Marie Rutter..... In memory of Ruth and Stuart Rutter
- Stu and Judie Truelsen..... In memory of our parents, George & Margaret Truelsen  
and Frank & Josephine Poznanski
- John and Cheryl Wilkins ..... In honor of Church of the Cross
- Cathy Walker ..... In honor of my mom, Doris Swift, who turned 90 in March



Thank you for ordering Easter Flowers  
We wish you a day of peace, love and bliss

