

Grace United Church of Christ



EASTER SUNDAY
Sunday, April 12, 2020

ONLINE VIRTUAL SERVICE

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WORSHIP & HOLY COMMUNION
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We Gather

Prelude

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"
from *Lyra Davidica* (1708), arr. James Mansfield

Jonas Dawson

Greeting

Opening Prayer

Lighting the Paschal Candle

The Light of Christ rises in glory,
overcoming the darkness of sin and death.

Processional Hymn

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

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Easter Proclamation

The Exultet

Response: **Rejoice heavenly powers! Sing choir of angels!**
Jesus Christ, our King is risen!

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!

We Listen

Reading	Acts 10: 34-43	
Special Music	"A Song of Life" Lani Smith (2015)	Jonas Dawson
Gospel	Matthew 28: 1-10	
Sermon		Rev. Rob Apgar-Taylor
Special Music	Resurrection Medley" arr. Mark Hayes	Jonas Dawson

We Respond

Pastoral Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

**ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Leader: ...And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**ALL: Christ has died
Christ is risen
Christ will come again.**

Leader: ...Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Sharing of the Elements

Blessing after Communion

God of us all, In the gift of bread and cup we celebrate your presence in our church and in our lives. As your presence unites us in the gift of this holy meal, so we know that in your love we are united wherever we are. Keep true in us that same spirit that has united the Church throughout all generations and bring us soon into physical communion, through that same spirit, which is Christ, the Lord. Amen.

We are Sent

Announcements

Blessing

Closing Hymn

“This Easter Celebration”

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Dismissal

Postlude

"Alleluia Toccata"
Fenton Groden (b. 1982)

Jonas Dawson

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# This Easter Celebration

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2020

Aurelia

Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864

1. This Eas - ter ce - le - bra - tion is not like ones we've known.  
2. No gath - ered choirs are sing - ing; no ban - ners lead the way.  
3. Our joy won't come from wor - ship that's in a crowd - ed room  
4. In all the grief and suf - fer - ing, may we re - mem - ber well:  
5. We thank you that on Eas - ter, your church is blessed to be

We pray in i - so - la - tion, we sing the hymns a - lone.  
O God of love and prom - ise, where's joy this Eas - ter Day?  
but from the news of wom - en who saw the emp - ty tomb.  
Christ suf - fered cru - ci - fix - ion and faced the powers of hell.  
a scat - tered, faith - ful bo - dy that's do - ing mi - ni - stry.

We're dis - tant from our neigh - bors— from wor - ship lead - ers, too.  
With sanc - tu - a - ries emp - ty, may homes be - come the place  
Our joy comes from di - sci - ples who ran with haste to see—  
Each Eas - ter bears the pro - mise: Christ rose that glo - rious day!  
In homes and in the pla - ces of help and heal - ing, too,

No flo - wers grace the chan - cel to set a fes - tive mood.  
we pon - der re - sur - rec - tion and ce - le - brate your grace.  
who heard that Christ is ris - en, and then, by grace, be - lieved.  
Now no - thing in cre - a - tion can keep your love a - way.  
we live the Eas - ter mes - sage by glad - ly serv - ing you.



## Daily Bible Readings

**Sunday, April 5, 2020: Liturgy of the Palms**

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 • Matthew 21:1-11

**Sunday, April 5, 2020: Liturgy of the Passion**

Isaiah 50:4-9a • Psalm 31:9-16 • Philippians 2:5-11 •  
Matthew 26:14-27:66 or Matthew 27:11-54

**Monday, April 6, 2020: Monday of Holy Week**

Isaiah 42:1-9 • Psalm 36:5-11 • Hebrews 9:11-15 •  
John 12:1-11

**Tuesday, April 7, 2020: Tuesday of Holy Week**

Isaiah 49:1-7 • Psalm 71:1-14 • 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 • John 12:20-36

**Wednesday, April 8, 2020: Wednesday of Holy Week**

Isaiah 50:4-9a • Psalm 70 • Hebrews 12:1-3 • John 13:21-32

**Thursday, April 9, 2020: Maundy Thursday**

Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14 • Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 •  
1 Corinthians 11:23-26 • John 13:1-17, 31b-35

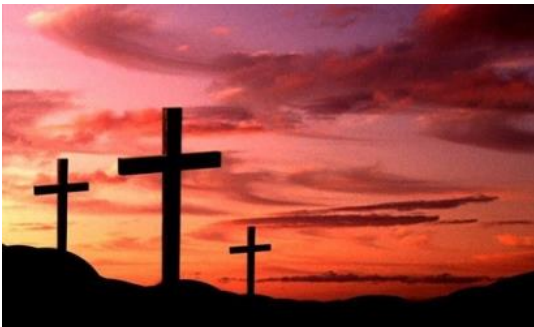
**Friday, April 10, 2020: Good Friday**

Isaiah 52:13-53:12 • Psalm 22 • Hebrews 10:16-25 or  
Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9 • John 18:1-19:42

**Saturday, April 11, 2020: Holy Saturday**

Job 14:1-14 or Lamentations 3:1-9, 19-24 • Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16 •  
1 Peter 4:1-8 • Matthew 27:57-66 or John 19:38-42





### **Sunday, April 12, 2020: Easter Vigil**

Old Testament Readings and Psalms

Genesis 1:1-2:4a and Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26

Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13

and Psalm 46

Genesis 22:1-18 and Psalm 16

Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21

and Exodus 15:1b-13, 17-18

Isaiah 55:1-11 and Isaiah 12:2-6

Baruch 3:9-15, 3:32-4:4 or Proverbs 8:1-8, 19-21; 9:4b-6 and Psalm 19

Ezekiel 36:24-28 and Psalm 42, 43

Ezekiel 37:1-14 and Psalm 143

Zephaniah 3:14-20 and Psalm 98

New Testament Reading and Psalm

Romans 6:3-11 and Psalm 114

Gospel

Matthew 28:1-10

### **Sunday, April 12, 2020: Resurrection of the Lord**

Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6 • Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 •

Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43 • John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10

### **Sunday, April 12, 2020: Easter Evening**

Isaiah 25:6-9 • Psalm 114 •

1 Corinthians 5:6b-8 • Luke 24:13-49





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### SUNDAY WORSHIP – 11:00 AM

Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of every month.

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Scripture Reader: ONLINE  
Children's Message: N/A  
Children's Church: N/A  
Altar Guild: N/A

*If you would like to serve as a greeter, or host fellowship time after worship,  
please add your name to the sign up sheet in the Good Shepherd Room.*

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