The United Church of Christ, Congregational Burlington, MA

EASTER SUNDAY

"We gather for worship, study, planning and mission to celebrate the life, teachings, death and living presence of Jesus Christ which frees us to love boldly and to serve gladly as God would want us to do."

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Arewword of Beginning

Do not be afraid the is Risen

Cross Decorating "All are invited to come forward and decorate the cross with flowers prior to worship."

Prelude Water Music Suite No. 2 by G. F. Handel

UCC Burlington Sax Quartet

Declaration of Good News - Isaiah 65:17-19, 24

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered

the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.

But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating,

for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy and its people as a delight.

I will rejoice in Jerusalem and delight in my people;

April 20, 2025

no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it or the cry of distress.

Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear.

Processional Hymn

The Strife is O'er

NCH #242 v. 1-2

Words of Welcome

*Call to Worship

One: Easter begins in despair. Our life, our love, our hope, forever dead, bottled up

in a cave.

Who will roll away the stone? All:

One: Easter takes us by surprise, early in the morning. The obstacles we expect to face are removed. Where once death and despair laid locked in time, now the bright light of

hope sprouts wings to fly from emptiness. It is, at first, too good to be true.

Where have you laid him? All:

One: When faced with a miracle, our first reflex is to run.

All: Be not afraid.

One: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth who was crucified.

He is risen; he is not here. All:

One: See the place where they laid him. But go your way. Tell his disciples that he goes before you into Galilee.

There you shall see him. All:

One: Suddenly the realization dawns. It may rise as quietly as the sun creeping over the horizon, or it may explode like fireworks, painting the world with color and light. We recognize the One who was dead as he comes to life in us.

Christ is risen, risen indeed! Alleluia! All:

One: And all who encounter the Risen One, whether gently roused by the sunrise or surprised by the sudden burst of joy, will rejoin the resurrection procession one by one, slipping into step, some of us singing, some of us silently soaking it in, and all of us feeling like dancing!

Alleluia! Christ is risen, risen indeed! All:

*Opening Hymn

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

NCH #233

*Opening Prayer

Gracious Redeemer, we come to you in the morning of the resurrection. We expect to find you among the tombs, the grave places, the dead things of this world, but you are alive. The tomb cannot hold you; death cannot bind you. You lift the shroud of death and despair from our hearts and send us running with shouts of joy to proclaim the Good News of new life and hope to the ends of the earth. Grant that we might live in newness of life, that we might ourselves know the power of resurrection, now and in the world to come. In the name of the risen Christ we pray. Amen.

Passing the Peace

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain *Devotional Hymn

NCH #230

Reflecting & Praying ...

Scripture Readings Luke 24:1-12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went 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 the hands of 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.

Sermon

Constant Change

Rev. Andrew Harris

Anthem

That Easter Day With Joy was Bright by Hal Hopson

Pastoral Prayer

Committing...

Stewardship Invitation

Half of the offering will go to National Ministries of the United Church of Christ's Disaster Ministries to support victims of Los Angeles Wildfires.

Offertory

Ubi Caritas by Maurice Durufle

UCC Burlington Sax Quartet

*Doxology

Lyrics adapted by William Abernethy; tune NCH #780

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication and Consecration

Going ...

*Closing Hymn

The Day of Resurrection

NCH #245

*Benediction

Postlude

Jupiter by Gustav Holst

UCC Burlington Sax Quartet

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CHURCH VISION STATEMNT Adopted February 2017:

At the UCC Burlington, we cultivate a thriving environment, which empowers us to embody the beloved, diverse community that Jesus modeled for us, proclaiming that *all are welcome, all are loved*. We celebrate our colonial roots as we change, adapt and grow into who God is calling us to be. We respect the sanctity of each person's spiritual journey and we are blessed by the gifts that each person brings to the life of the church. We join together in faithful service and advocacy with the ongoing hope that we can make the world a better, more just, and peaceful place for everyone.

WORSHIP PARTICIPATION

Pastor: Rev. Andrew Harris

Organist: Brian Gionet

Guest Musicians: UCC Burlington Sax Quartet

Lay Leader: Marcia Rich Head Usher: Dave McNeil

Ushers: Chris Stahlinski and Volunteers

Greeter: Volunteer

Flowers: Easter Plants from the Congregation

Collector: Dick Butler Nursery: Kate Smith

Sunday School: Deb Raymond-Donna Ferro

Join us on Sunday mornings at 10:30am for worship. Children leave for Sunday School at 10:45am. Nursery Care provided for the little ones.

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EASTER PLANTS GIVEN IN MEMORY/CELEBRATION/HONOR OF:

Aline Beck All my Loved Ones

Dick and Karen Butler Our Parents and Brother

Joyce Carpenter All our Loved Ones Rob and Jan Costa Friends and Family

Lucy DamianiLoved OnesNancy DavisLoved OnesEby FamilyLoved Ones

Fong Family Gim and Fay Fong and Ray and Mary Liu

Garside Family Husband and Father - Fred, Son and Brother - Tim

Harris Family Vincent Mazzarella and Janet Cooper Killilea Family Our Loved Ones past and present

David and Barbara Leonard Our Loved Ones

Kari Lynch My Aunt Evelyn and Loved Ones

Jan McSheffrey Charlie & Ruth McSheffrey and Janice Corso

Barbara Naddaff Celebration
Raymond Family Dear Jane

Marcia Rich Loved Ones. All the good things happening in this church!

Stahlinski Family Our Loved Ones Sonja and Matt Tierson Loved Ones

Lynn and Lee Tirrell Great Granddaughters, Mackenzie, Olivia, Ellie

Nancy Todd My Parents

Tredeau Family Life of Meredith Tredeau

Marge Zamanian Loved Ones
Ioan Zink Daughter, Jen

PLANT/BAKE/CRAFT EVENT MAY 10TH 10-2PM

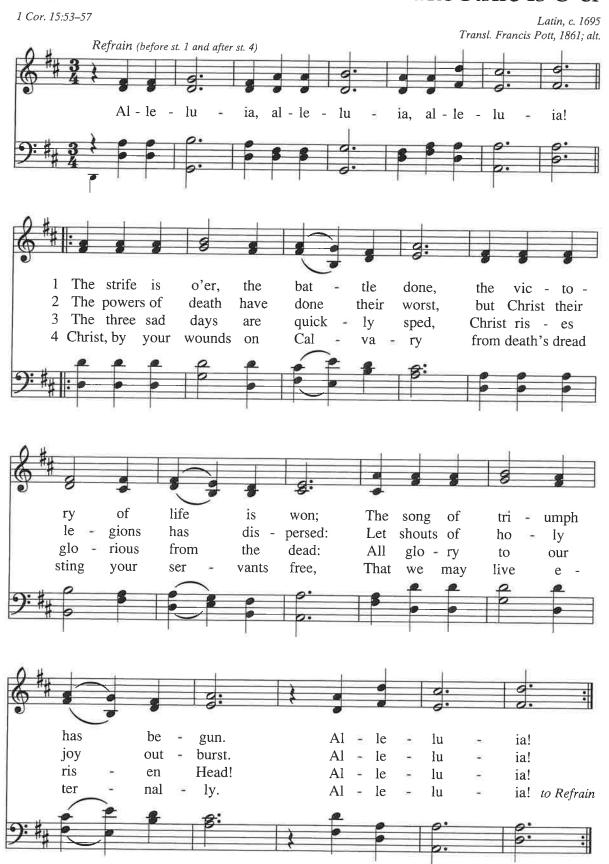


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JUST IN TIME FOR MOTHER'S DAY!

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The Strife Is O'er



A seventeenth-century Jesuit collection published in Cologne, Germany, is the earliest known source of this Latin hymn. The hymn is firmly associated with this musical setting from a Magnificat by the Italian composer Palestrina.

Tune: VICTORY 8.8.8. with alleluias Giovanni Perluigi da Palestrina, 1591 Arr. William H. Monk, 1861

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Christ the Lord Is Risen Today



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

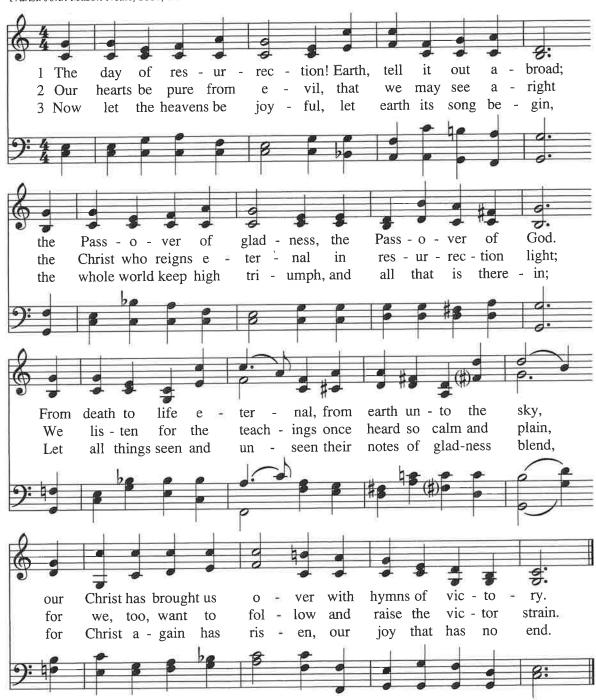
Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

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The Day of Resurrection

John of Damascus, 8th century Transl. John Mason Neale, 1862; alt. Mark 16:1-6



A Greek canon—an extended poem of eight or nine odes, each based on a scriptural canticle—was the source of this hymn. John of Damascus gave up a high government position to enter a monastery.

Tune: LANCASHIRE 7.6.7.6.D. Henry T. Smart, 1836