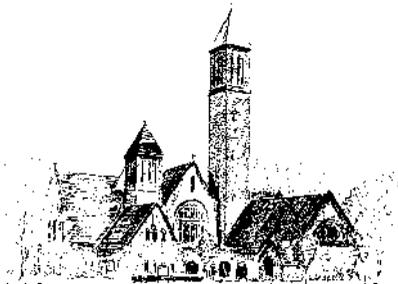




He is Risen!





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EASTER SUNDAY THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD APRIL 21, 2019

*Wherever ♦ appears, you are asked to stand if you are able to do so.
Text in **bold print** indicates congregational responses.*

PRELUDE

Festival Prelude for Brass & Organ

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Dr. Kenneth E. Hughes

CHORAL INTROIT

“Fanfare for Easter”

Lloyd Pfautsch

Christ the Lord breaks the bonds of death, lives again and will forever reign! He is here in all his risen glory. Let all men lift their voices. To the Lord we will sing the blessed song of the angels; Gloria in excelsis Deo!

♦CALL TO WORSHIP

Rejoice and be glad: **This is the day that the Lord has made!**

Rejoice and be glad: **Heaven and earth will never be the same!**

Rejoice and be glad: **Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

♦HYMN 113

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!”

Llanfair

♦PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray:

Alleluia! We praise you, O God, for the power of your saving love revealed in the resurrection of our Lord. We await with gladness your new heaven and new earth. As you have raised Jesus from the dead give to us the gift of everlasting life, that we may worship you forever; through Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

CONFESSON OF PARDON

God has opened to us the gates of righteousness that we may enter through them. Confident in God’s love, let us confess our sin.

(Sung) Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

We have not lived as Easter people. We are unsure of your promise, confused about your will, and afraid in the face of danger. Like Mary, we weep at the tomb, but do not recognize your presence. Call us by name, risen Lord, that we may know you.

Whenever we are tempted to fear death, give us courage to confess your Easter victory. Whenever we are overwhelmed by evil, reveal again to us your triumph over destructive powers. Forgive us our sin and let our lives be a testimony to your salvation through the love of God and by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Listen, church: God who raised Jesus from the dead has not given us over to death. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE/DRESSING OF THE CROSS

Elder Maria Oakley

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 25:6-9

OT page 652

ANTHEM

In Joseph's Lovely Garden

arr. Clarence Dickson

In Joseph's lovely garden the Lord Christ's tomb was made, and there his broken body to rest was gently laid. A great rock strongly sealed it, that Death might have full sway; but God sent down his angel, to roll the stone away. When dawn was faintly breaking across the garden fair, three women entered weeping, bearing spices rare. Then spake the guardian angel, in shining raiment bright, He whom ye seek is risen, and Death is vanquished quite! O angel of the garden, descend to us today, and comfort all our sadness, and drive death's fear away. We all are sorrow laden speak to our hearts we pray, "He whom ye love is risen, and lives with Christ always!" O Jesus, blest redeemer, all praise to thee we bring; No power of death could hold thee, Our Saviour, Lord, and King! As Thou hast ris'n all glorious, may we one day arise, o'er sin and death victorious, in thy blest paradise.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24, selected verses

NT page 90

EASTER MEDITATION

"Miracle Road"

Dr. Hughes

◇HYMN 108

"Christ Is Alive!"

Truro

◇EASTER AFFIRMATION

Living God, hear our declaration of faith and prayer: **Before we call, you answer, O Lord.**

Before we speak, you know our words.

Let there be joy in Jerusalem, and peace among all nations.

Let sounds of weeping and cries of distress turn to shouts of joy and laughter.

Let infants grow and thrive;

Let the old dance like children.

Let every person find a home and enjoy the fruit of their labor.

Let the wolf and the lamb live in peace; let no one hurt or destroy another.

Show us, O God, the holy mountain you have prepared, the new heaven and new earth you have promised, so that we may be glad and rejoice in your presence forever; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERTORY

God has given us life in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. In gratitude, let us offer our hearts and the fruit of our labor to God's service.

OFFERTORY

Tantum ergo

José Maria Beobide

There fore we, before Him bending, this great Sacrament revere; Types and shadows have their ending, for the newer rite is here; Faith, our outward sense befriending, makes our inward vision clear. Glory let us give and blessing to the Father and the Son, honor, thanks, and praise addressing, while eternal ages run; ever too His love confessing who, from Both, with Both is One. Amen.

◇DOXOLOGY WITH ALLELUIAS

Lasst uns erfreuen

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below, Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

◇PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, by your grace, accept the fruit of our labor and the offering of our lives in union with our risen Lord who lives and reigns with you forever. **Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor continues in prayer, then says: On this first day of the week we await the coming of your new creation, when we will be glad and rejoice forever, singing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. God of pow'r and might.

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hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na

14
in the high - est! Bless - ed is he who comes in the

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name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Pastor concludes prayer: In response to these great acts of our Triune God, Father, Son, and

Holy Spirit, let us say with confidence and reverence, the prayer Jesus taught all his disciples:

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.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION ANTHEM

The Lily of the Valley

E. N. Anderson

*There is the breath of lilies in the air
And pausing midst the Easter blossoms fair
I send thee, not the lilies, but my prayer:
May Jesus be
Sweeter than lilies' fragrance flow'rs unto Thee.*

*So weary of these fading flow'rs thou art?
Then may that Lily, blooming in thine heart,
Its everlasting loveliness impart.
May Jesus be
The "Lily of the Valley" unto Thee.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

◇HYMN 123

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

Easter Hymn

◇CHARGE & BENEDICTION

◇POSTLUDE

"Symphony V: Toccata"

Charles-Marie Widor



First Church Choir

Director, Dr. David Bond

soprano

Katherine Miner
Adrienne Tworek-Gryta

alto

Denise Blackmore
Karen Frieder
Deborah Linton

tenor

Phil Sims
Alfonzo Tyson

bass

Gregg Borland
Victor Schuel
Frank Wesselenyi

The Brass Quartet is Tim Clarke and Joe Parisi, trumpets; Phil Sims and Alan Janaecke, trombones. Financing for their performance was provided by the Haskin Music Fund. If you'd like see this kind of performance continue, donations to the fund are gratefully accepted.

The Easter flowers in the Chancel are given to the glory of God and...

The Barry Family wishes a Happy Easter to all!

To the congregation of First Presbyterian Church, by Mae Hairston.

In honor of the ministry of Ken & Pam Hughes, by Tim & Jean Hess.

He is Risen Indeed! by Emmy Lou Hock

To Leroy Jenkins and Family, from Nikia Jenkins.

In loving memory of Pat Brown.

In loving memory of Rev. Don Garrett.

In loving memory of Rev. Dr. Philip S. Gittings.

In loving memory of Carletta Livingston

In loving memory of Donna Majewski

In loving memory of Don & Paula Standart.

In loving memory of our grandparents, by Christina & Chuck Banas.

In loving memory of Ramona M. Blackmore, by Denise A. Blackmore.

In loving memory of Karen Bowen & Elsie Bowen, by Betsy Bowen.

In loving memory always of Dr. George & Sunny Brady, by Ann Brady.

In loving memory of Richard & Margaret Cox.

In loving memory of Norman Gibbon, & Carl & Ida Axberg.

In loving memory of our parents, by Roch & Pat Harmon.

In loving memory of Sig Potembski, by Roch & Pat Harmon.



In loving memory of our parents and grandparents, by The Henry Family.

*In loving memory Ann & Joseph Bernecky, Suzanne Hess, Nancy Setzer, Linda R. Magavern,
by Tim & Jean Hess.*

In loving memory of Edna Chatman, love Cathleen & Nikia Jenkins.

In loving memory of Lucille Moore, from Leroy & Nikia Jenkins.

In loving memory of my two grandmothers, by Nikia Jenkins.

*In loving memory of Terry Kamke; Pete & Annis Savage; Addie & Dave Cook, & Pat Brown,
by the Kamke Family.*

In loving memory of my parents, Walter & Jessie Lee, by James E. Lee.

In loving memory of Mary Ann McKeel & Eric Walton, by Jim & Gail McKeel.

In memory of Melody Chivizhe (Amai Leona), our beloved aunt, faithful friend, and sister.

Rest in peace. From Lynn Nyazika, Judith Paradzai & The Mulligans.

*In loving memory of parents: Vincent O'Neil, Ruth Garrison, Kirby F. Snyder,
& Gladys Leighton, by Sue & Kirby Snyder.*

In loving memory of Gertrude M. & John V. Wadsworth, M.D., by their family.

In loving memory of Dr. John M. Wadsworth, by his family.

In loving memory of Linda K. Wadsworth, by her family.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2019

Today's liturgist is Jean Hess.

SPRING NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Monday, April 29

PASTOR'S VACATION SCHEDULE

Dr. Hughes will be on vacation from this afternoon through Sunday, April 28. Pastoral care coverage will be provided by Rev. John Long (877-6896)

JOYS & CONCERNS

- Judy, for peace
- Laurie B., for guidance for health issues and transportation problems.
- Doug Bieger recovering from a cardiac incident
- Paul M. for successful treatment to avoid an organ transplant
- Kevin M. for improved mobility and less pain
- José Gomez undergoing liver cancer treatment
- Dale B., recovering from a traumatic brain injury.
- Roch & Pat Harmon
- Susan Cummings
- Alan McCausland
- Jeff Wichtowski
- John Burgess
- Bob Kerwin
- Elaine Tinch
- Ramona Brown

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl ministry group meets Mondays at 6:30 PM at the Eggertsville-Snyder Library (4622 Main St. in Snyder just past Harlem Rd.) Anyone is welcome, and yarn can be provided.

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION BASKET RAFFLE

What theme will you have for the basket raffle on Mother's Day, May 12? What would you like to win? Picture frames, CDs, prayer shawl supplies, barbecue things, hot pads and recipes, birthday party— the list is endless!

Household Prayer: Morning

God of endless life, in the light of this new day we see the dawning of your new creation. Give us wonder and delight to enjoy this day that you have made; through Jesus Christ, our living Lord. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening and the day is almost over. Help us to know that you are with us— through the promise of your Word, in the sharing of a meal, and by the power of your Spirit that burns within our hearts. Bless and keep us, this night and always. Amen.

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, April 21

10:00 a.m.

Easter

10:45 a.m.

Special coffee hour— Chapel

11:00 a.m.

Joyous brass music — Sanctuary

12:00 p.m.

Worship & Communion, Rev. Dr. Ken Hughes preaching — Sanctuary

Fellowship time — Narthex

Monday, April 22

6:30 p.m.

Prayer Shawl Group at Eggertsville-Snyder Library

Tuesday, April 23

12:30 p.m.

Food Bag Assistance — Historical Hall

7:30 p.m.

Friends of Harmony rehearsal — Sanctuary

Wednesday, April 24

4:30 p.m.

Literacy tutoring — Chapel

Thursday, April 25

No events

Friday, April 26

No events

Saturday, April 27

6:00-10:00 p.m.

Parking lot in use for Kleinhans event

Sunday, April 28

11:00 a.m.

Nametag Sunday

12:00 p.m.

Worship, Elder Don Houck preaching — Sanctuary

Fellowship time — Narthex

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Tina Osei (1)

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"The Road to Emmaus" by He Qi