

Resurrection Day

April 5, 2015
10:30 AM

We welcome you to worship today. It is a privilege to have you as our guest. As you enter the sanctuary, begin to worship quietly with personal prayer. Please turn off your cell phone and turn your thoughts toward God. Our hope and prayer is that you will encounter the Living God and experience his grace and blessing in the service and through fellowship with his people.

We prepare for worship

Take a moment and meditate on this as you prepare for worship...

But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead...'
Matthew 28:5-7a

Prelude

Fuga and Allegretto

Pachelbel/Boyce
Mrs. Gloria Hague, Director of Music

We praise our great God

Introit

Alleluia

arr. Hopson
Angela St. Pierre, soloist
Timothy Johnson, trombone

"Christ is alive," all Christians sing. Alleluia!
Heaven and earth your praises ring. Alleluia!

*The Call to Worship (responsive)

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

I am He that lives, and was dead, says the Lord; and behold, I am
alive forevermore.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

*Hymn No. 277

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Lyra Davidica

"Christ the Lords is ris'n today," Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say; Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!
Sing ye heav'ns, and earth, reply. Alleluia!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Alleluia!
Christ has burst the gates of hell: Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids his rise; Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!
Where, O death is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died, our souls to save; Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has lead, Alleluia!
Foll'wing our exalted Head; Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise; Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n! Alleluia!
Praise to thee by both be giv'n; Alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now; Alleluia!

Hail, the Resurrection, thou! Alleluia!

*Invocation

We embrace Christ our Savior

Psalter Reading (responsive)

Psalm 30

(Hymnal, pg. 794)

I will exalt you, O LORD, for you lifted me out of the depths and did not let my enemies gloat over me.

O LORD my God, I called to you for help and you healed me.

O LORD, you brought me up from the grave; you spared me from going down into the pit.

Sing to the LORD, you saints of his; praise his holy name.

For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime;

weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.

When I felt secure, I said, "I will never be shaken."

O LORD, when you favored me, you made my mountain stand firm; but when you hid your face, I was dismayed.

To you, O LORD, I called; to the Lord I cried for mercy:

What gain is there in my destruction, in my going down into the pit?

"Will the dust praise you? Will it proclaim your faithfulness?"

"Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me; O LORD, be my help."

You turned my wailing into dancing; you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, that my heart may sing to you and not be silent.

O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.

*Our Confession of Faith (unison)

WLC, Q. 52

How was Christ exalted in His resurrection? **Christ was exalted in His resurrection, in that, not having seen corruption in death...He rose again from the dead the third day by His own power; whereby He declared Himself to be the Son of God, to have satisfied divine justice, to have vanquished death, and him that had the power of it, and to be Lord of [the] quick and dead: all which He did as a public person, the head of His Church, for their justification, quickening in grace, support against enemies, and to assure them of their resurrection from the dead at the last day.**

*Hymn No. 280

Christ Is Risen from the Dead

Warren

Christ is risen from the dead, glorious day we celebrate;
Death has no pow'r over him, Hallelujah, he is risen!

As in Adam all men die, so all those in Christ shall live;
He has conquer'd death and hell. Hallelujah, he is risen!

No more need we fear the grave, now, O death, where is your sting?
God gives us the victory. Hallelujah, he is risen!

Christ is risen from the dead, glorious day we celebrate;
Now we live through faith in him, Hallelujah, he is risen!

Aisquith Life and Opportunities

The Prayers of God's People and the Lord's Prayer (in unison)

We respond in gratitude for God's blessing

**The Doxology* (Hymnal, pg. 731) and Prayer of Dedication

God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory

The Lord Is Ris'n Indeed

Billings

The Adult Choir

The Lord is ris'n indeed, Halleluiah. Now is Christ risen from the dead, And become the first fruits of them that slept. Halleluiah. And did He rise? Hear, O ye nations, Hear it, O ye dead, He rose. He burst the bars of death, And

triumph'd o'er the grave. Then I rose. Then first humanity triumphant post the crystal ports of light, And seized eternal youth. Man, all immortal, hail! Heaven all lavish of strange gifts to men, Thine all the glory, man's the boundless bliss.

Musical Interlude: Children grades 1-4 may recess for Children's Church through the side door or may remain with their families.

We hear God speak

Scripture Reading

Corinthians 15:1-20

(Pew Bible pg. 815)

15 Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ² and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

¹² Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴ And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. ¹⁵ We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Sermon

"He is Risen Indeed!"

Pastor Bell

We respond to God's grace

*Hymn No. 274
Maccabaeus

Thine Be the Glory

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 graveclothes, 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.

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
Life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conqu'rors, tho' thy deathless love;
Bring us safe thro' Jordan to thy home above.

*Benediction and Three-Fold Amen (*Hymnal*, pg. 740)
Postlude *Postlude on "Easter Hymn"*

Danish
Young

*Those who are able, please stand.

Serving in our Nursery today: Betty Werner and Dina Sunderland; next week, April 12th: Gwen Cicone & Amelia Wickham.

We will not be celebrating the Lord's Supper today as we would normally do on the first Sunday of the month. Instead, we have moved our observance to next Sunday, April 12th.

Thanks to all who donated flowers for this morning's worship. If you contributed a plant, please take it home after the service today.

An opportunity for service: Volunteers are needed to set up for the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of each month. If you would like to help, please sign up on the narthex table. Elder Alan Henningsen will contact you, provide the details, and arrange any directions needed.

Please join us for breakfast with Carol Gordy Eubert on Saturday, April 11th. Carol, who grew up and became a believer through Aisquith, has cancer. She is unable to work and is currently undergoing chemotherapy. Please consider writing her a note of encouragement and bringing it with you. We would love to surprise her with these. If you can offer additional support, a check, or a grocery or restaurant gift card, that would be an additional blessing. If you are not able to attend, you can still give your notes and cards to Eileen Ley ([443-253-5595](tel:443-253-5595)).

The Festival of the Arts will be held on Saturday, April 25th. If you would like to perform in this event, please contact Gloria Hague. If you would like to exhibit a work of art, please contact Gwen Cicone. The schedule of events is posted on our website.

The Deacons encourage you to join them on Saturday, May 2nd (rain date the 9th) for a work day here at the church. We ask that you let us know if you are coming so that we can better plan what projects can be accomplished. Please speak to Andrew Bell if you can participate.

Financial Report through February 28, 2015

Contributions:	\$43,400.00
Expenses:	\$57,100.00
Shortfall:	(\$13,700.00)

To meet our budgeted expenses for 2015, we need to receive an average of around \$6,600 each Sunday. Through February, we held services on 7 out of 8 Sundays, and averaged \$6,200 each Sunday, missing February 22 because of snow. It was an encouragement to receive much larger than average offerings the first two weeks in March. Thank you for your faithfulness in giving.

C o m i n g S o o n

April 25th - Festival of the Arts at Aisquith
May 7th - National Day of Prayer at Beachmont Camp
June 27th - Impact Yard Sale (see insert)

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T h i s W e e k a t A i s q u i t h

TODAY	10:30 AM	Worship service Children's Church (grades 1-4) No RockHouse tonight!
TUESDAY	10:30 AM	Ladies' Bible Study (at the church)
	7:00 PM	Men's Bible Study (at the Willis')
	7:00 PM	Ladies' Bible Study (lesson 10) (at the Owen's)
WEDNESDAY	7:00 PM	RockHouse Bible study (John's office)
THURSDAY	7:30 PM	Adult Choir (3rd floor)
SATURDAY	9:00 AM	Testimony breakfast with Carol Gordy Eubert
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Prayer Time in the balcony
	9:00 AM	Sunday School for all ages
	10:30 AM	Worship and Communion Coffee Hour following (Rm. 11)

F e s t i v a l o f t h e A r t s

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- 10:00 AM - Opening of Arts Festival, view art exhibits in Room 11.
- 11:00 AM - International Bird Photographer and author, Middleton Evans will show slides of his photography from around the world in Room 11. Middleton is from Baltimore.
- 12:15 PM - Art Lunch: "Still Life and Menu" Place reservation by email to glhmusicstudio@hotmail.com with the number of attendees. Suggested donation of \$5, please pay at the door.
- 1:00 PM - Home school Choir, Wendy Wickham, Director. Sanctuary
- 2:00 PM - Crafts for elementary and middle-school children and Youth. Jodi Leubecker, coordinator, in the Library.
- 2:15 PM - Guided Art Tour: "For the Beauty of the Earth, the Hudson River Valley School" - Gwen Cicone, artist, in Room 11.
- 3:15 PM - Nostalgic Folk Music: Peter, Paul and Mary and the Oswinkles in Room 11.
- 3:30 PM - Recital in Room 11.
- 4:15 PM - Recital in the Sanctuary.
- 5:30 PM - Pizza available for purchase to support IMPACT
- 6:00 PM - Artful comedy: Improv in Room 11.
- 7:00 PM - Maryland State Boychoir, Young Men's Chorus in the Sanctuary. An offering will be taken for the Boychoir.

