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Sunday April 17, 2022 – 9:00 AM

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EASTER SUNDAY
ORDER OF WORSHIP
April 17, 2022 – 9:00 AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS/INTRODUCTION

OPENING MUSIC

“Sing Alleluia, Sing!”

Celebration Choir

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: This is the day that God has made;
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

All: We gather today to shout Alleluia!

Christ is risen; he is risen indeed.

One: Out of the doom of death and despair,
Victory comes, glory appears.

All: We gather today to shout Alleluia!

Christ is risen; he is risen indeed.

One: We shall live, witness, and recount the deeds
Of the God whose love endures forever.

All: We gather today to shout Alleluia!

Christ is risen; he is risen indeed.

UNISON INVOCATION

O, Redeeming God,

**Like Mary of Magdala weeping at the tomb,
we, too, have witnessed the wonders of your work
with our own teary eyes.**

In this hour, O God,

**Elevate us in Christ and with the power of the Holy Spirit,
so that others may be awakened through our
preaching and proclaiming the good news:**

**news of healing, peace, justice, and community for all people.
Amen.**

HYMN

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

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INVITATION TO CONFESSION

One: God, you call us to step out of the tombs that aim to consume us and more intentionally into the fullness of life that abounds in your presence. In stillness and in silence, let us acknowledge the ways we have been separated from the richness of who you have called us to be.

Moment of silence

All: We admit that we have not always remembered the creative power of resurrection.

In a world where dreams and joy have been entombed, and chaos is celebrated and normalized, we have not always considered the divine ingenuity at work that calls us toward the ways of peace, love, and hope. Although we may have strayed from the places where we meet you, we trust that not even death can separate us from you and the creative ways you show your love for us.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One:

We know that you can bring us back to life, O God—
That you will meet us in the shadows and remind us that there are no limits to this life.
With the fresh breath of the Holy Spirit, we are revived.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

NEW TESTAMENT: Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

NEW TESTAMENT: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

¹⁹If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. ²¹For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; ²²for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

GOSPEL: John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” ¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

MESSAGE

“Christ the Seed”

PASTORAL PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC

“There is a Redeemer”

Celebration Choir

CALL TO OFFERING

One: The gifts that we bring to this community compound and create resurrection power, helping us to awaken wholeness in the broken, strength in the weakened, and liberation for all living in the midst of injustice. Let us share our generosity with each other and the community.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

One: For the wondrous ways this offering will bless this community, help us nurture caring relationships with our neighbors, and do our part to liberate all who are experiencing oppression, we dedicate these gifts.

All: Let this offering, and the works of our hands and feet, be the resurrection we need to see in the world.

HYMN

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

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SERVICE OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION PRAYER

One: God be with you

All: And also with you

One: We lift up our hearts and give thanks to God who meets us where we are.

Let us pray:

Holy and loving God, we offer thanks for this day—for the beauty of the earth, for your love and care for every creature, for this table that is before us. We offer gratitude for the virtual community that surrounds this table, and for the many tables and faces we cannot see that make up this ceremonial banquet montage. We rejoice that you call the entire human family to this marvelous mosaic.

We offer prayers for those without tables to gather around, without food to eat, without beverage to quench their thirst. Communion and community are for them too. We are humbled by this reality, and as we prepare to receive this gift of grace,

remind us to be gracious with one another. Meet us in our striving, and hear us as we pray the words that Jesus taught us, saying:

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.

WORDS OF REMEMBERING

God, we remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, Jesus took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread and gave it to the disciples, saying: “This is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way, Jesus also took the cup, after supper, saying: “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Consecrate, therefore, by your Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine, and bless us that as we receive them at this table, we may offer you our faith and praise, we may be united with Christ and with one another, and we may continue faithful in all things.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

In the strength Christ gives us, we offer ourselves to you, eternal God, and give thanks that you have called us to serve you. Amen.

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

Come, for all things are ready.

Eat this, for it is the body of Christ, broken for you.

Drink this, for it is the blood of Christ, shed for you.

BENEDICTION

As we go forth, may you be reminded of the creative renewing energy of God.

May you be witnesses of the wonders of God’s work in the world through Christ.

May you be reminded of the possibilities of victory and glory amidst death and despair.

And may God be gracious to you and give you peace. Amen.

HYMN

“Great Work Has God Begun in You”

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EASTER LILIES

- ~ In loving memory Cliff Ponchaud Jr. by Melody (Molly) Ponchaud.
- ~ In loving memory of Glenn & Mary Harkey, Robert "Mac" Harkey and Charles & Lucille Ramsey by Bill & Stevie Harkey.
- ~ In loving memory of Parents, Grandparents, and Cousins Bernice and Joanne by Marilyn Richards.
- ~ In loving memory of Art Balke by Sheri Balke and Kelly Lacy.
- ~ In loving memory of Carl, Adeline, and Roger Mueller by Bob & Luanne Mueller.
- ~ In loving memory of Willard & Beatrice Bohm and Ed & Ethel Krueger by Randy & Mary Bohm.
- ~ In loving memory of Charlie Mailahn and Charlie Brunmeier by Kathy Bucher and children Mark, Joni and Lisa.

Please remember to take your lilies home after the 9:00 service. Thank you.

This week at Peace Church:

Fri., April 15: 1:00 PM Good Friday Service

Sun., April 17: 6:30 AM Easter Sunrise Service

Coffee Hour between services

9:00 AM Worship – Easter Sunday Worship

7:00 PM AA Meeting

Wed., April 20: 10:00 AM Upper Room

Fri., April 22: 1:00 PM Quilting Group

Church Office Hours: Monday thru Friday 9:00 AM till 2:00 PM.

Prayer Concerns and Celebrations:

Call the church office (715.526.2916) if you would like to put yourself or a loved one on the prayer list.

Joys

Birthdays: 4/16: Janalee Gansen; 4/17: Russ Blom; 4/18: Carol Bohm, Staber Cook; 4/19: Harvey Mueller, Karah Peterson; 4/20: Sarah Swedberg; 4/21: Patti Francis, Natalie Hein, Lydia Maglio; 4/22: Myrtle Gayhart, Lori Smits; 4/23: Jenny Suprise; 4/24: Gerald Thorpe, Ashley Weishoff

Anniversaries:

Concern

Jim Niesen

Abby Tuma

Clayton Blom

Karen Mandel

Lola Kaczor

Jerry Bucher

Pastor Lew

Barbara Minster

Bob Engel

Lori Mueller

Mary Ellen Scherer

Marian Pauly

Theresa & Jim Timmer

Leola Anderson

Andrea Knickerbocker

Mary Peterson

Sandy Laehn

Gary Gurnee

Baby Helena Theis

Brian Wescott

All our homebound members

Those serving in the military: Mike Hert, Shayne Lanou, Adam Larson, Ian McNerney and Ryan McNerney.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: April 24: Acts 5:27-32, Psalm 118:14-29 or Psalm 150, Revelation 1:4-8, John 20:19-31