

**THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF GREENLAWN**



**Sunday Service of Worship
April 9, 2023 – Easter Sunday
10:30 a.m.**

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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

Dan Charnews

INTROIT

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

The Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Day has dawned, and shadows are left behind.

The stone is rolled away and hope is reborn.

This is the day that our God has made.

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

God opens to us the gates of righteousness.

We enter to give thanks to our God.

We give thanks, for our God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Set your minds on things that are above.

Look up and welcome Christ's appearing.

We have been raised with Christ.

Glory is being revealed to us on this holy day.

HYMN # 123

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

Jesus Christ is risen today! Al-le-lu-ia!

Our triumphant holy day. Al-le-lu-ia!

Who did once upon the cross, Al-le-lu-ia!

Suffer to redeem our loss. Al-le-lu-ia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al-le-lu-ia!

Unto Christ, our Heavenly King. Al-le-lu-ia!

Who endured the cross and grave, Al-le-lu-ia!

Sinners to redeem and save. Al-le-lu-ia!

*But the pains which He endured, Al-le-lu-ia!
Our salvation have procured. Al-le-lu-ia!
Now above the sky He's King. Al-le-lu-ia!
Where the angels ever sing. Al-le-lu-ia!*

*Sing we to our God above, Al-le-lu-ia!
Praise eternal as God's love.
Praise our God, ye heavenly host. Al-le-lu-ia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Al-le-lu-ia!*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, the message of Easter has come again before we were ready to receive it. The Palm Sunday parade demanded very little of us. We could join in the hosannas. But the betrayal and denial, the suffering and shame, the agony and death, have left us fearful and shaken. We have become enemies of Jesus without intending to be disloyal. We have left him in the tomb, lest he upset our daily lives. The Jesus of long ago seems more comfortable to us than the Christ who is risen today in our minds. We confess our reluctance to let Christ claim us and change us. O God, we need forgiveness! Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be.
World without end. Amen, Amen.*

PRAYER CONCERNS

Elder Betty Chatfield

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

... All this we pray in Jesus' name, 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.*

Congregational Response:

*Breathe on me, breath of God. Fill me with life anew.
That I may love what Thou dost love, and do what Thou wouldst do.*

INVITATION TO OFFERING

DOXOLOGY *Praise God from Whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, You have become our light and our salvation. Let these gifts open the gates of joy to all who hunger and thirst for Your holy presence on this and every day. May they bear the gifts of Alleluia which we hold so dear, and may we give with great joy. We pray in the name of our Risen Savior, Amen.

THE FLOWERING OF THE CROSS

In the Garden – The Choir

(# 106) Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks – The Congregation

REFRAIN: *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Praise to His name.*

Jesus is Lord of all the Earth.

He is the King of Creation. REFRAIN

Spread the Good News o'er all the earth:

Jesus has died and has risen. REFRAIN

We have been crucified with Christ.

Now we shall live forever. REFRAIN

Come, let us praise the living God,

Joyfully sing to our Savior. REFRAIN

Because He Lives – Debbie Eitel

Up from the Grave He Arose – The Congregation and Organ

Low in the grave He lay. Jesus my Savior,

Waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!

REFRAIN: *Up from the grave He arose (He arose)*

With a mighty triumph o'er His foes (o'er His foes)

He arose a victor from the dark domain,

And He lives forever with His saints to reign.

He arose! (He arose) He arose! (He arose)

Hallelujah! Christ arose!

*Vainly they watch His bed, Jesus my Savior.
Vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord! REFRAIN*

*Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior.
He tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord! REFRAIN*

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

John 20:1-18

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Ann Van Cleef

“He Is Risen! Eyewitnesses Have Told Us!”

WHAT WE BELIEVE

The Apostle’s Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of Heaven and Earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;

He descended into hell;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into Heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN # 118

The Day of Resurrection!

LANCASHIRE

*The day of resurrection! Earth tell it out abroad.
The Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from this world to the sky,
Our Christ hath brought us over with hymns of victory.*

*Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see a-right
The Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light.
And listening to His accents, may hear, so calm and plain
His own "All hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.*

*Now let the heavens be joyful, let Earth the song begin,
Let the round world keep triumph, and all that is therein.
Let all things seen and unseen, their notes of gladness blend,
For Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that hath no end.*

BENEDICTION

A MUSICAL GIFT

You Lift Me Up

The Choir

Our Choir

Sopranos: Marian Adams, Barbara Charnews, Olivia Evola, Kathie Gerlach, Meg Lawrence, Susan Perrotta.

Altos: Arlissa Dean, Debbie Eitel, Claire Proctor, Jill Wilson.

Accompanist: Leonora Knight

Director: Ann Van Cleef

JOYS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS, FOLLOWED BY POSTLUDE

Coffee Hour

Many thanks to Debbie Eitel for hosting last week's coffee hour, and to Arlissa Dean for her assistance.

We will not be having a coffee hour today. Enjoy your Easter celebration!

Looking Ahead:

We have some wonderful worship experiences coming up!

April 23: Holocaust Memorial Sunday. Rabbi Gadi Capela, Guest Speaker

April 30: Thanking God for the Gift of the Earth (Earth Day).

May 7: "Mix It Up Sunday." Everything will be different!

May 14: Mother's Day. Bring a photo of Mom for the Communion Table!

May 28: Pentecost and Memorial Day – a Blended Service.

June 11: Music Ministries Sunday

June 18: Father's Day. Bring a photo of Dad for the Communion Table!

A Gift from Leonora Knight

As you may know, Leonora Knight has a music studio with several voice and piano students.

Leonora is grateful for the way our congregation has embraced her, and would like to show her appreciation by inviting you to a recital by her students. It will take place on Sunday, April 23, at 12:30 p.m., immediately following Coffee Hour.

This is a wonderful opportunity for us to applaud the efforts of these young musicians, and to welcome them and their parents to the fellowship of our church.

Mark Your Calendar

On Saturday, May 20, we will be holding a Health Fair in our CE Hall. We have ten health-related participants signed up. Please see Bill Becker if you have ideas or suggestions. Stay tuned – there's more information to come.

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