

# *April 17th, 2022*

## *Easter Sunday*

*"To be a Light by Living, Loving, Learning, and Sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ."*

### *Order of Worship*

*(\*Please rise in body and/or spirit )*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude                      Jesus Christ is Risen Today                      Robert Hobby

\*Call to Worship

Leader: This is the day:

**People: when tears are wiped away; shattered hearts are mended;  
fears are replaced with joy.**

Leader: This is the day the Lord:

**People: rolls away the stone of fear; throws off death's clothes;  
goes ahead of us into God's future.**

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made:

**People: death has no fear for us; sin has lost its power over us;  
God opens the tombs of our hearts to fill us with life.**

Leader: This is the day - Easter Day! Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

**People: The Lord is Risen indeed. Alleluia!**

\*Hymn #232 Jesus Christ is Risen Today

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. Al-le-lu-ia!  
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Al-le-lu-ia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Al-le-lu-ia!

## Prayer of Invocation

**People: We come running, looking for you, Risen Christ, but you are not where we expect you to be. As always, you are to be found among the living—those living at the edge, those living with uncertainty, those living in ways we cannot imagine and may not approve. We come running, our hands full of things and our minds full of self-reliance, only to find that you have been here already, you have rolled away the stone and called us to trust your word.**

Leader: If this good news is true, it means everything is different now. We confess that our excitement is a little bit nervous—it's hard for us not to be in control.

**People: Today as we peer once again into your empty tomb, remind us of all you have told us, and then guide our feet to follow. Fill the empty tombs of our hearts with your love that cannot be contained. Breathe new life into us, into your church, into your world, and overcome our fear of change so that we too may be found among the living. Turn our expectations upside down, and lead us into the new and different world you are creating, even now, even here. Amen.**

## Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson                      1 Peter 1:3-9

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks Be to God!**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the Church & The Lord's Prayer

\*Passing of the Peace

\*Hymn: 238 Thine is the Glory

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded graveclothes where thy body lay.

Refrain: Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory 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 the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting. (Refrain)

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!  
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife.  
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. (Refrain)

Second Scripture Lesson

Luke 24:1-12

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks Be to God!**

Sermon

“Nothing to See Here”

Offering

Offertory: I Know That My Redeemer Lives Arr. Sondra Tucker

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn: I Know That My Redeemer Lives

I know that my Redeemer lives! What joy this blest assurance gives!  
He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ever-living Head!

He lives triumphant from the grave; He lives eternally to save;  
He lives exalted; throned above; He lives to rule His church with love.

He lives, my kind, wise, heavenly friend! He lives and loves to the end;  
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;  
He lives, my Prophet, Priest and King!

He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Savior, still the same;  
What joy this blest assurance gives; I Know that my Redeemer lives!

\*Benediction

Leader: The Lord God bless you and keep you in the joys of the resurrected life forever. May the Spirit of Christ give vitality to your living, hope to your yearning, newness to your believing. May the risen Christ put up fierce opposition to everything that denies life for all of God's people. May the strength of God who moves tombstones and mountains be in you as you go forth in faith.

Christ is Risen! **The Lord is Risen indeed. Hallelujah! Amen.**

Postlude

Toccata from Symphony V

Charles-Marie Widor



## **Easter Lilies**

### **In Memory Of:**

Catherine and Frederick Shatenan, Alice and George Kustka,  
Dorothy and Henry Rupp

Helen and Melville Halliday, Joseph A. Davies, III, MD., Vera Matour,  
Patricia Gasperini

Dr. Joseph and Mrs. Edith Ackerman, Edward and Olive Broege,  
Jackson, Mitchell, Joy, Marty Pattin, and Missy Stratford

Of those who we know we will see again – in resurrection and hope –  
Chester Apy, Gloria McHale, Chester and Grace Apy, Reginald and Florence  
Pye, Joseph McHale, Lee Welkley, Helen Apy

Rita and Harold Gallagher and William H. Wikoff Jr.

William, Helen, and Robert Schanck and Rev. David and Ann Muyskens

Doris and Ed Coccaro and Jean and Elwood Carter

My wife Audrey, a proud and dedicated Deacon

Richard and Gladys Pearson, Barbara and Steve Vodhanel,  
and brother Steve Vodhanel

Anita and Jack Mackay Sr., Marie and Sergio Campagnola, Sr.,  
and Virginia Hammond

### **In Honor Of:**

Our children and grandchildren by Al and Jane Wagner

## Worship Leaders

Liturgist:	Elder Kathleen Healy-Wedsworth
Ushers	Team D
Zoom Host:	Jim Wright
Hymn Leadership:	Sean Starke
Jubilee Bells:	Kim Davies, Katja Gruening, Kathleen Healy-Wedsworth, Chris Kustka, George Kustka, Sue Martin, Marissa North, Barbara Prestridge, Sydney Rosen, Allison Upton, Nancy Vodhanel, Rich Vodhanel
Trumpet:	Erica Daugherty
Organ:	Kathleen Healy-Wedsworth, Marcello Velame
Video Editing:	Rich Vodhanel

**No Coffee Hour this week. Happy Easter!**

## Church Staff

Pastor: Rev. Katja Gruening	Director of Music Ministries: Marcello Velame
Office Administrator:	Sexton: Douglas Silk

## Announcements and Upcoming Events

**Next Sunday:** On Sunday, April 24th, we will welcome The Rev. Dr. Eileen Lindner as our guest preacher. Eileen served as our bridge pastor from October 2019 until July 2020. You will have an opportunity to greet her at Coffee Hour following worship that day.  
Rev. Gruening is away until April 30th.

**Choir:** All are welcome to join us. Rehearsal time: 8:30-9:30am on Sundays.

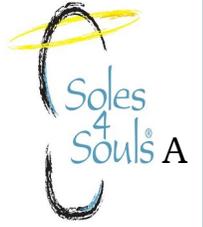
**Chancel Flowers:** Please sign up to dedicate and supply flowers in memory of your loved ones. There is a sign up sheet in the foyer of The Church House, or you can email [pcas@verizon.com](mailto:pcas@verizon.com) or call the office 7327473557 your information.

**Church Groups and Committees** who wish to meet in the Church House can call the office (732 747 3557) or email ([pcas@verizon.com](mailto:pcas@verizon.com)) to book your meetings.

# Opportunities for Loving Our Neighbors

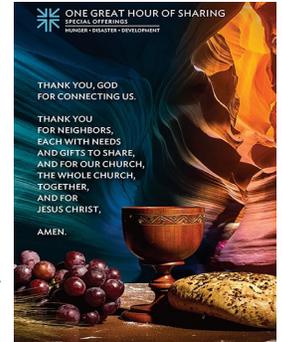
## **Soles for Souls Shoe Drive:** MARCH 3-APRIL 17

We will be collecting all types of shoes with/without heels, boots, flip flops, anything that DOES NOT have holes in the bottom of the shoe. collection box will be in Fellowship Hall during the Lenten Season. If you have any questions, please contact Lori Hirce.



## **One Great Hour of Sharing:**

Received during the season of Lent (March 2 - April 17, 2022), each gift to OGHS helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations. The Offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need, In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. Watch your mail for your OGHS envelope. Lori Hirce Church & Society



**Food Drive:** The Deacons invite you to donate shelf stable food for the Eatontown CO-OP. You may leave donations in the bin or the foyer of the Church House.



## **Reflections on What we Believe**

Romans 6:8-11

But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.