

April 4, 2010

Easter Worship April 4, 2010

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

We look with uncertainty beyond the old choices for clear-cut answers
To a softer, more permeable aliveness
Which is every moment at the brink of death;
For something new is being born in us if we but let it.
We stand at a new doorway, awaiting that which comes:
Daring to be human creatures.
Vulnerable to the beauty of existence. Learning to love.

— Anne Hillman

One: Renewal and rebirth are at the heart of life and all reality,
Many: Even now, we are different than who we were before.

One: We transcend old understandings and see more clearly,
Many: Each moment is a new opportunity to learn and grow.

One: There is always the possibility of radical change and resurrection,
Many: We celebrate the potential in each moment.

One: Let us marvel together in the miracle,
Many: The joy and the wonder of resurrection all around.

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***Processional** "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" tune: Easter Hymn

Christ the Lord is risen today,—Alleluia!
Mortal tongues and angels say:—Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high—Alleluia!
Sing glad heavens and earth reply—Alleluia!

Vain the answers, scattered 'round—Alleluia!
Wisdom wrapped in mys'tries shroud—Alleluia!
Arts and science glimpses show—Alleluia!
Only partial truth to know—Alleluia!

Rise all creatures praise to sing—Alleluia!
Tombs and tulips witness bring—Alleluia!
Seeds once dormant now arise—Alleluia!
Death has opened doors for life—Alleluia!

Now we too with love transcend—Alleluia!
Fol-I'wing our beloved friend—Alleluia!
One in Christ, our spirits rise—Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies—Alleluia!

Gospel Story

Luke 24:1-12

On the first day of the week, at the first sign of dawn, the women went to the tomb with the spices they had prepared. They found that the stone had been rolled away from the tomb, but on entering discovered that the body of Jesus was not there. As they stood there not knowing what to think, two figures in brilliant clothes suddenly appeared at their side. Terrified, the women lowered their eyes. But the two of them said, "Why look among the dead for someone who is alive? He is not here, he is risen. "Remember what he told you when he was still in Galilee: that the Promised One had to be handed over into the power of sinners and be crucified, and rise again on the third day." And they remembered Jesus' words. When the women returned from the tomb they told all this to the Eleven and to all the others. The women were Mary of Magdala, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James. The other women with them also told the apostles, but this story of theirs seemed pure nonsense, and they did not believe them. Peter, however, went running to the tomb. He bent down and saw the binding cloths, but nothing else. He then went home, amazed at what had happened.

Anthem

"Hallelujah"

Handel

Chancel Choir, Instrumental Ensemble, and Congregation

Sacred Reading

The Essence of Ritual, Rumi

Then you pray the prayer that is the essence of every ritual:
God, I have no hope.
I am torn to shreds.
You are my first, my last and my only refuge.

Do not do daily prayers like a bird
pecking it's head up an and down.
Prayer is an egg.
Hatch out
the total helplessness inside.

Anthem

"Redemption"
Youth Band

Forman/Switchfoot

*I've got my hands at redemption's side
Whose scars are bigger than these doubts of mine
I'll fit all of these monstrosities inside
It'll come alive, come alive*

Chancel Steps

"The Easter Egg"

Jan Brett

*Children are invited to come to the Chancel Steps to share a story.
Following the story, young children may choose
to go to the nursery (both services)
or to Shepherds (11:00am—a play time in the Red Room downstairs).*

Anthem

"Credo" from the Gospel Mass
Chancel Choir and Instrumental Ensemble

Robert Ray

Contemporary Reading

valhalla nirvana heaven
(a poem of hope)

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we all saw the egg
at various stages
of its descent:

into the valhalla
heaven
nirvana.

me from my lower window. the kids
from higher.

into a word that is only
a corruption of the original word.

it hit the sidewalk
and as the shell
broke open, and life
spilled out,
i knew this was truth:

into god's blouse
as she cracks us open
like mussels on an otter's chest.

we are opaque
and fragile as we zoom
past our lives
toward an inevitable
breaking,

transition is painless;
We are made of cracks –
It is our built in obsolescence . . .

toward a reason to leave
our shell behind,

and then we will see eachother
shed of what separated us

to seep miraculous

our yolks will become one

and we will know heaven
heaven heaven heaven
heaven heaven eaven ea
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Sermon

"Beyond the Egg Shell"

Katherine Hawker

To suggest that our Easter narrative is a shell is not
to suggest that it is unimportant, to the contrary!
There would be no chicken without a shell.

Jesus not only teaches
parables about God.
He is concretely
the parable God is telling
in this historical world.

- Elizabeth Johnson



Resurrection is all around; it happened and always happens. It occurs in the daily moments of our lives, in family, in community, with the planet. It is known in the changing of the mind, in new insight and inspiration; it comes with spring and all things reborn. Resurrection need not be supernatural or understood literally to be one of the most important realities and realizations in our deepening humanity. Would we have eyes to see it? Would we have keen minds to perceive and understand – to know it, to live in it, as if for the first time?

Bob Kleinhessel, UCC Pastor
Christ Community Church

THE FLOWERS THIS MORNING
AND ONE GREAT HOUR GIFTS
ARE GIVEN BY...

CHRISTINE ROHLOFF
IN MEMORY OF
RON AND KAY ROHLHOFF
WILLIAM AND MARIE KLUGE
AND
MILDRED LIPPES

LUCY ALLEN
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
HER FATHER, WINTON ALLEN

GENO AND LOLA CONTESTABILE
IN MEMORY OF
LOLA'S BROTHER, MONTY DODD

LORETTA HAGGARD AND COLLEEN
GILMORE
IN MEMORY OF
MARCIA HAGGARD
AND
IN HONOR OF
LYNNE HAGGARD RUMNEY

NANCY REITER AND LIL LAU
IN MEMORY OF
GRANT AND OLIVIA REITER
AND
OLGA BAZINET

BOB AND GIGI HILL
GRATEFUL FOR FAMILY

BOB RISK AND RAY MULLIGAN
IN MEMORY OF
JACK MULLIGAN
AND
FROST THEISS

RICK AND SARAH WEBSTER
IN CELEBRATION OF
THEIR CHILDREN
RACHEL AND CHRIS

MEGAN DAVIS
IN CELEBRATION OF
HER COUSINS
JESSICA AND JARED

CAROLYN HELD
IN MEMORY OF
EVELYN HELD

OSCAR, HARRY, TATUM AND GUS SOELL
IN CELEBRATION OF
THEIR AMAZING GRANDMAS
MER AND MIMI

NEALE REBMAN
IN MEMORY OF
GORDON KEIRLE

***Hymn 238**

"Now the Green Blade Rises"

tune: Noël Nouvelet
words: Crum



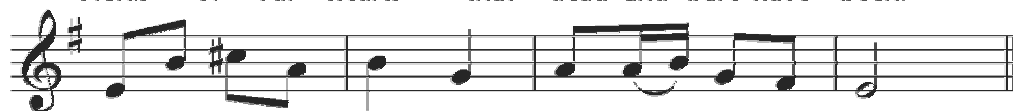
Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain;
Christ came forth at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain,
When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing or in pain,



Wheat that in dark earth for man - y days has lain;
Je - sus, who for three days in the grave had lain,
Christ's warm touch can call us back to life a - gain,



Love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:
Quick from the dead the ris - en One is seen:
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:



Love is come a - gain like wheat that ris - es green.
Love is come a - gain like wheat that ris - es green.
Love is come a - gain like wheat that ris - es green.

Table Fellowship

Invitation

Remembrance and Blessing

Come, Holy Spirit, come.
Bless this bread and bless this fruit of the vine.
Bless all of us in our eating and drinking
that our eyes might be opened,
that we might recognize the risen Christ in our midst
indeed, in one another. Come, Holy Spirit, come.

*The Congregation is invited to come forward by the center aisle...
partaking of the bread and cup,
placing an offering in the plates beside the table,
lighting a prayer candle on the altar...
We sing together as we process.*



*Communion Hymns

"In the Bulb" tune: Hymn of Promise
words: Natalie Sleeth

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
In cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
There's a dawn in every darkness,
bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
In our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity,
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

"This Morning" tune: Traditional

I woke up this morning with my mind, stayed on Jesus.
Woke up this morning with my mind, stayed on Jesus.
Woke up this morning with my mind, stayed on Jesus.
Hal-le-lu, hal-le-lu, hal-le-lu-jah.

Singing and praying with my mind, stayed on Jesus...

Walking and talking with my mind, stayed on Jesus...

"King of Kings" tune: Traditional
words: v. 1, Batya and Conty

King of Kings and Lord of Lords, Glory, Hallelujah!
King of Kings and Lord of Lords, Glory, Hallelujah!
Jesus, Prince of Peace, Glory, Hallelujah!
Jesus, Prince of Peace, Glory, Hallelujah!

Holiness and mystery, Glory, Hallelujah! (repeat)
Fill us Holy one, Glory, Hallelujah! (repeat)

Celebrate God's love revealed, Glory, Hallelujah! (repeat)
Neigh-bor, now to love, Glory, Hallelujah! (repeat)

Empty tomb show love has won!, Glory, Hallelujah! (repeat)
Ea-ster, songs now sing, Glory, Hallelujah! (repeat)

JOYCE BROWN
IN CELEBRATION OF
HER 3 GRANDAUGHTERS

THE TOUCHETTE FAMILY
IN MEMORY OF
WALLY AND ELEANOR WISSMANN

VIRGINIA DIVINCEN
IN MEMORY OF
CARL DIVINCEN

BRIDGET BROWN
IN MEMORY OF
HER PARENTS
RICHARD AND DENYSE

SCOTT AND JUDY GUERRERO
IN CELEBRATION OF
FAMILY AND FRIENDS

AL SCHON AND ROGER BRIDGEWATER

WYNN AND VICKI MILLER
IN CELEBRATION OF
MANY JOYS AND BLESSINGS

MARILYN ULRICH

NANCY MACK
IN MEMORY OF
CATHERINE AND CHARLES NOLLAU

LOLLY WEHRLI
IN CELEBRATION OF
HER FAMILY

PAULA LINDBERG
IN HONOR OF
MRS. POLLY PHALEN
AND
CELEBRATION OF
FLORENCE LINDBERG BENNETT'S
91ST BIRTHDAY

LEWIS AND HELEN WALL
IN HONOR OF
JIMMY AND THOM WALL

MARILYN STAVENGER
IN MEMORY OF
JEAN THOMAS

AMY AND ERIK SOELL
IN CELEBRATION OF
THEIR AMAZING, BEAUTIFUL KIDS.

DON, SUE AND BOBBY SCHINDEL
IN MEMORY OF
BOB AND EILEEN TRITTSCHUH
AND
SCOTTIE AND BETTY SCHINDEL

Today between services:

You are invited to hear a presentation by Dr. Steve Patterson entitled "Raising Jesus from the Dead."

Children are invited to attend the "Emmaus Road" celebration which begins in the Green Room and ends at the 212 Building!

Youth invite all to the Pancake Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall.



Worship Celebrations

April 11th—Building Our House—
Ground Breaking Celebration

April 18th—Healing Service—
singing our way to healing with
Deborah Patterson

May 2nd—Chancel Choir
shares Robert Ray's "Gospel
Mass"

May 9th—Children's Choir
shares "Elijah's Story"

May 16th—Celebration of High
School Graduates

May 23rd—Pentecost and Con-
firmation

June 6th—Picnic Sunday with
Youth leading worship

*Prayer of Dedication

One: Bringing random bits of broken shell
and gingerly holding hollow ones.
we have gathered and encountered the sacred in our midst.

Many: **Bless our offerings of heart, mind and body,
authentic though imperfect.**

One: Encourage us to honor the beauty and function of the shell
even as you point us to something deeper,

Many: **Empower us to honor the mystery
that remains unknowable.**

*Hymn

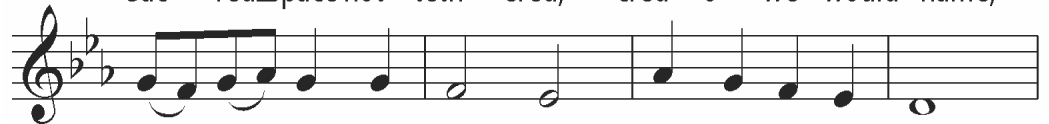
"Yours is the Glory!" tune: Judas Maccabeus
words: adapted



Lo! Christ is with us, ris - en from the tomb;
Gath - ered to - geth - er, tim - id faith pro - claim,



Love for one a - noth - er, con - quers hope - less doom;
Sac - red space not teth - ered, cred - o we would name,



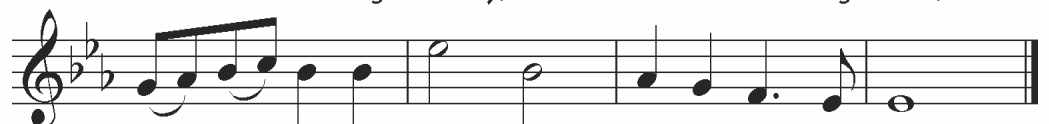
Let the church with glad - ness, hymns of joy now sing;
Still we find we're haunt - ed, ques - tions we can't hide.



For with Christ a - ris - en, death has lost its sting.
In quir - y un - daun - ted, great - er truth a - bides.



Yours is the glo - ry, ris - en shin - ing One,



End - less now the vic - tory, You o'er e - vil won.

*Blessing

*Postlude

Announcements for Our Community

Adult Offerings at 9:45am on Sundays:

Bible Study—Video-based study begins on April 11 in the 212 Building

Parent Group—exploring Children’s Spirituality—begins again on April 11th (212 Building)

Presentation, “What’s a ‘Safe Church?’”—April 18, Stacey Morris will guide us through our safety policy

Presentation, “Worldwide Fistula Fund”—May 9, Lewis Wall shares an update on his work in Niger

April Mission Moment:

This month our mission moment is Camp MoVal. Camp MoVal is part of UCC Outdoor Ministries. It provides a wide range of camping experiences and retreat possibilities for children, youth, families, and adults of all ages – regardless of religion, family status, gender, capability, or ethnic origin – who recognize the value of all people and respect our faith tradition. It provides a wide range of camping experiences and retreat Please support MoVal this month by writing a check to EUCC and writing MoVal in the memo line.

Groups and Events:

Job Jar—Next meeting is April 5 at 9:30am

Relocation Mtg—April 5 at 7pm.

All Church Work Day—April 10, 9am-noon

Youth Group—Next meeting is April 11 at 4pm

Quilters—April 7 from 7pm-9pm

Women’s Drumming Circle—April 14 at 7:00pm

Moms’ Group—April 16 from 9:30am-11am

Oasis Towards Wholeness—April 18 at 1pm

Spectrum Music Series—April 9 at 7pm

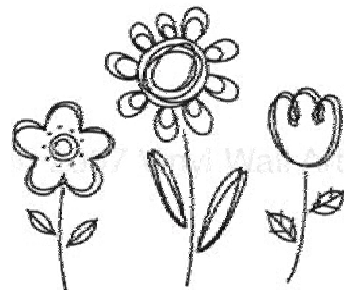
Trivia Night—Support our EUCC family on April 17

Coffee House—Music, poetry, & friends on April 30

Church Picnic—June 6 at noon.

Shannondale Camping—June 11-13

Peace Trail (VCS)—August 2-6



Joining us for the first time?

In a word: *Welcome*

Whoever you are, wherever you are on the journey, you are truly welcome here. We are human and fallible, but utterly committed to God's extravagant welcome!

Worship Rules: *Enjoy*

Some people clap, some don't. Some babies make noise, some don't. Some people read music, some people look at pictures. We stand and either speak or sing together occasionally, but do what feels right for you. Likewise with clothes; some people wear suits with sneakers, some wear hockey uniforms with ruby slippers. Whatever style is yours, it's safe here.

Enjoy your time with us!

Coffee: *Your choice*

Bring your own or fill up with the pot in the Fireside Room. Bring it in to worship, or not; decaf or regular. *It's your choice!*

Credits:

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Call to Worship (quote and litany) from Christ Community Church in Spring Lake Michigan. This is a progressive Christian community with a lot of resources on their website:

(a poem of hope) was written by EUCC member (and poet) Treasure Williams in response to our community's Sacred Conversation on Race during this Lenten season.

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Endeavoring to maintain the unity of the Holy Spirit in the bond of peace, we are open to and affirming of each child of God, recognizing that we are called to be as one reconciled Body with members of every race, gender identity, ethnic origin, sexual orientation, class, age and physical or mental health and ability.

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