



First Church of Christ in Mansfield (Congregational) United Church of Christ

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Easter Sunday + April 9, 2023

*Welcome to Our Guests! We're delighted you have joined us for worship.
Please let us know of any way we might assist you.*

*Children will be worshipping with us through the entire service this morning.
We at First Church believe the noises and wiggles of children are signs of the Spirit's
movement among us and of a church alive with God's presence. If, however, your child wishes
to be somewhere other than in the Worship Service, there are rocking chairs in the entrance
space at the back of the church where you may rock and play.*

Poetry Prayer

to ask why

Rev. Sarah Speed

Gospel

Matthew 28:1-10

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Opening Prayer

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Let us pray.

Resurrecting God,

you conquered death and opened the gates of life everlasting.

In the power of the Holy Spirit,

raise us with Christ that we, too,

may proclaim healing and peace to the nations. Amen

Opening Hymn

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

CH216

Greeting and Welcome

Confessing our Brokenness

Hear these words from Paul to the Colossians: So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

When in the past week have we neglected to seek the things of God?
When have we not revealed Christ in our own lives?

Silence

We belong to God.

We belong to God.

We are held in God's love.

We are held in God's love

We are made new. Amen.

We are made new. Amen.

Song of Praise

Glory Be to God Creator

Richard K Carlson

Glo-ry be to God, Cre - a - tor, glo-ry be to God, the Son, glo-ry
was in the be - gin - ning, it is now and so shall be in a
5 be to God, the Spi - rit, known as Three, yet God the One. As it
world with-out an end - ing, glo-ry through e - ter - ni - ty.

Christian Scripture

Acts 10:34-43

Psalter

Psalm 118

CH758

Gospel

John 20:1-18

Poetry Prayer

lost and found

Rev. Sarah Speed

Reflection

Renewing our Baptismal Promises

... And so I ask you, Beloved Ones,
Do you wish to renew your own promises to be Christ's disciple,
to follow in the way of our Savior,
to resist oppression and evil,
to show love and justice,
and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ as best you are able?
If so, please say, "I promise, with the help of God."

I promise, with the help of God.

Hymn

We Call Ourselves Disciples

CH357

The Prayers of the People and The Prayer of Jesus

*As we pray the Prayer of Jesus, you are invited to use whatever language is most meaningful to you.
The following is offered as a suggestion:*

Our Father/Mother/Creator,
 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/sins/trespasses,
 as we forgive our debtors/those who sin/trespass against us.
 And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Musical Offering

Risen Indeed!

Allen Pote

*Offerings may be placed in passed plates, mailed to: First Church of Christ in Mansfield UCC.
 Box 36. Mansfield Center, CT 06250, or given online at www.myfcc.info*

Doxology

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise God all crea - tures here be low; Praise
 5 God for all that love has done: Cre - a - tor, Christ and Spi - rit, One. A - men!

Prayer of Dedication

Let us pray.

Generous God, we bring you these gifts which you have given to us. We bring, too, our very lives that, through your Holy Spirit, we may become the body of Christ, risen and serving the world you so love. Amen.

Musical Response

Alleluia! Love is Alive

J Manibusan, S Hart, and S Angrisano

Al - le - lu - ia! Love is a - live;_ con - quered the grave and de - feat
 5 ed the night. Al - le - lu - ia! Love is a - live!_ The
 8 Son has a - ris - en for all; Your peo - ple sing al - le - lu - ia!

The Great Thanksgiving

God is with you.

And also with you.

Open up your hearts.

We have opened them up to God and one another.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

All are welcome at Christ's table; we offer non-alcoholic juice and gluten-free bread.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn

Christ is Risen, Shout Hosanna

CH222

Benediction

Sharing Christ's Peace

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The peace of the Risen Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

The Peace may be shared with handshake, embrace, or a non-contact gesture.

Please respect the wishes of those with whom you exchange a greeting.

Postlude

The 2023 Easter Flowers are given:

By Mary Anne Baker in memory of Doris Griscom (mother)

By Sandy and Don Baxter in memory of their parents, Nickie and Willie Pilardi and Mary and Bob Baxter

By Jean and Wes Bell in honor of Effie Bell, 99 years young

By Pamela Bridgeford in memory of Adelaide Corcoran and of Roberta Smith

By Cheryl Chase and Laurel Thurman in honor of our beloved elders Loris and Winston

By the Clauson Family in honor of Durward and Clemma Gebbie, Oscar and Loraine Clauson, Darwin Gebbie

By Gary Côté and David Darnell in honor of Evelyn P. Côté

By Carol and Howard Drescher in memory of their parents, Ruth and Steve Seifert, and Tony and Howard Drescher

By Pat Felletter in memory of Mom and Dad, of sister Anita, of sister Judy

By Carol Fineout in memory of cherished loved ones

By Sharon and Bob Foster-Chalecki in memory of loved ones

By Bobbi and Charlie Giardina in memory of Barbara and Lyle Perry, and Audrey and Anthony Giardina

By Penny Guerin in memory of James, Dorothy, Natalie, and David Guerin

By Gretchen Hall in memory of Roswell G. Hall

By the Kathy Healey and Robert Johnson in memory of Robert Healey, Lucille Healey, and Patricia Johnson

By Ava Little in memory of the beloved spirits all around us

By Loris Masterton in memory of my husband Bill, and of Eileen Stock

By Lisa Peterson-Blinn in honor of my mom and sisters Mary Blinn, Debra and Brenda

By Deb Richards and Mark Messier in memory of Tom and Allison Richards, George and Joyce Richards, and Dick and Betty Messier

By Kimberly and Jim Robitaille in memory of the Schors-Robitaille Family, Cindy Collins, and Carol Tetzlaff

By Ellen Shirshac in memory of Joyce and Bill Decyk, and Grace and Leo Sennick

By Joy and Dale Truman in memory of Betty and Horace Truman, and Ruth and Louis Sutro

By Linda Wenner in memory of father Donald Wenner and grandmothers Pauline Wenner and Marion Brotzman

By Jo-Ann, Frank, and Frankie Wunschel in memory of beloved members of the Waide and Wunschel families