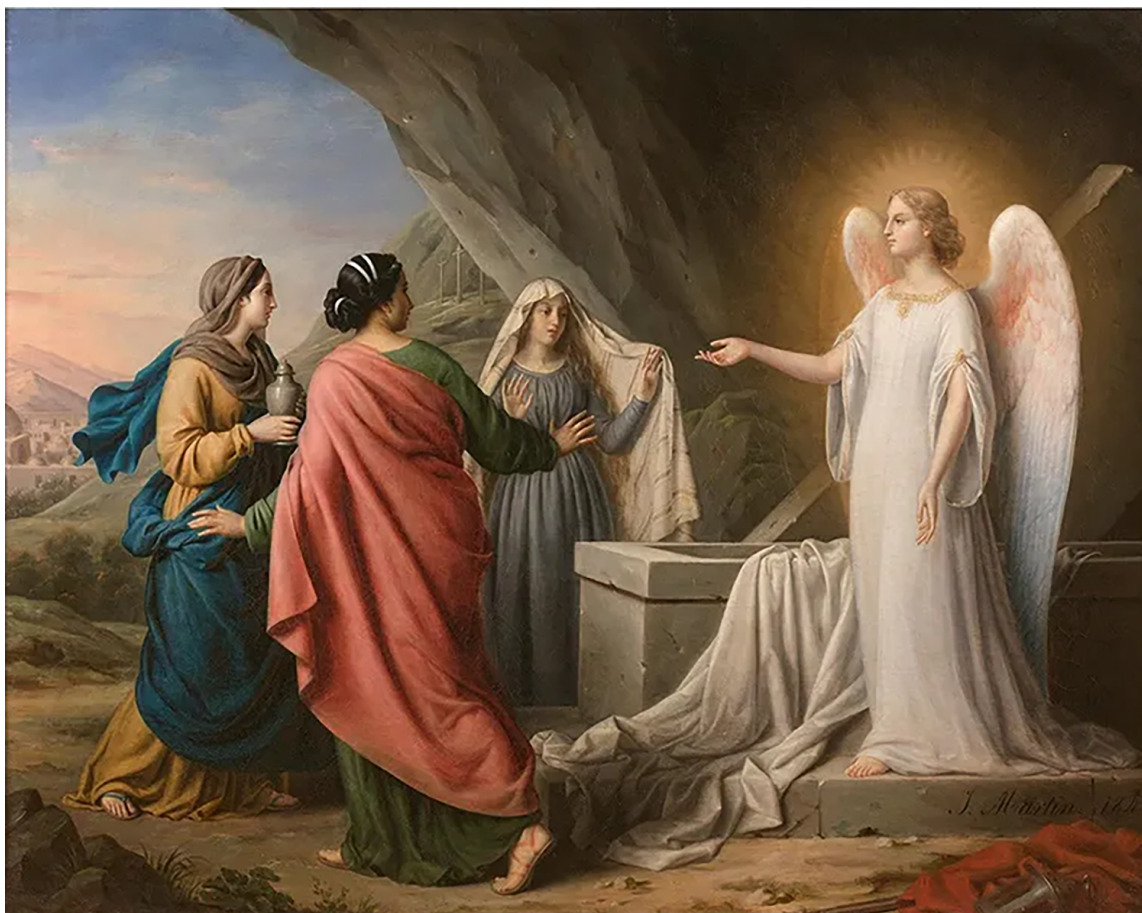


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WELCOME TO FIRST CHURCH!

You are welcomed, affirmed, and loved here; our faith informs us that you are a child of a loving God. Your characteristics and gifts will enrich our congregation. In this community, you will be celebrated, embraced, and honored, no matter how you identify or how your identity may evolve. Wherever you are on your faith journey, we invite you to join us in our diverse yet united experience.

PRELUDE

Solemn Entry

Richard Strauss, 1909

INTROIT (*at 11 a.m. only*)

Joseph Noyon, arr. Gerre Hancock, 1991

Christus Vincit

*Christus vincit,  
Christus regnat,  
Christus imperat!  
Gloria Patri, et Filio,  
et Spiritui Sancto.  
Sicut erat in principio,  
et nunc, et semper,  
et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.*

Christ has conquered,  
Christ our sovereign,  
Christ reigns forevermore!  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning,  
is now and forevermore,  
world without end. Amen.

ENTER TO WORSHIP

Rev. Joanna Samuelson

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

**People: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

*Please stand as you are able. (\* indicates congregation standing)*

\*Leader: Rejoice heavenly powers! Sing choirs of angels!

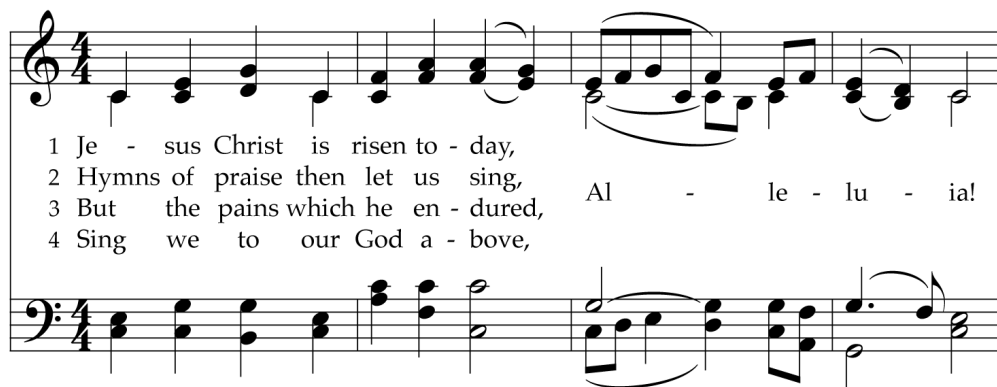
**People: Jesus Christ our light, is risen!**

Leader: Sound the trumpet of salvation!


**People: Rejoice, O earth in shining splendor. Alleluia!**

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN  
"Jesus Christ is risen today"

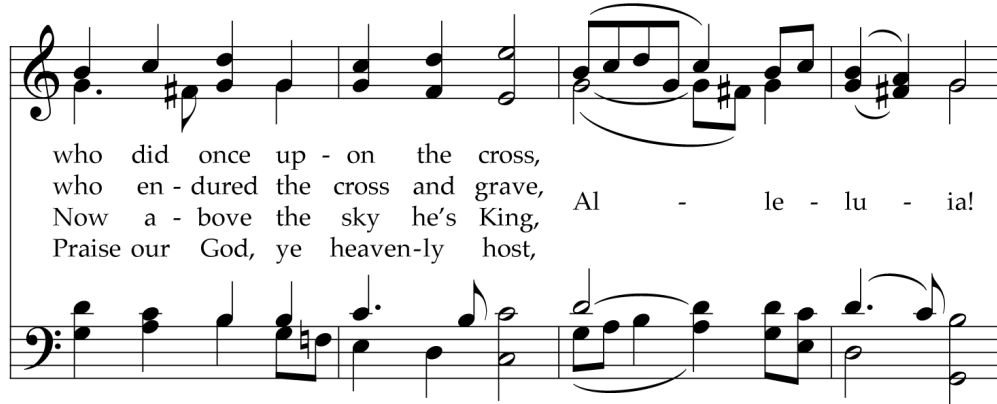
*Easter Hymn*, Lyra Davidica, 1708  
Lyra Davidica, 1708



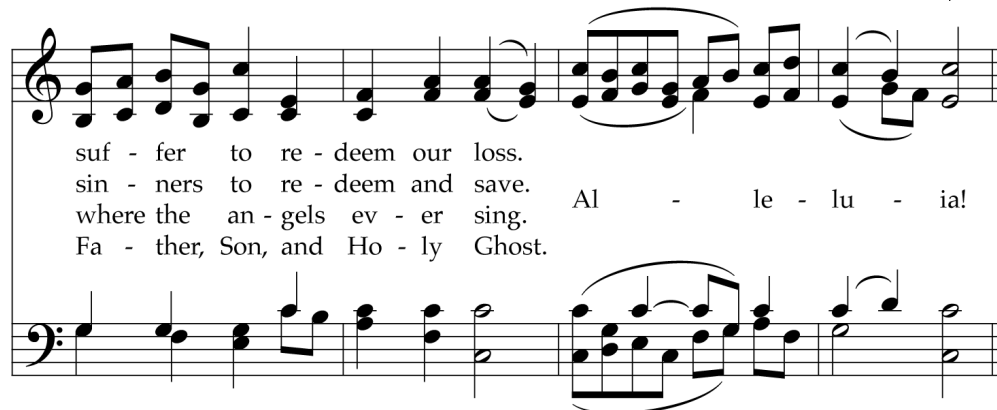
1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day,  
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 But the pains which he en - dured,  
4 Sing we to our God a - bove,



our tri - um-phant ho - ly day,  
un - to Christ, our heaven-ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured.  
praise e - ter - nal as God's love.



who did once up - on the cross,  
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Now a - bove the sky he's King,  
Praise our God, ye heaven-ly host,



suf - fer to re - deem our loss.  
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
where the an - gels ev - er sing.  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Leader: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

*\* When you return to your seat, please find the blue Welcome notebook at the end of the pew, sign it and pass it on to your neighbor so we many greet one another by name.*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

8:45 a.m. — Rev. Samuelson

Leader: Let us unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith in the triune God.  
Do you believe in God?

**People: I believe in God.**

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**People: I believe in Jesus Christ.**

Leader: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**People: I believe in the Holy Spirit.**

*8:45 a.m. worship service continues on page 7.*

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR BRAIDEN MARGARET HAVLICEK

11 a.m. — Rev. David

Leader: Members and friends in Christ,  
we gather now to celebrate the gift of grace in the sacrament of baptism.

**People: There is one body and one Spirit. There is one hope in God's call to us.**

Leader: There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Creator of us all.  
I invite Kara and David Havlicek to come forward with their daughter to be baptized.

Leader: The sacrament of baptism is an outward and visible sign of the grace of God. Inasmuch as the promise of the gospel is not only to us but also to our children, baptism with water and the Holy Spirit is the mark of their acceptance into the care of Christ's church, the sign and seal of their participation in God's forgiveness, and the beginning of their growth into full Christian faith and discipleship.

QUESTIONS OF THE CANDIDATES

Leader: Kara and David, do you desire to have your child baptized into the faith and family of Jesus Christ?

Parents: We do.

Leader: Will you encourage this child to renounce the powers of evil and to receive the freedom of new life in Christ?

Parents: We will, with the help of God.

Leader: Will you teach this child that she may be led to profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?

Parents: We will, with the help of God.

Leader: Do you promise, by the grace of God, to be Christ's disciples, 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?

Parents: We do with the help of God.

Leader: Do you promise, according to the grace given you, to grow with this child in the Christian faith, to help this child to be a faithful member of the church of Jesus Christ, by celebrating Christ's presence, by furthering Christ's mission in all the world, and by offering the nurture of the Christian church so that she may affirm her baptism?

Parents: We do with the help of God.

#### CONGREGATIONAL ASSENT

Leader: Jesus calls us to make disciples of all nations and to offer them the gift of grace in baptism. Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care to the one about to be baptized, as she lives and grows in Christ?

**People: We promise our love, support, and care.**

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Leader: Let us unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith in the triune God. Do you believe in God?

**People: I believe in God.**

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**People: I believe in Jesus Christ.**

Leader: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**People: I believe in the Holy Spirit.**

#### BLESSING OF WATER

Leader: Bless by your Holy Spirit, gracious God, this water.  
By your Holy Spirit save those who confess that name of Jesus that sin may have no power over them. Create new life in the one baptized this day that she may rise in Christ.  
Glory to you, eternal God, the one who was, and is, and shall always be, world without end. **Amen.**

#### RITUAL OF BAPTISM

Leader: By what name will your child be called?

Braiden Margaret Havlicek, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Holy Spirit be upon you, Braiden Margaret, child of God, disciple of Christ, member of the church.

#### BLESSING OF THE PARENTS

Leader: Bless O God, these parents of this child. May they always show their gratitude for the life you have given by loving and caring for Braiden Margaret.  
Bless your faithful people. Unite them in the peace of Christ and the company of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Leader: A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah, the sixty-fifth chapter.

I am about to create new heavens  
and a new earth;  
the former things shall not be remembered  
or come to mind.  
But be glad and rejoice forever  
in what I am creating;  
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,  
and its people as a delight.  
I will rejoice in Jerusalem,  
and delight in my people;  
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,  
or the cry of distress.  
No more shall there be in it  
an infant that lives but a few days,  
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;  
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,  
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.  
They shall build houses and inhabit them;  
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.  
They shall not build and another inhabit;  
they shall not plant and another eat;  
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,  
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.  
They shall not labor in vain,  
or bear children for calamity;  
for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord--  
and their descendants as well.  
Before they call I will answer,  
while they are yet speaking I will hear.  
The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,  
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;  
but the serpent—its food shall be dust!  
They shall not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

\*GOSPEL HYMN

"We know that Christ is raised and dies no more"

Engelberg, Charles Villiers Stanford, 1904

John Brownlow Geyer, 1967, alt.

Capo 3: (D) (Asus) (A) (A/G) (D/F#)

F Csus C C/B<sup>b</sup> F/A

1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
 2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.  
 3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.  
 4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows

(D) (A) (D) (E7) (A)  
 F C F G7 C

Em - braced by death he broke its fear - ful hold,  
 Re - born we share with him an Eas - ter life  
 The Spir - it's pow - er shakes the church of God.  
 as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.

(Am) (D) (G) (Em) (Bm)  
 Cm F B<sup>b</sup> Gm Dm

and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.  
 as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ.  
 Bap - tized we live with God the Three in One.  
 The u - ni - verse, re - stored and whole, will sing:

1-3 4  
 (Em) (D) (Asus) (A) (Em) (D)  
 Gm F Csus C Gm F

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Leader: A reading from the Gospel according to John, the twentieth chapter.

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. So 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." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and 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. They 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." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus 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." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus 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.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

EASTER REFLECTION

Rev. David

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Samuelson

#### THE OFFERTORY

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MISSION INVITATION

Rev. Dr. William R. Nirote

Cash and designated checks go to **One Great Hour of Sharing**, which joins our hearts with God's by providing decisive aid when disaster strikes, and by helping refugees rebuild their lives. Gifts strengthen struggling communities with basics like education, health care, tools, seeds and wells. Thank you for your generosity.

# OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Christ our Passover"

William C. Macfarlane, 1906

1 Corinthians 5:7–8, Romans 6:9–11, 1 Corinthians 15:20–22

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us: therefore let us keep the feast.  
 Not with old leav'n, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness,  
 but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.  
 Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more:  
 death hath no more dominion over Him.  
 For in that He died, He died unto sin once:  
 but in that He liveth, He liveth unto God.  
 Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin:  
 but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
 Christ is risen, is risen from the dead:  
 and become the first fruits of them that slept.  
 For since by man, for since by man came death:  
 by man came also the resurrection of the dead.  
 For as in Adam, for as in Adam all die:  
 even so in Christ shall all be made alive.  
 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.

## \*PRESENTATION HYMN

"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow"

*Old 100th*

arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1953

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all creatures here be - low;  
 Praise Ho-ly Spi-rit ev - er - more; Praise Tri-une God whom we a - dore.  
 A - men.

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Samuelson

Leader: Let us pray,

We praise you O God, and give you thanks that you have given us such joy, such grace, and such hope, in the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord. Let our lives be proof of that good news. Let all our words and actions, our love and service bear witness to your resurrection power.

People: Amen.

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

We practice open communion: Wherever you are on your faith journey, you are welcome at the Lord's table.

### \*INVITATION

Rev. David

Beloved in Christ, the Gospel tells us that on the first day of the week Jesus Christ was raised from death, appeared to Mary Magdalene, on that same day sat at the table with two disciples, and was made known to them in the breaking of the bread. This table is for all Christians who wish to know the presence of Christ and to share in the community of God's people.

### \*SURSUM CORDA

*Plainsong*

The musical notation is written on three staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff is for the Leader and the second for the People. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise." The notation uses a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some notes beamed together. There are also some rests and a wavy line indicating a longer note or a specific melisma.

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Rev. David and Rev. Samuelson

Leader: God, you are before all things;  
You are beyond all things;  
And in the midst of all things and all peoples you have made yourself known.  
In Israel's ancient codes and prophetic oracles,  
in stories of women and men,  
of communities and nations seeking identity,  
feeling their strength, and struggling with their weakness  
you have made yourself known.  
In Jesus of Nazareth,  
in compassion for the outcast,  
forgiveness for the fallen,  
hope for the poor and hungry;  
in his life poured out for others  
broken in rejection and disdain, restored to new life through resurrection,  
you have made yourself known.  
Therefore we join our praises with countless men and women before us,  
disciples and apostles, saints and martyrs,  
acclaiming your power in goodness and your might in compassion,  
as we sing:

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and  
 might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the name of the  
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Leader: We greet the one who comes in your name,  
 your true light, your true love,  
 the bread of compassion, the wine of renewal.

As he broke bread before the brokenness of his death,  
 as he poured out wine before his blood was poured out on the cross,  
 as he gave his life in acts of goodness,  
 as he invited all to the feast of new hope,  
 so come to us, God of Jesus, in your love.

Come to us, Spirit of our Lord of love,  
 and let the bread and wine before us bear your life to our life,  
 nourish us with his vision of hope, and unite us in one body of peace.

Nourish us with your brokenness,  
 Renew us with your poured out life,  
 Empower us with your powerlessness,  
 that we may take root in your risen life and bear fruit in your world.

People: **You are our life;**  
**You are our hope;**  
**You are our peace;**  
**And we praise you.**

Leader: My friends, all is ready. The gifts of God for the people of God.

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

Rev. David and Rev. Samuelson

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Randall Thompson, 1940

Alleluia

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Rev. Samuelson

Leader: God of Creation and new life, thank you for the gift of this banquet. May we who have shared it be nurtured and moved more fully toward wholeness and may all who hunger and thirst be filled. We ask this in the name of Jesus the resurrected One.

**People: Amen.**

COMMUNITY NOTICES - DEPART TO SERVE

Ms. Kulwicki

Leader: Let us depart with a heart to serve.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

\*CLOSING HYMN

"The strife is o'er"

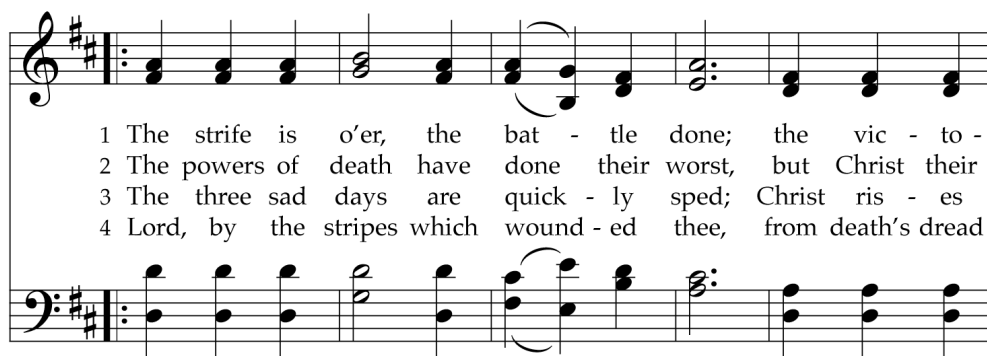
*Victory*, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, 1591

Latin hymn, c. 1695; trans. Francis Pott, 1861

*Refrain (before stanza 1 and after stanza 4)*



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



1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; the vic - to -  
2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their  
3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped; Christ ris - es  
4 Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread



ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph  
le - gions hath dis - persed: let shouts of ho - ly  
glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our  
sting thy ser - vants free, that we may live, and



has be - gun.  
joy out - burst.  
ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!  
sing to thee:

\*EASTER BENEDICTION

Rev. David

POSTLUDE

*Grand choeur dialogué*

Eugène Gigout, 1881

Please be seated for the Postlude.

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### LEADERSHIP IN TODAY’S LITURGY

The Rev. Becky David, *co-celebrant and preacher*  
The Rev. Joanna Samuelson, *co-celebrant*  
Maggie Myers, *liturgist at 8:45 a.m. service*  
Leslie Fulford, *liturgist at 11 a.m. service*  
Melissa Kulwicki, *worship leader*  
Sebastian Kulwicki, *crucifer at 8:45 a.m. service*  
Jason Harrell, *torchbearer*  
Aarav Peter, *torchbearer at 8:45 a.m. service*  
Henry Wade, *torchbearer at 11 a.m. service*  
Camille Bendick, Matthew Bendick, Gregory Duncan, Gary Glover, *vergers*  
Joshua Stafford, *director and organist*  
Geoffrey Dean, *livestream ministry team member at 8:45 a.m. service*  
Aran Cunningham, *livestream ministry team member at 11 a.m. service*

### FIRST CHURCH CHOIR

*Soprano:* Cindy Adcock, Marti Baumer, Candy Cummings, Sharon Ferguson,  
Rose Kandel, Ramona Moenter, Susan Pusecker, Emily Rigglin, Megan Smith  
*Alto:* Janet Axt, Allison Ellenberger, Marcy Essig, Jennifer Fry, Cheryl Hoskinson,  
Nancy Loy, SallyJane Mathias, Judy Smith, Jan Wade  
*Tenor:* Neal Brower, Geoffrey Gear, Jim Griffin, Greg Halbe,  
Sebastian Kulwicki, Pavan Peter, Nathaniel Powell  
*Bass:* Al Adcock, Jack Drake, Stefan Duga, Ryan Jones, Barry Moenter,  
Robert Moreen, David Stang, Julius Tabery

### EASTER INSTRUMENTALISTS

*Trumpets:* Tony Philipp, William Bailey  
*Horn:* Annie Moon  
*Trombone:* Jessica Sneeringer  
*Bass Trombone:* Andrew Stankey  
*Timpani:* Susan Powell

## THE EASTER DEDICATIONS

*The list is headed by the names and dates of those senior ministers  
who served this church with distinction and devotion.*

William H. Marble 1852–1856	Irving Maurer 1918–1924
John M. Steele 1856–1857	McIllyar H. Lichliter 1924–1942
Henry B. Elliott 1858–1860	Boynton Merrill 1943–1959
Edward P. Goodwin 1860–1867	Chalmers Coe 1960–1983
George W. Phillips 1868–1871	Dale B. Rosenberger 1985–1002
Robert G. Hutchins 1872–1882	Robert Tschanen-Moran 1993–1998
Washington Gladden 1882–1918	Timothy C. Ahrens 2000–2024
Carl S. Patton 1911–1917	

*We give thanks for all the associate ministers and all staff members  
through the years who have served with distinction and devotion.*

In memory of Jon Mac Anderson by Deb Anderson  
In memory of loved ones by Nancy Gilson Braverman  
In celebration and gratitude for the service of Rev. Joanna Samuelson by Nancy Gilson Braverman  
In memory of our parents by Mark and Melody Brown  
In memory of Melody's sister, Kathy, by Mark and Melody Brown  
In celebration of all those who gather to worship at First Church this Easter Day by  
Barbara Clapham  
In celebration of our children and grandchildren by Bev and Bert Cook  
In memory of Arthur and Tayna Cummings by Candy Cummings  
In memory of our wife and mother, Kathleen Dean, by Geoffrey Dean, Jennifer and Amanda  
In memory of my parents, Arlene and Bill Ellenberger by Allison Ellenberger  
In celebration of Jennifer Fry and Joshua Stafford by Allison Ellenberger  
In memory of Mary Kay Beall Carter by Melva Fisher  
In celebration of Joshua Stafford for all of the music he shares with all of us by Melva Fisher  
In memory of Rebekah Salser Hambor by Bob Flocken, Annette Salser, and Louis Flocken  
In memory of Paul Flocken by Bob Flocken, Annette Salser, and Louis Flocken  
In memory of Arlene Flocken Reynolds and Milton Flocken by Bob Flocken, Annette Salser,  
and Louis Flocken  
In memory of G. Dene Barnard by Jennifer Fry  
In memory of Wally Giffen and other family members by Sarah Giffen  
In honor of those who are unable to worship in person by Dan Harkins  
In memory of Charles Hoskinson, Ardis Postle, Arlene Reynolds, Betsy Zahn, G. Dene Barnard,  
Rick Sayre, and Rob Rideout by Cheryl Hoskinson  
In honor of Dorothy Kandel (99 years old) by David and Rose Kandel  
In memory of Harry and Sue Kandel by David and Rose Kandel  
In memory of Douglas Hass and Sheryl Loeffler by David and Rose Kandel  
In memory of Siegfried and Gisela Garbe by David and Rose Kandel



In memory of Sabrina Frank by Nan Kreimer  
In memory of Georgia Swinger by Pat Liebchen  
In memory of Jenkins Smith by Pat Liebchen  
In memory of my parents, The Rev. Charles Livingston and Mildred Whistler Livingston  
by Nancy Livingston  
In memory of my mother and father, Beulah and Charles McCormick, by Annette McCormick  
In loving memory of Rollie and Marilyn Rausch by Barry and Ramona Moenter  
In loving memory of Elmer, Evelyn, and Kevin Moenter by Barry and Ramona Moenter  
In celebration of the Music Ministry of First Congregational Church by  
Barry and Ramona Moenter  
In memory of my grandmother, Nina Buel, by Pat Patterson  
To the glory of God by Marilyn Potts  
With thanks to our beautiful choir, director, and organist by Marilyn Potts  
In celebration of dear friends Jan Wade and Marti Rideout by Peggy Reduker  
In memory of Rob Rideout by Peggy Reduker  
In memory of Rob Rideout by Marti Rideout  
In honor and celebration of all who make music this Easter season music by Marti Rideout  
In memory of Justice and Mrs. Kingsley A. Taft by Rebecca and Sheldon Taft  
In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Dean D. Rinehart by Rebecca and Sheldon Taft  
In memory of Ashley Arter Taft by Rebecca and Sheldon Taft  
In memory of Max D. Hazen by Rebecca and Sheldon Taft  
In memory of William D. Rinehard by Rebecca and Sheldon Taft  
In memory of our parents and grandparents, Edward and Betty Ryan, and Charles and Julia Wagner,  
by Amy, Bill, Katie, and Charles Wagner

## CHURCH LEADERSHIP

**Interim Senior Minister:** Rev. Becky David, M.Div.  
**Designated Minister:** Rev. Joanna Samuelson, M.Div.  
**Minister of Music:** Joshua Stafford, M.M.  
**Interim Director of Faith Formation:** Leslie Fulford  
**Administrative Manager:** Amy Wagner  
**Communications Manager:** Melissa Kulwicki  
**Office Assistant:** Pat Patterson  
**Business Administrator:** Annette McCormick  
**Maintenance:** Mike Sharrock  
**Custodians:** Alexis Wayne, Bill McCabe, Bob O'Brien  
**Handbell Director:** Jennifer Fry  
**Wedding Coordinators:** Amy Wagner, Shelly Gies, Margaret Cipriani, Denise Vogt  
**Nursery Staff:** Miranda Brooks, Shelly Gies, Celecia Smith  
**Commissioned Minister for Social Justice:** Tom Brownfield  
**Commissioned Minister for Spiritual Formation and Direction:** Jacquelyn Dean  
**Stephen Leader and Stephen Ministry Program Coordinator:** Gary Glover  
**Stephen Leader and Stephen Ministry Training Coordinator:** Wendy Kennedy  
**Stephen Leader and Stephen Ministry Referrals Coordinator:** Susie Loik  
**Senior Deacon:** Martha Worth  
**Deacons:** Allen Baker, Heather Jones, Brian Kemp, Allison Lowery Palmer, Dayna McCrary, Matt Myers, Fran Panek, Gary Seigerst, Thomason Smith

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## FIRST CHURCH IS A FAITH COMMUNITY

- † Called together by God, the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of life, to worship, pray and serve;
- † Led by Jesus Christ, our Teacher and Savior, to learn the faith and welcome all God's children;
- † Empowered by the Holy Spirit to witness God's love and justice between ourselves, and throughout the world.

We covenant with the Lord Jesus Christ and one another, and bind ourselves in the presence of God to live together in all God's ways as revealed to us by the Holy Spirit and holy scripture. The church acknowledges that all members have the right of individual interpretation of the principles of the Christian faith and respects them in their honest convictions. In accordance with the teaching of our Lord, the church recognizes two sacraments: Baptism and Holy Communion.

## OPEN AND AFFIRMING STATEMENT

We, the members of First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, Columbus, Ohio, welcome and affirm all. We believe we are all created in God's image and called to love our neighbors as Jesus loves us. We believe we are many members, but one body in Christ, called to unite all people in God's love. We are a community seeking God's presence and love in our lives. We seek to unite persons of all ages, races, nationalities, ethnicities, sexual orientations, sexes, gender identities and expressions, family structures, mental, intellectual and physical conditions, economic circumstances, political, theological and faith backgrounds. Together in our diversity, and being empowered and directed by the Holy Spirit, we will "do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God." (Micah 6:8)

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