



Celebrant: Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that all your promises may come to us and your whole creation. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Friend. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Spirit, all glory, honor and praise to you, O God, now and forever.

Elise Eslinger



Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

People: We who are many are one body, for we all share in one bread.

[We practice "Open Communion" — which means that even if you are visiting with us today, you are welcome to participate. Ushers will release each row in turn and each row will go to the front by the SIDE aisles, and return by the CENTER aisle. The following instructions may help you feel comfortable as you take communion. First, receive the bread from the server and then either dip it in a bowl with grape juice, or dip it in the cup with wine and then partake and return to your seat. Or, you may receive the bread and partake, and then proceed to the Common Cup in the center which is wine, and drink from it, and return to your seat. Do not be afraid to ask a question of the server if you are unsure. No worries!]

Communion Servers:

The Rev. Timothy Merrill, Jeanie Merrill, Henricus Peters

Affirmations of Faith for Easter Morning

We believe —

In God the Son, Jesus Christ, the light of the world
 that he was dead, and buried and is risen!
 that we should live as Resurrection people,
 that we should let our light shine before others,
 that our love should be genuine,
 that we should hate what is evil,
 that we should love what is good,
 that we should be guided by the Spirit,
 that we should not be conceited or envy one another,
 that we should clothe ourselves with virtue and
 that we are called to live godly lives.

We believe in God the Father who raised Jesus from the dead,
 And who calls us to faithful service.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit who empowers us
 to walk in new life as Easter people. Amen.

***Recessional Hymn:** *The Day of Resurrection*

No. 303

Instrumental Benediction

Ignatius Banda

Toccata in D Minor by J.S. Bach

Spoken Benediction

Pastor Timothy

Worship Leaders

The Rev. Timothy Merrill, the Rev. John Willison,
 Stephen Minister Judy Kim

Acolyte: Sarah Dai

Our musicians: Sara Preus and Ignatius Banda

Greeters: Patrick Carroll, Eli Carroll, Craig Davis

Communion Bread Provider: Jeanie Merrill

Hospitality Hosts: Ginger Merritt, Judy Kim, Suzanne Byerly

Friendship Baker: Lavanya Pranesh

Set-up, Clean-up:

Altar Flowers: Sarah Dai

Easter banner: Joan Lueth

Please feel free to contact our pastors:

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Pastor John: jpwillison@yahoo.com;

Stephen Minister Judy: judyxkim@gmail.com

PRAYER REQUESTS

For the family Henricus Peters' stepfather, Don Butler who passed away suddenly, after a short illness.

For traveling mercies for our congregation as they vacation around the world.

Please email Pastor Timothy with requests to be placed on this list.

NO WORSHIP SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY

Our next service is in two weeks, April 15. Join us for "Holy Humor Sunday," Risus Paschalis

CALENDAR

Next Sunday, April 8: NO WORSHIP SERVICE DUE TO SPRING BREAK.

Please join the 3 p.m. congregation in large sanctuary.

Sunday, April 15: Risus Paschalis (Holy Humor Sunday)

Come to church for a laugh.

Sunday, May 13 (Mother's Day)

Flowers for all the women!

We honor our 2018 High School graduates.

Sunday, May 20, Pentecost Sunday

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY!

Sunday, May 27: Annual Meeting and Social after church

Sunday, June 10: Last Service before Summer Break

Sunday, August 12: First Service after Summer Break

Weekly News & Updates

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EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 1, 2018 11 AM

Please remember to silence your smartphone and other devices during the worship service! Thank you!

THE GUIDE TO MORNING WORSHIP

** All who are able may rise to praise God.*

Prelude: *Adagio in C Major* by J. S. Bach Ignatius Banda

***Processional Hymn:** *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* No. 302

***Recovery of the "Alleluia!"**

***Unison: Lord Jesus, it is our joy to sing "Alleluia" on this Day of Resurrection. It is our joyful response to your victory over sin and death. You, our Lord and Savior, are risen today. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Leader: "The angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he is risen!'" (Matthew 28:5-6)

People: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Leader: "The angel said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here!'" (Mark 16:6)

People: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Leader: "Suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen!'" (Luke 24:5)

People: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Leader: "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 round and saw Jesus standing there!" (John 20: 11-14)

People: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Leader: Hear the Good News: "Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures." Christ died. Christ is risen. Christ is coming again. (1 Corinthians 15:1-2)

ALL: Today we have found our Alleluia! Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Invocation**

***Sharing the Peace**

Welcome and Announcements

Epistle Reading: *1 Corinthians 15:1-11*

Sarah Dai

Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred

brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

***The Gospel Reading:** *Mark 11:1-11*

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 towards 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 round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' 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.

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord

ALL: Praise to you Lord Christ.

Sermon: *"The April Fool"*

Pastor Timothy

***Hymn of Response:** *Christ Is Alive!*

No. 318

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

No. 895

Conversation with the Children

Offertory

Ignatius Banda

"All Praise to Thee"

No. 682 *Verse 5 only*

(Sung as a round, MEN begin, and WOMEN follow at circle)

HOLY COMMUNION



Celebrant: The Lord be with you;

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts;

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God;

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise!

Celebrant: It is our duty and delight to everywhere and always offer our praise and thanks to you, O God, through Jesus Christ, who, by his death and resurrection, broke the bonds of sin and death and brought life to all creation. And so with the church here on earth, all creation and the host of heaven, we praise your name as we sing:

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might.

Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the

high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Celebrant: You indeed are holy, gracious and merciful God. Everything is filled with your glory [Celebrant continues] ... and remembering his life and death, resurrection and ascension, we pray for his coming again, even as we cry":