



***St. John's United Church of Christ  
Chambersburg, PA  
Easter Sunday  
March 31, 2024***

## **EASTER SUNDAY**

\*Please stand in body or in spirit

**GATHERING MUSIC**     *“Amen”, “Sanctuary at St. John’s (Easter Version)”, “This is the Day”*

### **UNISON WELCOME**

“No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here”

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**     *“The peace of Christ be with you”*     *“And also with you”*

### **PRELUDE**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**     *from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*

Beloved church, behold the victory of our God:

Jesus, our Lord, has conquered the grave.

**Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

Sin and death shall reign no more.

**Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

Let this place resound with joy.

**Christ is risen! Alleluia! Thanks be to God.**

**\*HYMN #194**

*“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”*

### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

*from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*

Jesus’ rising from the dead assures us that we, too, have been given new life. Let us repent of our sin before God and one another, certain of God’s mercy.

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*

**All-knowing, all-powerful God, we confess that, even on this most holy day, we are unable to believe in the victory over death shown to us in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord. We confess our utter dependence on you not only for life but also for faith, hope, and love. Without your astonishing appearance to our ancestors and your stunning presence throughout the ages, we would be lost. Forgive us and transform us, that in every way our work and prayer will make whole what is broken and give peace on earth. Amen.**

### **KYRIE**

Hymnal Companion C-4

**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS** *adapt. from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*

The good news of Jesus’ resurrection is our rock and our salvation. You shall not die but live. The rejected cornerstone has become our strength and our song. I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins; embrace the gift that God in Jesus has given to us.

**\*GLORY BE TO THE FATHER #704**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Acts 10:34-43

**RESPONSIVE READING**

*"On Easter Day" by Malcolm Guite*

As though some heavy stone were rolled away, You find an open door where all was closed, Wide as an empty tomb on Easter Day.

**Lost in your own dark wood, alone, astray, You pause, as though some secret were disclosed, As though some heavy stone were rolled away.**

You glimpse the sky above you, wan and grey, Wide through these shadowed branches interposed, Wide as an empty tomb on Easter Day.

**Perhaps there's light enough to find your way, For now the tangled wood feels less enclosed, As though some heavy stone were rolled away.**

You lift your feet out of the miry clay And seek the light in which you once reposed, Wide as an empty tomb on Easter Day.

**And then Love calls your name, you hear Him say: *The way is open, death has been deposed, As though some heavy stone were rolled away, And you are free at last on Easter Day.***

**ANTHEM**

*"Crown Him Lord This Easter Day"*

arr. Don Besig

Eldon Trego, Trumpeter

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Roxanne Davenport

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Mark 16:1-8

**SERMON**

Rev. Caroline E. Saxton

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*"I'll Fly Away"*

**SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (DEBTS)**

**INVITATION TO GIVING**

**OFFERTORY**

*"Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"*

arr. Mitchell-Wallace/Head

**\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #706**

*"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

*from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*

**Holy God, you shower us with gifts so abundant, we cannot measure them all. You give us life itself and the power to befriend our companions in this world. Bless these gifts for the sake of those in need, in the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

Hymnal Companion C-72

*We celebrate communion this day by passing the plates of bread and cup.*

**\*HYMN #214**

*"The Day of Resurrection"*

**\*COMMISSION & BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE (seated)**

*All are welcome at Christ's table. To let the church office know that you communed today, please sign the black attendance pad found in each row.*

The "Nursery Nook in the Narthex" quiet area and infant/toddler space in the Parlor are available for children and families to use during worship. Age-appropriate activity bags are also available. See the deacon for assistance.

**Birthdays this week:** 04/03 Jayla Marie Wheeler; 04/04 Mabel Perry and Evelyn Sites; 04/06 Diana Kongkeattikul

| <b>Worship Participants:</b> |                               |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Pastor                       | Rev. Caroline E. Saxton       |
| Organist                     | Barbara Motichka              |
| Deacon in Charge             | Allen Frantz                  |
| Lector                       | Henry Hopper                  |
| Media Coordinators           | Calvin Frantz and Muneath Ham |
| Bulletin cover               | Edd Scheer                    |

**The Flowers at the Foot of the Cross** are given in honor of Evelyn's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday by the grandchildren and great-grandchildren of the Wadel family.

Please see the insert for information about the beautiful **Easter tulips** decorating the Sanctuary this morning.



**St. John's Vision**

We are called to love, to learn, to worship and to witness in Christ as a congregation that welcomes everyone, and seeks service that will advance God's realm on earth.

**St. John's Mission**

To grow in love of God and neighbor

About our guest Trumpet player, Eldon Trego-----Eldon grew up in Carlisle, PA where he began playing the trumpet in 4th grade. He is joyful to bless others with his God given talent and on what better day to give Jesus praise than when he gave everything for us.

## **NEWS IN THE PEWS March 31, 2024**

The Rev. Caroline E. Saxton, [pastor@sjucc1811.org](mailto:pastor@sjucc1811.org) (641) 260-1868 (cell)  
Gary Crum, Music Director | Barbara Motichka, Organist  
Roxanne Davenport, Director of Children & Youth  
The Rev. Stephen W. Hoffman, Pastor Emeritus

## **THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S**

### **Today: Easter Sunday**

#### **Monday, April 1**

Office Closed – Church Holiday – Easter Monday  
7:00 pm Boy Scouts – Fellowship Hall / Scout Room 207

#### **Tuesday, April 2**

5:30 Yoga – Room 202  
6:00 pm Amistad Praise Band Practice – Fellowship Hall  
6:00 pm Ladies Bible Study via Zoom  
6:00 pm Camp Meeting – Conference Room 111  
6:30 pm Cub Scouts – Fellowship Hall / Scout Room

#### **Wednesday, April 3**

6:30 pm Nursery School Ministry Meeting – Room 116

#### **Thursday, April 4**

7:00 am Men's Breakfast – Chris's Kitchen  
6:00 pm NETWORK Ministries' Annual Fundraising Banquet – World Harvest Outreach  
6:00 pm Spring Dance Class – Fellowship Hall  
6:00 pm Bell Choir Practice – Bell Room 117  
7:15 pm Choir Practice – Choir Room 103

#### **Sunday, April 7**

8:45 am Godly Play Class – Room 119  
8:45 am Spark! Elementary Church School Class – Room 115  
8:45 am Teen Discussion Class – Youth Room 206  
8:45 am Wired Word Church School Class – Room 116  
10:00 am Sunday Service – Sanctuary – Holy Humor Sunday

**Franklin Together** is hosting a Reentry Simulation here at St. John's on April 16, 2024 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Learn what life is like for a citizen returning from incarceration in this unique, eye-opening experience. Participation is free; **Register by April 5** at <https://forms.gle/KwwCqS263rBMAkw1A>

**Spring Afternoon Tea** will be Saturday, April 13, 1:30 pm. Tickets are \$25. Make sure to purchase your ticket(s) now as limited tickets are available! Tickets can be purchased in the church office.

**Join us for the Ladies Luncheon** on Wednesday, April 10 at 11:30 am. This lunch will be held at the Trojan Diner.

**Sticky Bun Sale** to support St. John's camp will be in April. Orders and payment will be taken for cinnamon sticky buns for \$12/dozen and \$7/half dozen before and after church on Sundays, April 7 and 14. Then pick up your "ready to bake" sticky buns on Sunday morning, April 21. Freshly baked sticky buns will also be on sale, after church, on April 21 for \$2 each.

**St. John's Camp Clean Up** will be held on Saturday, April 27! Help is needed to get the camp cleaned and ready for the summer camping season. The Boy Scouts will be helping to clean the grounds and taking on the big task of leaf removal. Help is needed to clean cabins, the dining hall, kitchen, etc.

**Net Engagement** A retreat/workshop called "Net Engagement" facilitated by Jose Ricardo-Osorio is planned for Saturday, April 20, from 9:30 to 11:30 in Room 116.

**New Members:** Interested in joining St. John's UCC? New members will be received on Sunday, April 21, 2024. New members' classes will be scheduled to suit the group. Please speak with or contact Pastor Caroline if interested.

**Thank you** to all that helped make the Smith's Chicken BBQ fundraiser so successful!

**Save the Date:** The American Red Cross is having a blood drive here at St. John's on Friday, May 31, 2024 from 11:30 am – 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

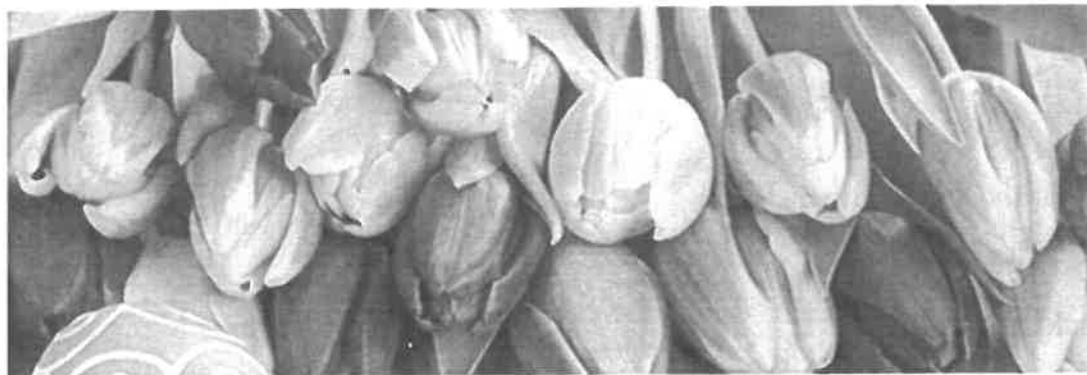
**Poverty Simulation:** Saturday, June 1; More information coming soon!

**St. John's Future Together Strategic Plan** copies are available at the Welcome Center, in the Narthex, and by request from the Church Office. Check out the "Progress Report" on the Strategic Plan each month in the Spirit demonstrating how we are living into our future.

**Prayer Chain** For many people, participating in the prayer chain has become a real source of comfort and a way of knowing they can help others through the power of prayer. For others it is a source of comfort to know that fellow siblings in Christ are praying for them. If you'd like to participate in the prayer chain, please contact the church office. Prayer requests can be emailed to Pastor Caroline, Loretta or Heather to be shared with the prayer chain.

**Online Giving Made Easy!** Our bulletins now include a QR code that directs users to our online giving platform (Vanco), offering the option to make a donation to support our mission and ministry directly from your smartphone.

# EASTER TULIPS



***THANK YOU*** to all who provided tulips for today's service.

## **GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD**

The Marotte Family

Mike and Carol Marotte

### **GIVEN IN MEMORY OF**

Clyde and Jean Collier

Robert and Lena Piland

My beloved husband Jack

Richard and Norma Bull

John Gaal

Sylvia M. Harrison

Parents Rev. Richard and Miriam Kneller

Mary-Jane LeFevre

### **GIVEN BY**

Harold and Susan Collier

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Roxanne Davenport

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Nancy Gaal

Thomas Harrison

Judy Hodges

Ferree LeFevre

**GIVEN IN MEMORY OF**

Rev. and Mrs. Robert Giering

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Blaine LeFevre

Maurice L. Marotte Jr.

Parents and sister Clarence &  
Virginia Turner and Janice Crawford

Donald McCright

Charles W. Karper and Hazel Karper Rumler

Jeryl C. "Jerry" Miller

Ame Moyer Norcross

Karl Pound

Sue Powell

Douglas and Nicholas St. Clair

Leonard & Esther Zeger and  
Robert & Elva Dilling

**GIVEN IN HONOR OF**

Our Children

Our Grandchildren

Our grandchildren Mackenzie, Cooper,  
Madeleine and Isabella Miller

Christopher Willman-Bunge

**GIVEN BY**

Ferree LeFevre

Ferree LeFevre

The Marotte Family

Mike and Carol Marotte

Jack and Ginny McCright

Sandy & Bob Lewis and  
Cookie Miller & Families

His wife Cookie, sons Chip and Jon  
and their Families

Mary & Jim Moyer and  
Mary Kate & Ed Norcross

Lynda Pound

The Powell Family

Dolores and Harold St. Clair

Marvin and Linda Zeger

**GIVEN BY**

Harold and Susan Collier

Harold and Susan Collier

Cookie Miller

His Mom



## Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

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1. Christ the Lord is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2. Love's re-deem - ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!

Earth and heav - en join to say, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Where, O Death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Death in vain for - bids Him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Dy - ing once He all doth save, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Made like Him, like Him we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!

Sing, ye heavens, and earth, re - ply, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ hath o - pened Par - a - dise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1739, alt.

MUSIC: *Lyra Davidica*, 1708EASTER HYMN  
7.7.7.7 with alleluias

# Glory Be to the Father

/04

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody begins with a dotted quarter note G4, followed by eighth notes A4 and B4, and a quarter note C5. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin-ning, is now, and ev - er

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff features a dotted quarter note D5, followed by eighth notes E5 and F5, and a quarter note G5. The bass staff continues with its accompaniment.

shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

The third system concludes the piece. The treble staff ends with a dotted quarter note G5, followed by eighth notes F5 and E5, and a quarter note D5. The bass staff concludes with a final chord. The system ends with a double bar line.

WORDS: Anonymous, 4th cent.  
MUSIC: Christoph Meineke, 1844

MEINEKE  
Irregular

## The Day of Resurrection!

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1. The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;  
 2. Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right  
 3. Now let the heavens be joy - ful! Let earth her song be - gin!

the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness; the Pass - o - ver of God.  
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light;  
 The world re - sound in tri - umph, and all that is there - in;

From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,  
 and, lis - tening to His ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,  
 let all things seen and un - seen their notes of glad - ness blend;

our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.  
 His own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.  
 for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end.

WORDS: John of Damascus, 8th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1862  
 MUSIC: Henry T. Smart, 1835

LANCASHIRE  
 7.6.7.6 D  
 Higher key, No. 63