



“DO NOT BE AFRAID,
FOR I KNOW THAT YOU
ARE LOOKING FOR JESUS,
WHO WAS CRUCIFIED.
HE IS NOT HERE;

*he has risen,
just as he said.”*

MATTHEW 28:5-6 (NIV®)

Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024

Please set all cell phones to airplane mode.

During the first hymn, the ushers will collect Prayer Concern Cards.

Please sign the Attendance Pad & pass it down the pew (Guests please include your address).

Nursery (located downstairs in the Education Building) is available for children 5 & under.

** = The congregation is invited to stand.*

Prelude:

Low In The Grave

R. Lowry

Introit:

*Majesty, Worship His Majesty
(Congregation is invited to sing along)*

Hymnal #176

Greeting/Announcements

Mission Minutes

***Call to Worship – (Repeat 3 times)**

L: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen, indeed!

***Hymn #302 (v. 1-4)**

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

1. Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!
2. Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!
3. Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!
4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!

Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Children's Time

Prayer of Confession (written by Hippolytus)

L: Loving God, we confess that at times we do not share in the joy of the resurrection but are caught in the worries of the world.

C: We confess that we do not always live in the spirit of new life but remain discontent, grumbling and anxious.

L: Forgive us for not sharing in the Good News.

C: Forgive us when we find it more comfortable to worry and complain than to risk the joy and encouragement of new life in Christ.

L: Call us back to Your ways, O God, to seek hope and reconciliation, restoration and peace.

C: In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

All pray in silence.

Assurance of pardon

L: Christ is Risen: The world below lies desolate

C: Christ is Risen: The spirits of evil are fallen

L: Christ is Risen: The angels of God are rejoicing

C: Christ is Risen: The tombs of the dead are empty

L: Christ is Risen indeed from the dead, the first of the sleepers,

C: Glory and power are his forever and ever.

All: Amen.

Joys, Concerns and Praises

Pastoral Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Lesson: Mark 16: 1-13 (8:30) David Armstrong (11:00) Bonnie Lobb

*When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might come and anoint Him. ²Very early on the first day of the week, **they *came to the tomb** when the sun had risen. ³They were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the **tomb**?" ⁴Looking up, they *saw that the stone had been rolled away, although it was extremely large. ⁵Entering the **tomb**, they saw a young man sitting at the right, wearing a white robe; and they were amazed. ⁶And he *said to them, "Do not be amazed; you are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who has been crucified. **He has risen; He is not here; behold, here is the place where they laid Him.** ⁷But **go, tell** His disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see Him, just as He told you.'"*

⁸ They went out and fled from the **tomb**, for trembling and astonishment had gripped them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

⁹ Now after He had risen early on the first day of the week, He first appeared to Mary Magdalene, from whom He had cast out seven demons. ¹⁰ She went and **reported** to those who had been with Him, while they were mourning and weeping. ¹¹ When they heard that He was alive and had been seen by her, they **refused to believe it**.

¹² After that, He appeared in a different form to two of them while they were walking along on their way to the country. ¹³ They went away and **reported it to the others, but they did not believe them either**.

L: The word of God for the people of God. **C: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Special Music *Sound the Trumpet* D. Peterson/MUMC Choir

Sermon *The Resurrection and Unbelief* Pastor Choi

***Hymn #322** *Up from the Grave He Arose*

1. Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior, waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!

Refrain:

Up from the grave he arose, with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;
He arose a victor from the dark domain, and he lives forever, with his saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

2. Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Savior; vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord!
[Refrain]

3. Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior; he tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord!
[Refrain]

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings (will the ushers please come forward)

Offertory: *Easter Medley* arr. J.W. Krug/Holy Spirit Ringers

***Doxology (#95)** Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

L: O Lord, as we present this offering upon your altar,

C: We offer ourselves as a living sacrifice.

L: Use our words and actions of love and kindness to spread the love of Christ.

C: May all of our gifts and services be acceptable in your sight.

L: In the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, we pray. **C: Amen.**

***Hymn #308**

Thine Be the Glory

1. Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.

[Refrain:]

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

2. Lo! Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for our Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting. (Refrain)

3. No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. (Refrain)

***Benediction**

Benediction Response:

He Is Lord

Hymnal #177

Postlude:

Crown Him Lord of All

J. Ellor

Worship Leaders: (8:30) Pastor Choi

(11:00) Pastor Choi

Greeters: (8:30) Lynn Demenchuk & Debbie Miller

(11:00) Ken & Judy Schorr

Ushers: (8:30) Volunteers

(11:00) Jo-Eva & Joel/Ethan Applegate

Acolyte: (8:30) Volunteer

(11:00) Volunteer

**PRAYER REQUESTS will be kept for 4 weeks.
If you want longer, please call the office 609-597-7666.**

For our President, Congress, World Leaders, and all those called to Active Duty.
For the Christians and churches who are under attack. For the peace between Israel and Gaza. For the end of Ukraine War. For the peace in Sudan and Haiti.

For Healing, Surgeries, Illnesses, Needs, etc:

Lee Kalsch, the Haddocks, Bill Rinaldi, Kelly & children, Pauline McShea, Carl Farley, Peter Vietes, Yaly and Christian Mendez, Bob Wick, the Granito family, John & Jane, Michael, Glenn Schorr, Andy Ferenchak, Bob Nemeth, Joe Nutile, Regina Butterer, Valerie Fenelon, Lora Villinger, Jessica Hubbard and family, Lee Slater, Edna Winans, Lori Nielson's sister, Mary Kay Karachum, Marcie Blake, Kyechang Choi, Ron and Bobbie Warmbier, Randall & Mary Seba, Anthony Vitelli, Alan D'Atrio.

With my whole heart I seek thee; let
me not wander from thy commandments!
Psalm 119:10

ATTENDANCE FOR IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL SERVICES

Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

Sun. Mar. 31 8:30/11:00 a.m. Easter Sunday Worship Services/Coffee Hour

THIS WEEK

Wed. Apr. 3 9 a.m.- 12 p.m. Parents Morning Out
6 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal

UPCOMING

Sun. Apr. 7 8:30/11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Services/Coffee Hour
3 - 4:15 p.m. Confirmation Class
Mon. Apr. 8 6 p.m. CPR class in Fellowship Hall
Tue. Apr. 9 1 p.m. MUWF with Marian Whetstone

EASTER SUNDAY: CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY! Hallelujah!

PASTOR AWAY: Pastor Choi will be on vacation from April 1 through April 6, 2024.

CPR CLASS: Monday, April 8th at 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. If you cannot make it please, let Phil Pecoraro know immediately.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: Are you looking for an opportunity to use your talents and skills? We are looking for someone to take over as **editor of The Crossword**. Everyone loves reading about the activities that go on in our church. If you have experience in or are willing to learn Microsoft Word, this opportunity is for you. We are also looking for someone to **lead the Operation Christmas Child mission** in the Fall. Please prayerfully consider these opportunities that so many in our church (and beyond) appreciate. If interested, contact Pastor Choi.

FOOD BANK ITEMS: for April are peanut butter and jelly. Please put your donations in the labeled bin located in the narthex. Thank you.

MANAHAWKIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
EASTER ALTAR FLOWERS – March 31, 2024

IN HONOR OF:

Cheryl Conti (Mimi)
Son, Howard Farley
Joy Houghton – Holly’s mom
Sunday School leaders, Marissa Barry & Vanessa
Youth Group leaders, Erik & Marissa Barry, Jodi
& Mike Turi
Parents Morning Out leaders, Pauline McShea &
Bonnie Nelson
Communicants Class leaders, Pauline McShea &
Bonnie Nelson

Our Fathers, Anthony Vitelli & James McShea
Our children & grandchildren
My prayer Pal, Lee Slater
Our families, the Rhodes, Lambs & Hills

IN MEMORY OF:

Our Parents
Jennifer & Emily Eismann
Generoso Montefusco
Thomas A & Billie Harris
Joe & Carol Knauer
Joe DelVecchio

Our parents
Arnold & Elaine Slater
Veronica Lynn Udzinski
Carol A. Slater
Charlotte & John Decker
Judith Cordrey
Joseph Hughes Sr.
Richard Conti (Poppy)
Ethel “Susie” Kuchie
Parents William & June Sutliff
Our mothers, Shirley Vitelli & Claire McShea
Dick Paul & Joyce Previte

PRESENTED BY:

Alexa & Brenna Seubert (take 1 hyacinth)
The Farley Family (take 2 hyacinths)
Tim & Holly Gallagher (take 1 tulip)
Wayzeta & Stephen Strouse (take 2 tulip) Estelow
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Jim & Pauline McShea (take 1 hyacinth)
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Your prayer pal
Art & Lovisa Hill (take hyacinth)

PRESENTED BY:

Gus & Susan Paul (take 1 lily, hyacinth, 2 tulips)
The Eismanns (take 1 hyacinth, 1 tulip)
The Temples (take 1 lily)
Kathy & Mike Knauer
Kathy & Mike Knauer
Lin DelVecchio, Lauren, Matt & Bob Kokai (take
hyacinth)1

Bill & Alice Welsh
Lee Slater (take 1 tulip)
Lee Slater (take 1 tulip)
Lee Slater (take 1 hyacinth)
Jill Hughes (take 1 hyacinth)
Joe & Jill Hughes (take 1 hyacinth)
Joe & Jill Hughes (take 1 hyacinth)
Alexa and Brenna Suebert (take 1 hyacinth)
The Turi family (take 2 lilies)
Peggy Arbona
Jim & Pauline McShea (take 1 hyacinth)
Norma Paul

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IN MEMORY OF:

Ann & Ira Dobbs, Julia Vance
James W. Plant Jr, husband
James W. Plant, III, son
Our parents
Donald L. Miller, husband
Ruth Townsend, mother
Glenn Bromiley, husband
Family & friends
My husband, Art Jonas
My Beloved Husband, Howard
My much missed sister, Doris Smith
Jane & Herbert W. Haines Sr.
Jay H., Dale E., & Sheriden Haines, brothers
Sam Gallagher & Mary Blazer – Tim's parents
Tom Houghton – Holly's dad
My wife, Judith Pancoast
Albert & Helen Goldberger
Albert S. & Richard B. Goldberger
Ted & Jessie Kuriger-parents-in-law
Parents Joan & Norman Bolton
Parents Lee & Walter Schenck
Mima, Nana and Grammy
My parents, Joan & Ed Spang

PRESENTED BY:

Arlene & Bill Vance
Mildred Plant (take hyacinth)
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Art & Lovisa Hill (take hyacinth)
Debbie Miller (take tulip)
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Phyllis Bromiley (take 1 hyacinth)
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Beverly Jonas (take 1 tulip)
Elenore M. Humphries (take 3 hyacinths)
Elenore M. Humphries
Eva & Rich Mueller (take 1 lily)
Eva & Rich Mueller (take 1 hyacinth)
Tim & Holly Gallagher (take 1 lily)
Tim & Holly Gallagher
Tom Pancoast (take 1 hyacinth)
Jim Goldberger & Eileen Mahan (take tulip)
Jim Goldberger & Eileen Mahan (take tulip)
Don & Eileen Mahan (take 1 tulip)
Beth & Bob Schenck (take 1 hyacinth)
Beth & Bob Schenck (take 1 tulip)
Russ & Bonnie Harris (take 2 hyacinths)
Robin & Brian Sullivan (take 1 tulip)

Thank you for adding to the beauty of our Sanctuary this Easter!
Please pick up your plant/s after each Service today.
Happy Easter!