



Ringing the Bell

Declaration

Leaders: Christ is risen!

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

Fanfare/Candle-Lighting

“Jesus Our Lord is Risen Today”
(Gordon Young)

Chancel Choir

***Call to Worship**

Leader: The tomb is dark, but empty

All: **The one you are looking for has overcome the darkness**

Leader: The stone has been rolled away

All: **The one you are looking for has overcome death**

Leader: The burial clothes are put aside

All: **The one you are looking for is alive! Christ is Risen!**

***Opening Prayer (in unison)**

Living God, who raised Jesus and raises us—thank you for the gift of Easter, beyond our expectations and our reason. We know the powers of death. We know the overwhelming powers of fear, greed, anxiety, brutality and certainty. But you – at dawn, unquenched—you break the world into joy. Yours is the kingdom...not the kingdom of death. Yours is the power...not the power of death. Yours is the glory...not the glory of death. Yours is the newness beyond our knowing. Amen.

***Opening Hymn**

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

Hymnal #123

Readings

Psalm 118:21-27

Mark 16:1-8

from “Resurrection Grows on You,” by Barbara Cawthorne Crafton

Dawn Ascher

Anthem

“Exuberant Praise” (Jason W. Krug)

Bell Choir

Sermon *The Terror of New Life* Rev. Kathleen Remund

Transitional Music "He is Risen" Oxana Khramova
(J. Neander, arr. B. Heidenreich)

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

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 as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offertory "Prelude in C sharp major" Oxana Khramova
(J.S. Bach)

***Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

God of great gifts: this morning we give you praise, glory, and thanks! With resurrection humming in our hearts, our minds are tuned to your song of peace. We joyfully present these gifts to you, a tangible chorus of thanksgiving, a harmony of hope for your kingdom come. Amen.

Closing Hymn "The Day of Resurrection!" Hymnal #118

Benediction

Leader: As Christ burst forth transformed from the tomb, may new life burst forth in you. May it show itself in acts of love and healing. And may Christ, who is the source of our new life, keep your hearts rejoicing and grant you peace this day and always.

All: **Amen.**

Hallelujah Chorus Congregation

Postlude "He is Risen" Oxana Khramova
(J. Neander, arr. B. Heidenreich)

*Thanks to all who purchased plants to beautify our sanctuary on Easter Sunday.
You may take your plants home following the Easter service.*

Credits

- The Call to Worship was Written by Rev. Mindi on her Rev-o-lution blog, <http://rev-o-lution.org/>. Re-posted on the *re:Worship* blog at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2014/04/easter-call-to-worship.html>.
- The Opening Prayer was adapted from one written by Walter Brueggemann, *Awed to Heaven, Rooted in Earth*. Posted on *Prayers and Creeds*, <http://prayersandcreeds.wordpress.com/>.
- The Prayers of the People were adapted from one written by Roddy Hamilton, and posted on *Mucky Paws* <http://www.nkchurch.org.uk/index.php/mucky-paws>. Re-posted on the *re:Worship* blog at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/>.
- The Prayer of Dedication was written by Carol Penner, and posted on *Leading in Worship*, <http://carolpenner.typepad.com/>.
- The Benediction was written by Joanna Harader and posted on her blog, *Spacious Faith*, <https://spaciousfaith.com>.

This Week:

Monday, April 1st; Easter Monday; office is closed

Tuesday, April 2nd , **NO** Executive committee meeting

Wednesday, April 3rd , **NO** Kid's Club today; 6:30 pm Bell's Rehearsal; 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, April 5th; Noon, Executive Committee meeting

Sunday, April 7, Guest Preacher Jill Christopherson

Mission Statement of First Congregational United Church of Christ in Menomonie, WI

We are called together:

To celebrate God's presence.

To help each person to grow in his or her relationship with God;

To create a welcoming and supportive community of all God's people, affirming the diversity of race, gender, age, sexual orientation, gender expression, and identity, social and economic status, and the differently abled;

To observe and share life's passages and our faith traditions;

To reach out in love seeking justice and peace;

And to tell the old story of Jesus and His love.

Land Acknowledgement

Here we congregate on Ojibwe, Dakota, Menominee, Potawatomi, and Ho Chunk land. Generations of Indigenous people occupied and provided careful stewardship of this land long before Europeans arrived on these shores. The traumatic dispossession of this land by European immigrants and the displacement of countless individuals produced collective suffering that has repercussions for our Indigenous neighbors today. The original inhabitants of this land—known to some Indigenous peoples as Turtle Island—took seriously the Creator's call to be stewards of air, land, water, and creatures. With gratitude, we acknowledge the lessons we continue to learn from our Indigenous neighbors as we seek to be good stewards and pray for guidance in learning how to make reparations.

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Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN 7.7.7.7 with alleluias

Stanzas 1-3, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708
Stanza 4, Charles Wesley, 1740*Lyra Davidica*, 1708
Adapted from *The Compleat Psalmist*, 1749
Desc. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1955

Descant

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

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

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

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

The image shows a musical score for a piece, likely a hymn or cantata. It consists of three staves: a vocal line at the top, a piano accompaniment in the middle, and a bass line at the bottom. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The music is in a common time signature and features a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some rests. The piano accompaniment includes chords and arpeggiated figures. The bass line provides a steady accompaniment with eighth notes. The lyrics are: 'Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!', 'Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!', 'Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!', and 'Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!'.

The Day of Resurrection!

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John of Damascus (c. 675-749)
Trans. John Mason Neale, 1862

Henry Thomas Smart, c. 1835

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 the 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;
Let the round world keep tri - umph, And all that is there - in;

From death to life e - ter - nal, From this world 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 hath 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 is ris - en, Our joy that hath no end.