



April 9, 2023

10:00AM

*St. John's United Church of Christ
Orwigsburg, PA
Pastor Jeff Johnson*

Easter Sunday

April 9, 2023

Meditation

“Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song.” Pope John Paul II, quoting Augustine, 4th century

Chimes

Prelude

Because He Lives (Amen)- Matt Maher

Welcome and Announcements

✠ Opening Hymn#288 (vs 1,3,4)

“Christ the Lord is Risen”

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
All creation, join to say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens and earth reply, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where O death is now thy sting Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

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!

Lifting up our Joys

Passing of the Peace

✠ Call to Worship (Congregation reads bold print)

This is the good news—the grave is empty; Christ is risen.

Hallelujah!

This is the good news—the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never put it out.

Hallelujah!

This is the good news—once we were no people; now we are God’s people.

Hallelujah!

Christ is our peace, the indestructible peace we now share with each other.

Hallelujah!

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

✠ Opening Prayer

✠ Prayer of Confession

God of endless possibilities, we confess that we do not always perceive the opportunities you place before us. Caught up in our own hopes, plans, and fantasies, and crushed when they disappoint us, we are slow to see the open pathways you set before us. Open our eyes, that we may accept the new life you offer us, and thus show forth the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

(Silent reflection)

Amen.

✠ Assurance of Forgiveness

Jesus shows us how much God loves us, and lets us know we are forgiven.

Be glad today. Let’s rejoice together. Life is good. We are forgiven, accepted and loved!

Bible Readings

Jeremiah 31: 1-6, Matthew 28: 1-10

Molly Stone, Brenda DeRenzo

Children's Message

Message

"Shockwaves of Joy"

Pastor Jeff

Choir Anthem

Come to the Tomb and Live Forever More
arr. Jack Shrader

✠ Statement of Faith- Philippians 2: 5-11

Pastor: Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus.

All: Who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Giving our Gifts to God

Offertory

Lord of the Dance

Arr. Mark Hayes

✠ Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God above ye heavenly hosts.

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

✠ Invitation to the Table

✠ Communion Prayer

Pastor Jeff

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eternal God, holy and mighty, it is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, and to worship you in every place where your glory abides. By your power you raised Jesus from death to life. Through his victory over the grave we are set free from the bonds of sin and the fear of death to share the glorious freedom of the children of God.

In his rising to life you promise eternal life to all who believe in him. We praise you that as we break bread in faith, we shall know the risen Christ among us. And so we join with all creation to praise you in song:

✠ Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heaven and earth are full, are full of the majesty of thy glory, Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord, Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

(the congregation may be seated)

Words of Institution

Hear the words of the institution of the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of our faith.

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

The Blessing of the Elements

Pastor Jeff

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

Our Father, 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

The gifts of God for the people of God. Prepare your hearts, for all things are ready.

Partaking of the Elements

Take and eat; this is the body of Christ, broken for you. **Amen!**

Take and drink; this is the cup of the new covenant, poured out for you. **Amen!**

✠Prayer of Thanksgiving (*unison*)

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal kingdom. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

✠Closing Hymn

“Thine is the Glory”

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

Thine be the glory
Risen conquering Son

Endless is the victory
Thou o'er death hast won

Lo! Jesus meets us
Risen from the tomb
Lovingly, He greets us
Scatters fear and gloom

Let his church with gladness
Hymns of triumph sing,
For her Lord now liveth,
Death hath lost its sting.

Thine be the glory
Risen conquering Son
Endless is the victory
Thou o'er death hast won

✠ Sending Forth and Final Blessing

✠ Threefold Amen

✠ Chimes/Meditation

Postlude

Toccata

Gordon Young

In Honor of....

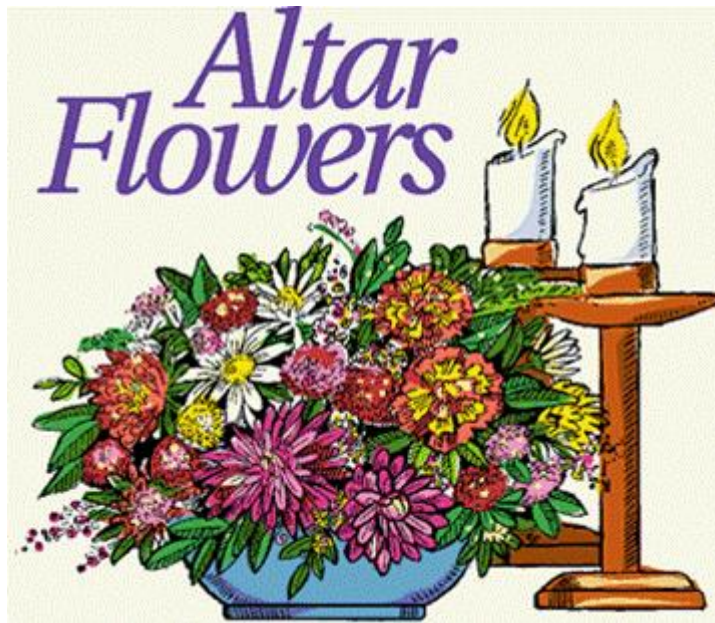
- ❖ Mardelle Deibert- Presented by Sue & Ricci Hartman
- ❖ Grandchildren- Presented by Sue & Ricci Hartman
- ❖ Grandchildren, Sabrina & Finnegan- Presented by Larry & Leisha Hoffman
- ❖ Alee, Jack, Nick & Jo, Presented by Jamie Barton & Brenda DeRenzo
- ❖ Gil Dominick- Presented by Jamie Barton & Brenda DeRenzo
- ❖ Children, Christopher & Caitlin Brossman, presented by Ellen Kirby & Kevin Bound
- ❖ Our children & grandchildren- Presented by Jeff & Barb Marrongelle
- ❖ Pastor Jeff & Irma- Presented by a friend
- ❖ Our children & grandchildren- Presented by Gale & MaryAnn Sterner



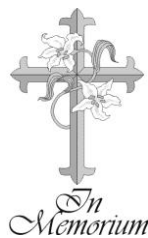
In Loving Memory of....

- ❖ Our Parents- Presented by Peg & Jerry Berger
- ❖ Our dear friend Joan Koehler- Presented by Peg & Jerry Berger
- ❖ Our loved ones- Presented by Jeff & Barb Marrongelle
- ❖ Niece & Huband Terri & Dave Breslin- Presented by Beverly Onuskanich
- ❖ Sister and Husband, Darline & Ady Darosh- Presented by Beverly Onuskanich
- ❖ Fred Deibert & Irene & John Hartman- Presented by Sue & Ricci Hartman
- ❖ Ray Gaston- Presented by Ruth Gaston
- ❖ Mother, Mal Weaver Bartram- Presented by Sally Morgan
- ❖ Parents Raymond & Jean Kramer, & Leroy & Dorothy Hoffman, Presented by Larry & Leisha Hoffman
- ❖ Rev. Jack & Anne Barton- Presented by Jamie Barton & Brenda DeRenzo
- ❖ Loved ones- Presented by Ellen Kirby & Kevin Bound
- ❖ Bright & Mary Berger- Presented by Michelle Sterner McNutt
- ❖ Our sons DJ & David- Presented by Ronald & Debra Tohill





*The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God,
in memory of grandson Wesley.
Presented by Phyllis Anchorstar*



*The Palm Plants decorating the sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in
loving memory of Squire Skelding,
Presented by Barb Skelding.*

