

Prelude

"Prelude in D minor" [from *Alleluja Amen*, HWV 269]
Georg Friedrich Händel (1685 - 1759)/arr. M. Rondeau
Christine Reif, trumpet

My Lord, What a Morning
Tunes: BURLEIGH & GIVE ME JESUS, arr. Karissa Dennis, 2017
The Carilloneers

Welcome

Rev. Judy Arnold (9 am) and Rev. Will Burhans (11 am)

Moment of Silence**Introit**

Easter Bells
Tunes: LASST UNS ERFREUEN & EASTER HYMN, arr. Michael Ryan, 2014
The Carilloneers

The Call to Worship (adapted from Jan Richardson's "Circle of Grace") Ben Pulaski

One: Hear these words of blessing on this Easter morning from the poet Jan Richardson:
"If it is a blessing you seek, open your own mouth. Fill your lungs with the air this
new morning brings and then release it with a song. Hear how the blessing breaks
forth in your own voice, how your lips form every word you never dreamed to
say. See how the blessing circles back again, wanting you to repeat it, but louder,
how it draws you, pulls you, sends you to proclaim its only word...
Risen! Risen! Risen!" Brothers and sisters, friends and strangers, seekers and finders,
Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed!

One: Let us release ourselves into this Easter morning by singing and praying and
worshipping God together.

***Processional Hymn**

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today (red-covered) PH #182

***Gathering Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**

Kathleen Zagata

(adapted from the Iona Book of Worship)

**We praise You, bright and amazing CREATOR GOD, who has been to the depths
of despair on our behalf; who has risen in splendour and majesty; who
decorates the universe with sparkling water, clear white light, twinkling stars
and sharp colours, over and over again. We praise You, JESUS CHRIST, the
light of the world, who suffered, died, and rose again and now calls us forth to
be Your hands and feet in a troubled world. We praise You, HOLY SPIRIT who
connects us to one another and opens new roads where old ways are lost and
breaths new life where it seemed only death remained. Hear us as we worship
You this morning and draw us into the mystery of the dance of Your trinitarian
life as we pray in Jesus name....**

**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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into
temptation but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the Kingdom and the power
and the glory forever, amen.**

***An Act of Praise**

Gloria Patri

PH #513

**Glory be to the Creator and to the Christ and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the
beginning, is now and ever shall be; World without end, amen, amen.**

A Time for the Young

Ben Pulaski

***Hymn**

The Day of Resurrection

(red-covered) PH# 192

Scripture

John 20:1-18

OT pg. 114, LP OT pg.100

Sermon

"How to Win by Losing"

Rev. Will Burhans

Quiet Time for Reflection**Offertory**

Risen Today! [2011]

Music: Quoting EASTER HYMN, Lyra Davidica, 1708
Original Tune: Dan Forrest (b. 1978); Text: Charles Wesley, alt.

Jeffrey Mead, organ; Nancy Kneiss, piano; J. Michael Tucker, percussion

***Doxology**

NCH #780

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

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Judy Arnold

Sacrament of Holy Communion**Invitation****Prayer of Consecration****Words of Invitation****Sharing of the Bread and Cup**

(The Deacons will distribute the bread and cup in the pews this morning. Everyone is
welcome to participate but if you choose not to, please pass the plate to the person beside
you. Hold the bread or the cup until everyone is served and the Pastor invites all to
partake. All the bread is gluten free and the cups are filled with grape juice.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving (adapted from "The Open Gate: Celtic Prayers")

**Lord, you have invited us to be your guests at your table. You have welcomed
us into your presence. You have fed us with your body and refreshed us with
your life-blood. You have given us your own self. We thank you. Help us to give
ourselves to others in your service, in joy and thanksgiving, in love and
dedication. As you give us freely, let us give freely to you. Amen.**

***Closing Hymn**

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

(red covered) PH #185

(Those wishing to join the choir for the "Hallelujah Chorus"
please come forward during the singing of this hymn).

Benediction

Rev. Judy Arnold & Rev. Will Burhans

Choral Response

"Hallelujah" from *Messiah*

Georg Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

Postlude

Wir danken dir, Gott, wir danken dir (BWV 29) – Sinfonia

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

You are invited to take part in our Easter Tradition of delivering a Lily to a fellow member at home or in a nearby care center. Plants will be available in the front of the sanctuary after both services.

Special Thanks to our guest musicians this morning: Christine Reif, trumpet and J. Michael Tucker, percussion.

Youth Hosted Breakfast and Fellowship Today at 9:45

We invite you all downstairs to Chidley Hall, between the two services today. All are welcome to join us. Proceeds support the youth mission trip to Pennsylvania next month.

Meet Our Church

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We are a Christ-centered, nurturing community: growing in faith, serving in love, welcoming all with joy.

The Congregation, Ministers To The World
Rev. William Burhans, Lead Pastor
Rev. Judith B. Arnold, Associate Pastor
Ms. Kathleen Zagata, RN, MS, CS, Minister of Congregational Health & Wellness
Ms. Jane Ring Frank, Minister of Music & Worship Arts
Mr. Ben Pulaski, Minister of Faith Formation: Children & Youth
Ms. Sarah Marino, Office Manager
Mr. Tyler Campbell, Sexton
Mr. Jeffrey Mead, Organist
Rev. Dr. Kenneth Orth, Pastoral Counselor (Affiliate)

Welcome!

We are happy you have joined us today for worship. We hope that in the coming hour of quiet, song, prayer, sacred scripture, and communal gathering, you will awaken more fully to God's presence in your life and the world around us.

Restrooms

Restrooms are located down the stairs as you first enter the front doors of the church.

Accessibility

We now have an inductive hearing loop for those whose hearing aids have Telecoil (ask your audiologist). Listening devices are also available in the back. For our coffee hour in Chidley Hall, an elevator is located out the doors to the right of the front chancel area and down the hall. Please ask a greeter if you need assistance.

Childcare

Children are always welcome in the sanctuary! We appreciate the sounds of little ones among us. If you'd prefer, there are trained caregivers in our a nursery on the floor beneath the sanctuary. Ask a greeter if you need help finding it.

Family Room

There is also a comfortable room with water, sofas, chairs, carpet and a video link to the service for when you need more room to attend to your family. It is located just outside the doors to the right of the front chancel area.

Children (Stepping Stones) and Youth Church School

Classes for children and youth in pre-k through 12th grade are taught during worship. Families begin the worship service together in the sanctuary. Children are then invited to join us at the front (if they are comfortable) for the Time for the Young. Afterwards, the children and youth are led to their classrooms by their teachers.

Get connected!

Please tell us about yourself and/or request a prayer by filling out a Welcome/Prayer Request Card found in each pew and place it in the offering plate when it passes. We look forward to getting to know you at Coffee Hour, held downstairs immediately following the service.

Prayer List

Please keep the following people in your prayers: Jessica Brand, Martha George, Cheryl Paradise, and Lucy Sanders.

Easter Offering

This year our offering will go to *Megan's House Foundation*. It is a highly regarded substance abuse treatment program for young women in Lowell, Mass. With this offering, we can help ease the pain of young women fighting addiction and offer them a way back to family, friends, and happiness. Easter is God's declaration that forgiveness is absolute. Our offering honors all those who most need to feel forgiveness and are the least capable of accepting it. Your donation will help the *Megan's House Foundation* continue to build programs that help young women regain hope, find sobriety, and realize they are not beyond redemption and that new life is possible. Please place your gift in the Easter Gift envelope in your pew and put it in the offering plate when it comes around. Thank you and bless you.

Tuesdays with Jesus: Make Up Date: Tuesday, Apr 3rd 6:30-8 PM

Marty's Rozmanith's "Tuesdays With Jesus" was cancelled due to the snow. We begin with 20 minutes of centering prayer from 6:30-7 in the Palmer Room and then move into the Tucker Room where we share a simple soup and bread supper while we listen to Marty present his talk "Jesus and Construction". We hope you'll join us!

A Special Holocaust Memorial Concert: Sunday, April 8, 2018, 4 PM

In honor of Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day, April 11, 2018), First Congregational Church will co-sponsor, along with Temple Shir Tikvah, a distinctive string quartet concert in the beautiful acoustic of our sanctuary, featuring the works of three powerful composers who perished in the Holocaust - Erwin Schulhoff, Pavel Haas and Leo Smit. You will have an opportunity to hear the Aryaloka String Quartet (Aryaloka is a Sanskrit word which means "in the presence of the noble ones."), four marvelous string players who have often graced our chancel in collaboration with the FCC choir. The quartet will round out the program with the celebrated *String Quartet No. 8* of Dimitri Shostakovich which was "dedicated to the victims of fascism and war." Reverend Will Burhans and Rabbi Cari Bricklin-Small will offer a brief welcome and introduction. The concert will be followed by a lovely reception, hosted by both congregations. Free will offering taken at the door.

Immigration Lawyer to Speak at FCCW Chidley Hall, 7-8:30 p.m.

On Thursday, April 5th, Seth Purcell, a lawyer from the Political Asylum/Immigration Representation (PAIR) Project, will talk about immigration legal issues, especially as regards asylum seekers. This is a Refugee Immigration Ministry (RIM)-sponsored talk. Come, listen, and meet members of the nine RIM clusters, including the Metro-North Cluster in which our FCC participates.

Easter Lilies Which Glorify our Sanctuary are Given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of:

Regina Cantella, by the Campell-Pechenik family

Our family members whom have passed, by the Carbone family

Roger R. Coutu, Jr., by William & Robin Frykberg and family

Joan & Chuck Coyne, by the Scipione family

Gail M. Crosby, by William & Robin Frykberg and family

Merle David, by William & Robin Frykberg and family

Angela & George Dyson, by Alice & Richard Osgood

John D. Eusden, by Sarah Eusden Gallop and Josie Eusden

Peter French, by the French family

Kathryn and Luis Gallop, by Andy Gallop

Family & friends, by Phyllis & Paul Gleason

Theo Greene and our parents: Joshua & Verona Whatmough, Phillips & Ruth Greene, by Fred Greene and family

Janet Harvey, by the Mahoney family

Shirley Ann Hebert, by William & Robin Frykberg and family

Mathew Joseph Navien and Chuck Navien, by their loving family

With love for Diane Neth (Ken's sister) May she rest in peace, by Rev. Dr. Ken Orth & George Paolucci

George & Helen Osgood, Mary & Richard Osgood by Alice & Richard Osgood

Althea Pechenik, by the Campbell-Pechenik family

Ann Russell, by Ann's Family

Thomas C. Sanders, by Lucy N. Sanders

John P. Sawyer, Jr and our parents, by Susan Dreyfus Sawyer and Andy Spiegel

Our parents, by Dick & Liz Sayre

Chris and Ralph Stone, by their family

Arthur & Edith Sweeney, by the Ritenhouse family

Miriam G. Troisi, by Nick & Marcie Troisi

Elaine Valende, by a close friend

Easter Lilies Which Glorify our Sanctuary are Given to the Glory of God and in Loving Honor of:

Paul Mahoney, by the Mahoney family

Virginia N. Sanders, by Lucy N. Sanders

THANK YOU to all who donated flowers to decorate the sanctuary today. They are truly symbols of resurrection joy.