EASTER SUNDAY March 27, 2016

### Worship at 9 o'clock and 11 o'clock

**Words for meditation and preparation:** "God does not look at the universe of being and decide to love it, but by loving it, God brings the universe into being. The love of God is ever in-pouring and creating the goodness of things."

-Anthony J. Kelly in "The Resurrection Effect"

PRELUDE That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

Puer Nobis

adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621

arr. Cathy Moklebust

The Carilloneers

WELCOME Rev. Will Burhans

A MOMENT OF SILENCE/PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

INTROIT Jubilation

Fred Graman

The Carilloneers

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Ben Pulaski

The morning began in darkness and stillness and then the day dawned in quiet.

### God ordained the ancient sun to rise again from its slumber

Friday ended with loss and grief. The one who embodied love was crucified by those who feared the implications of such love.

### But God brought forth Jesus from the tomb.

And so today is a new day! Once again light emerges from darkness, hope from despair, life from death.

As we worship together on this Easter morning, may God bring forth our truest selves into the light of Christ's resurrection.

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

(red covered) PH 182

#### \*GATHERING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Kathleen Zagata

Lord God, early in the morning when the world was young you made life in all its beauty and terror, you gave birth to all that we know.

Hallowed be your name.

### Hallowed be your name.

Early in the morning, when the world least expected it, a newborn child crying in a cradle announced that you had come among us, that you were one of us. Hallowed be your name.

### Hallowed be your name.

Early in the morning, surrounded by respectable liars, religious leaders, anxious statesmen and silent friends, you accepted the penalty for doing good, for being God: you shouldered and suffered the cross.

Hallowed be your name.

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Early in the morning a voice in a guarded graveyard and footsteps in the dew proved that you had risen, that you came back to those and for those who had forgotten, denied, and destroyed you.

Hallowed be your name.

### Hallowed be your name.

Early this morning in the company of your church on earth and in heaven we celebrate your creation, your life, your death and resurrection, your interest in us and so we pray:

Lord bring new life where we are worn and tired, new love where we have turned hard-hearted, forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have wounded, and the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit where we are the prisoners of ourselves. Amen.

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

(Please use words that are most meaningful to you)

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.

TIME FOR THE YOUNG

Ben Pulaski

\*HYMN

The Day of Resurrection

(red covered) PH 192

#### THE GIVING OF OUR OFFERINGS

Rev. Judith Arnold

Offertory Anthem A Hymn of Resurrection [2007] Music: Gwyneth Walker (b. 1947)

Text: Jessie B. Pounds (1861-1921), adapted by the composer

I know that my Redeemer lives, and on the earth again shall stand. I know eternal life He gives, with grace and healing in His hand.

I know His promise of rebirth, the Word He speaks can never die.

Though death shall take my body from the earth, yet I shall see Him by and by.

I know my pathway He prepares for where He is, there I shall be.

Abiding faith, for me He cares, and He at last will come for me!

I know, I know eternal life He gives.

I know, I know the grace and healing in His hand.

I know, I know that my Redeemer lives!

For on the earth He has come again!

My Savior lives again.

Roy Procops, trumpet; Bruce Lauterwasser, trumpet; Helen Wargelin, horn in F; Andrew McPherson, trombone

\*Doxology

(black covered) NCH 780

\*Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Judith

SCRIPTURE Luke 24:1-12

SERMON Rev. Judith (9am) Rev. Will (11am)

ANTHEM A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing David Ashley White (b. 1944)

Based on the tune DEO GRACIAS, 15<sup>th</sup> cent.

Text: The Venerable Bede (673-735)

A hymn of glory let us sing, new hymns through out the world shall ring; By a new way none ever trod Christ take his place the throne of God!

Alleluia!

You are a present joy, O Lord; you will be ever our reward;

And great the light in you we see to guide us to eternity.

O risen Christ, ascended Lord, all praise to you let earth accord,

Who are, while endless ages run, with Maker and with spirit one.

Alleluia!

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Will (9am) Rev. Judith (11am)

781-729-9180

\*RECESSIONAL 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)

\*COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION (Please remain standing)

CHORAL RESPONSE "Hallelujah" from Messiah Georg Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

POSTLUDE Sonata (Op. 65, #1) - Allegro assai vivace Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47)

\*Those who are able please stand

**AN EASTER TRADITION:** Can you please help us deliver Easter Plants to church members living nearby? This simple act of Christian love is our tradition and a teachable moment for families. Plants are available at the conclusion of the Hallelujah response at both services. Thanks ~the Flower Committee

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## EASTER LILIES

# WHICH GLORIFY OUR SANCTUARY ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN *LOVING MEMORY OF:*

Elizabeth & Howard Bauman by the Roger Bauman family

**Dr. Roger A. Bauman** by the Roger Bauman family

Richard P. Carbone Sr. by Heather, Richard, Jessica & Monica Carbone

Courtney A. Crandall by his family

John H. Delandis and William & Lois Rinn by Bill, Barbara, & Alexa Rinn

Joe & Gaby Forzese by Rick Forzese & Julianne Zimmerman

**Peter French** by the French family

Theo Green by Fred and family

Otto & Pauline Lang by the Roger Bauman family

Christine MacFarlane by the Skinner family

Grandparents Joe & Dorris McPherson and Tom & Carolyn Grosvenor

by their grandchildren Cam and Drew McPherson

Our parents by Steve and Marjorie Moore

Mathew J. Navien and Charles F. Navien by their loving family

Our Parents and Our Friends by Ken Orth & George Paolucci

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

Althea Pechenik and Sadie Cantella by the Campbell-Pechenik family

Irene & Bradley Roberts and Barbara & Kent Ellis by the Roberts family

Myron Blasi and Donald Rohall, fathers of Alex and Steve Rohall

**Ann Russell** by Ann's Family

Edna Ibsen Schow by The Skinner Family

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Francis T. Skinner By The Skinner Family

Roger & Julia Smith by Rick Forzese & Julianne Zimmerman

Elton & Virginia Smith by Rick Forzese & Julianne Zimmerman

Ralph W. and Christopher W. Stone by their family

Marilyn White by Janet Hall

Frank Wilson by Jennifer & John Wilson

Clifford Sr., Anita, Clifford Jr. and Bradford Witham by Heather, Richard, Jessica & Monica Carbone

Marian Wood by the Sansom family

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# WHICH GLORIFY OUR SANCTUARY ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN *HONOR of:*

Gay Williams, by Sarah Marino

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

Youth Hosted Pancake Breakfast and Fellowship

Today at 9:45

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

## People We are Praying for ...

NamesPurposeRev. Jena Royfor healingJessica Brandfor healingRev. Janet Dorman, previous Associate Pastorfor healingThe family of Marilyn Whitein their grief

Please let the Deacons or Ministry Team know if you have someone to add or remove from this list.

### Men's Group

FCC Monthly Men's Group, Sunday April 3rd, 7:30-9 PM, Palmer Room. All FCC men and their guests are welcome. We discuss matters that are personal and spiritual. Pot-luck beverages or snacks are welcome but not expected. Questions to chris.noble@yahoo.com

### **Being Mortal Film and Discussion**

Join us from 11:30 AM to 1:15 PM on April 3rd in the Palmer Room to view and discuss the PBS Frontline documentary Being Mortal - an examination of what matters most at the end of life, with surgeon and best-selling author Atul Gawande. A light lunch will be provided. Kindly RSVP to Karen Roberts by March 30th so we may plan accordingly (kerob@comcast.net or 781-729-0518)

### **NCIS: New-Comers Inquiry Session**

Our second church informational session for people interested in joining will be held after worship on April 3 at 11:30am in the Family Room. If you were not able to attend the first session you are still welcome to join us for this one. Parents, there will be childcare available in the nursery. Rev. Will or Rev. Judy are happy to connect with you individually as well if you have questions about the church and membership. We hope to hold a membership ceremony on Sunday, May 15th.

### **Special Easter Offering**

Our Easter Offering this year is **More Than Words (MTW)**. MTW works with youth in the foster care system to empower them to take charge of their lives by taking charge of a business. They challenge their young people with managing online and retail bookstores in Boston and Waltham. They also help youth learn essential life skills. One of the key elements of this program is the commitment to ongoing support. Many youth age out of the foster care system with few skills for navigating independence and self-care. With the support of MTW and the experience gained there, youth are far better equipped to lead successful lives and develop their many gifts. Please help them in this endeavor by placing your gift in the Easter Gift envelope in your pew and putting it in the offering plate when it comes around. Thank you.

### Church Events This Week (March 27-April 3)

SUNDAY	Easter Sunday		
	6:15	AM	Easter Sunrise Service at Wright –Locke Farm
	9:00	AM	Easter Service
	9:45	AM	Pancake Breakfast
	11:00	AM	Easter Service
	7:30	PM	FORUM (High School)
MONDAY	7:00	PM	Carilloneers
TUESDAY	7:30	PM	Boy Scouts
WEDNESDAY	8:30	AM	Men's Coffee & Conversation
	10:00	AM	Ministry Team Meeting
	10:00	AM	FAN Toddler Playgroup
THURSDAY	7:30	PM	Choir Rehearsal
SUNDAY	9:30	AM	Blessing of the Palms on the Common
	10:00	AM	Worship
	10:00	AM	J2A Class - 9th & 10th Grades
	10:00	AM	Rite 13 7th & 8th graders
	10:15	AM	Stepping Stones (Church School)
	11:30	AM	NCIS: New-Comers Inquiry Class
	11:30	AM	Adult Faith Formation: Being Mortal
	4:00	PM	Girl Scouts
	7:30	PM	FORUM (High School)
	7:30	PM	Men's Group