

Children’s Sermon

Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

OFFERING

Invitation to Offering

Offertory “Celebrate with Gladness”
Bell Choir

Please stand for the Doxology

Presentation

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

Offering Prayer

All Sit.

Anthem “Easter Bells with Joy are Ringing”
Bell and Chancel Choirs

Prayer

Living God,
rejoicing in this day of resurrection, we have come to celebrate
the strength of your love—a love that triumphs even over death.
As we exult in the miracle of your incarnate love,
we thank you for the opportunity to encounter the Risen Christ
here in our midst. **Amen.**

RESPONSES

Please stand if you are able, to sing the hymn.

Hymn #327 “Crown Him with Many Crowns” *DIADEMATA*

Morning Prayer

Joys and Concerns are lifted before God and the congregation.

Pastoral Prayer

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we don’t always recognize Christ,
even when we are looking directly at your Incarnate Love.
We cling to our assumptions about how life on earth should unfold,
forgetting that life in your realm shatters those expectations.
**Forgive us when we go through our daily routine,
forgetting to look for the Risen One.**
**Forgive us when coming to worship is more about seeing our
friends than it is about encountering you and our Resurrected
Lord.**

Open our eyes and our hearts, O God,
to the full awareness of your presence with us,
in each and every moment of our lives.
We pray in the name of the Christ who is alive!
Alleluia and Amen

Words of Assurance

The testimony of all the prophets is united
in this message of good news:
Everyone who believes in Jesus Christ
receives forgiveness of sins through his name.
Rejoice, for your sins are already forgiven!

Passing the Peace

I invite you to exchange signs of peace with one another using
these traditional words that have been spoken by Easter
Christians throughout the centuries:
Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Please see insert for the Sacrament of Communion

The congregation joins in repeating Psalm 19:14

Let the words of my mouth,
**and the meditation of my heart,
be acceptable in your sight, Lord,
my strength and my redeemer.**

Sermon “Weeping Joyfully” *Rev. Paul Fleck*

*Please stand, if you are able, to sing the hymns, and remain standing for
the dismissal and benediction.*

Hymn #310 “He Lives” *ACKLEY*

Hymn #322 “Up From the Grave He Arose” *CHRIST AROSE*

SENDING FORTH

Christ is with us in this place.
Alleluia!
Christ goes with us into the world.
Alleluia!
Go now in peace. Christ is risen!
Risen indeed! Alleluia!

Postlude

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Our prayers are with:

- Roberta Buddle who is recovering from surgery at Bethel Rehab.
- Roger Nagle who is recovering from surgery.
- Sue Sterling who had successful hand surgery.
- Tom Tibbatts who had successful knee surgery.
- The LaBella family whose daughter has begun aggressive chemotherapy
after the delivery of her healthy baby by C-section.
- The DeBoy family as they grieve the loss of Sue.
- The Hudak family as they grieve the loss of June.
- Roxanne Martin as she continues her recovery from back surgery.
- Millie Ackerly’s daughter who has begun cancer treatment.
- Jan Parson’s sister-in-law, Ellen, who is recovering following surgery.
- Denise Reiss’ friend who is suffering from ovarian cancer.
- Traci Poeti’s brother, Rob, who has health issues.
- Bonnie Knapp’s brother, Dick, who underwent a successful operation
for lung cancer but is now receiving radiation for a growth on his
neck.
- Marlene Davis’ nephew who is in hospice.

Meetings & Opportunities this week:

*Mon., Apr. 21 at 10:30 am Tai Chi in Fellowship Hall
at 6:00 pm Open Door Band Practice in Sanctuary
at 7:00 pm Wesley Group in the Conference Room*

*Tues., Apr. 22 at 4:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 40213 in Fellowship Hall
at 6:00 pm SPR in Conference Room
at 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting in Fellowship Hall*

*Wed., Apr. 23 at 6:00 pm Iglesia Cristo Reina in Sanctuary
at 6:30 pm Needle Nuts in Conference Room
at 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 31 in Fellowship Hall*

*Thur., Apr. 24 at 3:00 pm Our Daily Bread in the Food Barn
at 3:30 pm Confirmation Class
at 5:30 pm Girl Scout Sunday Org. Meeting in FH
at 5:45 pm Bells rehearsal
at 7:00 pm Chancel Choir
at 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 158 in Fellowship Hall
at 6:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 40236 in Fellowship Hall*

Fri., Apr. 25 at 11:00 am Service for Sue DeBoy

*Sat., Apr. 26 at 9:30 am Traditional Worship
at 10:00 am Children’s Sunday School
at 10:30 am Adult Sunday School
at 11:30 am Contemporary Open Door Worship
at 2:00 pm Iglesia Cristo Reina in Sanctuary
at 2:30 pm Youth Group
at 4:00 pm Iglesia Cristo Reina in Fellowship Hall*

Monday - Friday at noon AA meeting in Fellowship Hall

**New Milford United Methodist Church
Every Member A Disciple**

9:30 a.m. Ushers: Art and Laurie Putnam

Lu Vivona and Jean Lord

11:30 a.m. Ushers: The Kolitz Family

Liturgist: Chris Prause

The flowers decorating our sanctuary this Easter were given to the glory of God by the following...

Tom and Jen Burns in honor of Thomas Burns

Tom and Jen Burns in honor of Anna Burns

The Cannito Family in loving memory of Bonnie Cannito

Anne Carlson in loving memory of Warren Carlson

Art Carlson in loving memory of Axel and Lillian Carlson and Fay Carlson

Charles Chapin in loving memory of his parents

Marlene Davis in honor of loved ones

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Carolyn Dion in honor of Michael Dion

The Fleck Family in memory of Frieda Fleck and Margaret Kommes

Ted and Pat Hammer in loving memory of Grant Retallick

Don and Lynn Hayes in honor of their loving family and friends

Don and Lynn Hayes in memory of loved ones

Terri and Joe Hudak in loving memory of June Hudak

Bill and Jody Ihlo in loving memory of Lee and Cornelia Winters

Bill and Jody Ihlo in loving memory of Fred and Fran Ihlo

Brinna Kolitz in honor of the Youth Group

Glenn & Bonnie Knapp in honor of our grandchildren

Glenn and Bonnie Knapp in loving memory of their parents

Dave Kullgren in memory of loved ones

Dave Kullgren in honor of his grandchildren

The Leary Family in loving memory of George L. Leary

Anne Meehan in memory of David Peter Goldsmith, USMC, died March 1968,

Vietnam—may he always be remembered in prayer.

Dorothy McIntyre in loving memory of Douglas McIntyre

Laurel Partrick in loving memory of her parents Ken and Winifred Andrews

Jan & Gene Parsons in loving memory of their parents

Philipps Family in memory of Mildred A. Philipps

Adam Podraza in loving memory of Denise K. Podraza

Chris and Mary Prause in memory of loved ones

Janet Schnitzler in loving memory of Andy Schnitzler

Lynn & Terry Singleton in honor of the Thomas Family

Lynn & Terry Singleton in honor of Diane Singleton

Linda & Alex Slater in loving memory of Walter J. Slater, husband and father

*Linda & Alex Slater in loving memory of Gary Brenchley,
Brother, uncle, Godfather*

*Linda & Alex Slater in loving memory of Frederick A. Brenchley,
father & grandfather*

*Ben and Lu Vivona in honor of the Congregational Care Group and
Bonnie Knapp*

Ed Whaley in loving memory of Dorothy Whaley



The Open Door Contemporary Worship

11:30 am

...in a religion born in a barn,
an open door goes without saying.

"celebrate with gladness"
bell choir

song 59

"arise"

song 71

"celebrate, Jesus, celebrate"

welcome & announcements

passing the peace

song 63

"my redeemer lives"

song 84

"mighty to save"

gospel lesson

john 20:1-18

page 114 in the new testament of your pew bible

the word of God for the people of God.

thanks be to God.

presentation of the offerings

children's message

message

"weeping joyfully"

rev. paul fleck

sacrament of communion

song 83

"everybody praise the lord"

song 4

"amen"

song 64

"you are good"

sending forth

postlude

"happy"

pharell

Easter
Sunday



The Service of Worship
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Easter Sunday
Sunday, April 20, 2014 at 9:30 am

*You are invited to worship with us in the quiet of prayer, in the joy of song,
and in the desire to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.
We especially welcome every visitor today. We are very glad you came.
Part of our mission is to be a place for all people. All are welcome here!
Whatever your gender, age, race, religious background,
economic status, sexual orientation or condition of ableness,
we greet you as a beloved child of God.*

ENTRANCE AND PRAISE

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: Women, why are you weeping?

Women: They have taken away the Lord.

Leader: Men, why are you weeping?

Men: They have taken away the Lord.

Leader: Christ has not been taken away!

Christ is risen! Christ is alive,
here in our midst!

Everyone: We have seen the Lord! Alleluia!

Processional
Hymn #302

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today" EASTER HYMN

Psalm

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Page 565 in the Old Testament of your pew Bible.

(Please stand for Gospel lesson, if you are able.)

Gospel Lesson

John 20:1-18

Page 114 in the New Testament of your pew Bible.

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

*The children are invited to come forward and sit at the chancel with the
pastor as the congregation sings the first verse of Hymn 191, "Jesus
Loves Me."*