



**Sunday April 27, 2025**

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## PRELUDE

## OPENING HYMN

*Christ Is Alive*

*UMH #318*

## WELCOME

## INTROIT

*Easter Alleluia*

*verses 1-3*

*Worship and Song #3088*

## **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: Christ is risen!

**ALL: Christ is risen indeed!**

ONE: Creator God, we praise you!

**ALL: Risen Christ, we greet you!**

ONE: Holy Spirit, we are one body by your grace.

**ALL: Alleluia! We have seen the Risen Christ! Alleluia!**

ONE: You alone are holy, O God, and so we worship you.

**ALL: You have brought Christ up out of the grave.**

ONE: You have brought life out of death, hope out of despair.

**ALL: We have seen your victory in our lives;**

ONE: we have beheld your Risen Christ among us

**ALL: For what we have seen, we give thanks.**

ONE: For what is yet to come, we give you our hearts.

**ALL: We worship you, and give you ourselves. Alleluia!**

## OPENING PRAYER

**God of new life, your grace is always beyond our grasp. But we want to see you, to feel your presence. Open the eyes of our hearts to see you, present for us. Open the ears of our hearts to hear you speak your Word to us, now and always, through the living Christ. Amen.**

## THE BASKET

**Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-jah!**

**Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-jah!**

**Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-jah!**

**Hallelujah! Halle-lu-jah!**

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

Let us open ourselves to God in confession, trusting the Lord's desire to give and joy and peace

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION      (Unison)**

**God, we confess our trust in you is broken by our fears and cynicism, by our need to control and understand, by our attachment to comfort and security. In the wounds of Christ touch us, soften our hearts, and turn our spirits toward you, that in us Christ may rise anew, living and whole.**

*(silence)*

## **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Hear the good news: Christ comes with healing light into our locked places and shadowy hurts, resurrecting our spirits and breathing into us new life. As God's forgiven people, go to bring peace, forgiveness, and new life to the world in the name of Jesus the Christ.

## **SCRIPTURE      John 20:19-31**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So, the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you

believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

## **MESSAGE**

*The Movement From Fear to Joy*

## **HYMN**

*Easter Alleluia verses 4-6*

*Worship & Song #3088*

## **PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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.

## **WORSHIPING GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING OFFERTORY**

Lord, I lift Your name on high  
Lord, I love to sing Your praises  
I'm so glad You're in my life  
I'm so glad You came to save us

### **Chorus**

You came from heaven to earth  
To show the way  
From the earth to the cross  
My debt to pay  
From the cross to the grave  
From the grave to the sky  
Lord, I lift Your name on high  
*Doxology*

***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.***

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

As we offer our gifts to you, Loving God, remove any questions about how they might be used, as you offer food to the hungry, hope to the despairing, joy to the grieving, and peace to the broken. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen

**From the cross to the grave  
From the grave to the sky  
Lord, I lift Your name on high**

**\* CLOSING HYMN**

*Thine Be the Glory*

*UMH # 308*

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS April – May 2025**

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS April 28<sup>th</sup> – May 4<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Monday April 28<sup>th</sup>**

AA mtg @ 7:30pm in Fellowship Hall (Room 8)

#### **Tuesday April 29<sup>th</sup>**

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

#### **Wednesday April 30<sup>th</sup>**

Bible Study @ 12pm in Fellowship Hall BYO Lunch

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

#### **Thursday May 1<sup>st</sup>**

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Christian Meditation @ 6:30pm in French Chapel

#### **Friday May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Friday Morning Prayer @ 7pm on Facebook

First Friday @ 12pm in fellowship hall. Bring your lunch!

#### **Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup>**

Worship @ 10am

Jubilation Ringers Rehearsal @ 11:15am



**Mark your Calendars for these Choral Concerts.....**

### **NJCS SEASON FINALE MASTERWORKS CONCERT**

#### **Lux Aeterna Masterworks Concert Featuring Faure's Requiem**

June 14th, Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at Westside Presbyterian Church, Ridgewood NJ

Everlasting light, eternal rest, and consolation are woven together in Gabriel Faure's Requiem, an inspiring, world-renowned Mass, sometimes described as a "lullaby of death." Additional musical choices presented reflect on profound meanings of eternal light and the circle of life.

See Lyn Sentkowski for tickets!

## **THE RIDGEWOOD SINGERS**

**The Ridgewood Singers present their spring concert "Where is Home?"** on Sunday, May 4th at 2 PM at the First Presbyterian Church (722 East Ridgewood Ave, Ridgewood). This concert will feature various songs through the ages, and a special presentation by their high school scholarship winner, who is bound for Juilliard upon graduation.

Tickets are available at the door, or through Cathy Nalesnik, Liz Tible, or Anita Dispenziere.



### **ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING SENIORS!!**

The UMCW Scholarship applications can be picked up in the church office **beginning in April** and must be returned by **May 15th**.

Office Hours: 10am-3pm Tuesday-Thursday.

**\*\*Applicants must be an active member of the UMC in Wayne**

**\*\* Any questions contact Nancy Kinch at (973) 694-2603 or [nkinch@aol.com](mailto:nkinch@aol.com)**



**The UMC for Greater New Jersey Annual Conference** will be held May 18- 20 in Wildwood NJ. This year's mission project is **"Socks for Seniors"**, where adult socks will be collected by local churches and distributed to Cape May County seniors in need. Our Wayne UMC collection will start on Sunday, April 27 and end on Friday, May 16. A box for your donations of NEW ADULT SOCKS will be in the narthex. Pat Moore will be attending the conference and will proudly bring our collection.

### **First Friday News**



Our next gathering is Friday, May 2 at noon. All are welcome to come, as we BYO our lunches, beverages, and our willingness to have fun together. Our focus will be "Mothers". We will honor and talk about our mothers- their joys, triumphs and challenges during their lifetimes. All are invited to text or email a photo of their mothers to Anita (201-874-6915 or [anitadispenziere@gmail.com](mailto:anitadispenziere@gmail.com)). We will be able to view the pictures on the large screen TV as we tell our stories.

### **New Community Garden**



We would like to start a **community garden** on our church property! We are looking for folks interested in planning, building, planting and any other ideas you have to offer. We will call it “**The Garden of Eatin’**” If you are ready, willing and able to help, please email Pastor Ninabeth at [pastorninabeth@gmail.com](mailto:pastorninabeth@gmail.com)

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