

Easter Morning

24 April 2011



Welcome and Announcements

Ring of the Bells

Prelude

"Easter Hymn"
Instrumental Ensemble

source: R. Hobby

*It is not easy
to convey a sense of wonder;
let alone resurrection wonder;
to another:
It's the very nature of wonder
to catch us off guard,
to circumvent
expectations and assumptions.
Wonder can't be packaged,
and it can't be worked up.
It requires
some sense of being there
and some sense of engagement.*

Eugene H. Peterson

*Hymn

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

tune: Easter Hymn
words: adapted



Christ the Lord is risen to - day, — Al - le - lu - ia!
Vain the ans - wers scat - tered 'round. Al - le - lu - ia!
Rise all crea - tures praise to sing — Al - le - lu - ia!
Now we too with love trans - cend — Al - le - lu - ia!



Mor - tal tongues and an - gels say: — Al - le - lu - ia!
Wis - dom wrapped in mys - tries shroud Al - le - lu - ia!
Tombs and tu - lips wit - ness bring — Al - le - lu - ia!
Fol - lowing our be - lov - ed friend. Al - le - lu - ia!



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!
Art and sci - ence glimp - ses show Al - le - lu - ia!
Seeds once dor - mant now a - rise Al - le - lu - ia!
One in Christ, our spir - its rise Al - le - lu - ia!



Sing, glad heavens and earth re - ply, — Al - le - lu - ia!
On - ly — par - tial truth to know — Al - le - lu - ia!
Death has — o - pened doors for life — Al - le - lu - ia!
Ours the — cross, the grave, the skies — Al - le - lu - ia!



WELCOME!

We are honored to share the celebration of Easter with you.

Our schedule this morning:

8:30am—Festival Worship
(sanctuary)

9:30am—Pancake Breakfast
(prepared by our Youth
in Fellowship Hall)

10am—Easter Event
(follow the beat of the drums
to Fellowship Hall)

11am—Festival Worship
(sanctuary)

*the green of jesus
is breaking the ground
and the sweet
smell of delicious jesus
is opening the house and
the dance of jesus music
has hold of the air and
the world is turning
in the body of jesus and
the future is possible*

lucille clifton, "spring song"



http://4.bp.blogspot.com/_yGxally88Y/TNwNgDxQ19I/AAAAAAAAABmE/39tGL_5p14A/s640/Milkweed.jpg

Call to Worship (congregation is seated)

One: Resurrection starts with the cry of grief,
an empty place, a familiar voice.

One: *It's tiny... like the fingers of a newborn.
Seemingly insignificant...
like the grain that lands in the clam's open mouth.
'Often overlooked... like the leaf bud on the tree.*

One: Christ has risen.
Many: Waiting for us to take notice.

One: Christ has risen.
Many: Waiting for us to respond.

One: Christ has risen.
Many: Christ has risen indeed!

Drumming our Sacred Story

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb.

And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men.

But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.

Matthew 28, selected

*Hymn 238

"Now the Green Blade Rises"

tune: Noel Nouvelet
words: John Crum



Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain;
Christ came forth at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain,
When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing or in pain,



Wheat that in dark earth for man - y days has lain;
Je - sus, who for three days in the grave had lain,
Christ's warm touch can call us back to life a - gain,



Love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:
Quick from the dead the ris - en One is seen:
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:



Love is come a - gain like wheat that ris - es green.
Love is come a - gain like wheat that ris - es green.
Love is come a - gain like wheat that ris - es green.

*Litany

One: lifeless as a milkweed pod in autumn

Many: lifeless as a stone shrouded tomb

One: powerful as the seeds fluttering in the wind

Many: powerful as the story that inspires compassion

One: stubborn as a milkweed seed in a farmer's field

Many: stubborn as a voice crying for justice

One: life-giving as the milkweed for the monarch

Many: life-giving as the life shared in service

One: hopeful as the empty milkweed pod

Many: hopeful as the empty tomb

One: easter is a 'yes' to the world's 'no'

Many: easter is life's longing for itself

Special Music

"The Spark of Creation"

source: Schwartz

Youth Band

I've got a itching on the tips of my fingers
I've got a boiling in the back of my brain
I've got a hunger burning inside cannot be denied
I've got feeling that the God who made us
When God was kindling a pulse in my veins
God left a tiny spark of that fire, smoldering inside

The spark of creation, is flickering within me
The spark of creation, is blazing in my blood
A bit of the fire that lit up the stars and breathed life into the mud.
The first inspiration—The spark creation

I see a mountain and I want to climb it
I river and I want to leave shore
Where there was nothing let there be something, something made by me
There's things waiting for me to invent them
There's things waiting for me to explore
I am an echo of the eternal cry of—Let there be!

The spark of creation burning bright within me.
The spark of creation won't let me rest at all
until I discover or build or uncover a thing that I can call—
my celebration of the spark of creation.

The spark of creation, may it burn forever
The spark creation, I am a keeper of the flame
We think all we want is a lifetime leisure
Each perfect day the same—endless vacations
Well that's alright if you're a kind crustacean
But when you're born with an imagination
Sooner or later you're feeling the fire getting hotter and hotter:
The spark of creation!

Children's Story

"Mother Monarch"

source: Mindy Lighthipe

Children are invited to come to the Chancel Steps to share a story.
Following the story, young children may choose to go to the nursery
or to Shepherds (a play time in the Red Room downstairs).

Anthem

"Easter Carol"

source: J Leavitt

Chancel Choir, Instrumental Ensemble

Sermon

"Easter as a Milkweed Pod"

Katherine Hawker



<http://www.chriscreawfordphoto.com/>

*The milkweed now with their many pods
are standing
like a country of dry women.
The wind lifts their flat leaves
and drops them.
This is not kind,
but they retain a certain crisp glamour;
moreover, it's easy to believe
each one was once young and delicate, also
frightened; also capable
of a certain amount of rough joy.
I wish you would walk with me
out into the world.
I wish you could see
what has to happen, how
each one crackles like a blessing
over its thin children as they rush away.*

Mary Oliver

http://farm4.static.flickr.com/3493/3212457937_c0b0d6bc8.jpg



**FLOWERS &
ONE GREAT HOUR GIFTS
ARE GIVEN BY...**

*Roni Branding
in memory of
Rev. Dr. Robert and Eunice Young*

*Bridget Brown
in memory of her parents
Dick and Denyse Brown
and in celebration of
Morganne*

*Joyce Brown
in celebration of
grandchildren*

*Brenda Detrick
in celebration of her
mother Julia Day's 86th birthday*

*Doellefeld-Clancy Family
in memory of
Eugene and Elsie Doellefeld*

*Susan Dorris
in memory of
her son, Benjamin Martin Harris
and
her parents, Carol and Preston Dorris*

*Cathy and Casey Geisz
in celebration of
Ella and Audrey Morley*

*Judy and Scott Guerrero
in celebration of
family and friends*

*Bob and Gigi Hill
in honor of
family*

*Jan Ittner
in memory of
Jim Ittner*

Anthem

"All Breathing Life"
Chancel Choir, Instrumental Ensemble

source: JS Bach

Table Fellowship

Invitation, Remembrance, Blessing

Many: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Bless this bread and bless this fruit of the vine.

Bless all of us in our eating and drinking

that our eyes might be opened,

that we might recognize the risen Christ in our midst

indeed, in one another. Come, Holy Spirit, come.

*The Congregation is invited to come forward by the center aisle,
partaking of the bread and cup, lighting a candle in prayer,
and placing an offering in the plates beside the table.*

***Communion Hymns**

"In the Bulb"

tune: Hymn of Promise
words: Natalie Sleeth

In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple
There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o -
In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i -

tree; in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter -
dy; there's a dawn for ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing
ty; in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our

flies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of
hope to you and me. From the past will come the
life, e - ter - ni - ty. In our death, a res - ur -

win - ter there's a spring that waits to be, un - re -
fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y, un - re -
rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry, un - re -

vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.
vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.
vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

"Glory, Hallelujah!" source: Traditional, adapted

Holiness and mystery, Glory, Hallelujah! (repeat)

Fill us Holy one, Glory, Hallelujah! (repeat)

Celebrate God's love revealed, Glory, Hallelujah! (repeat)

Neigh-bor, now to love, Glory, Hallelujah! (repeat)

Seed is sown, new life awaits, Glory, Hallelujah! (repeat)

Pa-tient, as we labor, Glory, Hallelujah! (repeat)

La la la la. la la-la la la—la-la, la la la la! (repeat)

La la, la la la—la-la, la la la la! (repeat)

"This Morning" source: Traditional African-American

I woke up this morning with my mind, stayed on Jesus.

Woke up this morning with my mind, stayed on Jesus.

Woke up this morning with my mind, stayed on Jesus.

Hal-le-lu, hal-le-lu, hal-le-lu-jah.

Singing and praying with my mind, stayed on Jesus...

Walking and talking with my mind, stayed on Jesus...

Prayer of Dedication

source: Vosper

Many: As I live every day,

I want to be a channel for peace.

May I bring love where there is hatred

and healing where there is hurt;

joy where there is sadness

and hope where there is fear.

I pray that I may always try

to understand and comfort other people

as well as seeking comfort and understanding

from them.

Wherever possible, may I choose to be

a light in the darkness, a help in times of need,

and a caring, honest friend.

May justice, kindness, and peace

flow from my heart forever,

Amen.

Bob Risk and Ray Mulligan
in celebration of
this wonderful church and church friends

Nancy Mack
in memory of
Charles and Catherine Nollau

The Rebman Family
in memory of
Gordon Keirle

Christine Rohloff
in memory of
Ron and Kay Rohloff,
William and Marie Kluge
and
Mildred Lippies

Alan and Jo Ellen Rosenkoetter
in honor of
Ethel Koeppel

The Schindel Family
in memory of
June Patterson
and in honor of
Louise Favier

The Touchette Family
in memory of
Wally and Eleanor Wissmann



OUR ALTAR FLOWERS
ARE DEDICATED

In memory of
Judy Walters

Given by
Gary Walters,
their children and family

The Other Evangelical

Who are we?

EUCC is an increasingly diverse community celebrating our still speaking God! We gather for worship each Sunday morning at 8:30am and 11:00am.

What we do:

Following the life and teachings of Jesus (and other traditions too), we gather as an Open and Affirming (lgbt welcoming) community to worship, learn, and serve...

What we value:

- **Inclusivity** in our diversity,
- **Intentionality** in our commitment to social justice,
- **Intimacy** in our fellowship together,
- **Inspiration** in our communal worship and
- **Inquisitiveness** in our personal spiritual growth.

What we imagine:

We'd like to be a leader in helping the wider community affirm that God is still speaking... and we'd like your help!

*Recessional "A toi la gloire, ô Ressuscité!" tune: Judas Maccabeus
(Yours is the Glory) words: adapted



Lo! Christ is with us, ris - en_ from the tomb;
Gath - ered to - geth - er, tim - id_ faith pro - claim,
Love for_ one a - noth - er, con - quers hope - less doom;
Sac - red_ space not teth - ered, cred - o we would name,
Let_ the_ church with glad - ness, hymns of joy now sing;
Still_ we_ find we're haunt - ed, ques - tions we can't hide.
For_ with_ Christ a - ris - en, death has_ lost its sting.
In_ quir - y un - daun - ted, great - er_ truth a - bides.
Yours is the glo - ry, ris - en_ shin - ing One,
End - less_ now the vic - tory, You o'er e - vil won.

*Benediction

*Postlude

Special thanks to our
musicians,
choirs
and instrumentalists.



Sunday Mornings

May 1, 8:30am and 11am—Youth leading worship

May 8, 11am—Children's Musical and Senior Recognition

May 15, 11am—New Member Reception

May 22, 11am—Rutter's "Requiem", Chancel Choir & Instrumentalists

June 12, 11am—Pentecost and Confirmation

Groups

PARENT GROUP—Sundays, 9:45am

Join us next week for SoulSpace, a time for spiritual renewal, with Susan Ulmer

EUCC MOMS' GROUP—Friday, May 27, 9:30am

A discussion of organization! For childcare please call Dee Ban

YOUTH GROUP—Sundays at 4pm

YOGA—Tuesdays, 9:30am and Saturdays, 8:30am

All are welcome; no previous experience is required

QUILTERS AND ARTISTS—Wednesday, May 4, 9:00am

Contact Gail Saxton

JOB JAR—Monday, May 2, 9:15am

Contact Wynn Miller

Events

FIRST FRIDAY—family friendly activities for all ages

- **Movie Night with Movie Theory Discussion**—May 6, 6:30pm
- **Family Drumming Night**—June 3, 6:30pm

ALL CHURCH PICNIC—June 5, 12noon

IOWA WEDDING BUS—July 1—Interested in making or renewing vows?

Info meeting on May 7, 10am, contact Al Schon

or

PEACE TRAIL—August 1-5, 9:00am-12:00pm

This is our alternative to Vacation Church School, a time to explore peacemaking

Service

LEADERSHIP— Leadership positions are vital to our volunteer-fed church community. Visit the table in the narthex for more information.

VOLUNTEERS— Weekly and ongoing volunteers opportunities are a great way to be involved at EUCC with minimal time commitment. See the sign up sheet on the table in the Narthex.

NEW MEMBER INFORMATION SESSIONS— **May 1 and May 15, 9:45am**-- Interested in membership or simply want to learn more at EUCC? Join Pastoral Associate Al Schon, for our information session.

**Remembering those
not often able
to be with us in worship...**



Joining us for the first time?

In a word: *Welcome*

Whoever you are, wherever you are on the journey, you are truly welcome here. We are human and fallible, but utterly committed to God's extravagant welcome!

Worship Rules: *Enjoy*

Some people clap, some don't. Some babies make noise, some don't. Some people read music, some people look at pictures. We stand and either speak or sing together occasionally, but do what feels right for you. Likewise with clothes; some people wear suits with sneakers, some wear hockey uniforms with ruby slippers. Whatever style is yours, it's safe here.

Enjoy your time with us!

Coffee: *Your choice*

Bring your own or fill up with the pot in the Fireside Room. Bring it in to worship, or not; decaf or regular. *It's your choice!*

Credits:

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We strive to be a safe place for all people to worship regardless of race, creed, age, cultural background, political perspective, sexual orientation or gender identity.



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