"He is not here but has risen"

First Congregational United Church of Christ Easter Sunday - April 20, 2025

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 20, 2025

8:45AM & 10:30AM

Easter Sunday

PRELUDE

Heroic Suite

Georg Philipp Telemann (1681-1757)

arr. D. Malatt

I. Majesty II Tranguil

II. Tranquility III. Valor

Lawrence University Brass Quintet

Isaiah in a Vision Did of Old

Tune by Martin Luther

Setting by Anne Krentz Organ (b. 1960)

Dr. Nathan Birkholz, piano

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing (Gelobt sei Gott) Melchior Vulpius (1517-1615) arr. M. Robeson-Howard

Brass Quintet, Organ and Timpani

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

One: He is Risen!

All: He is Risen indeed!

CHORAL INTROIT

The Lord Is Risen Indeed

William Billings (1746-1800)

Lawrence University Music Scholars

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: This day is not like any other day.

All: Today we slow down. Today we take it all in.

Today we rest in good news.

One: This day is not like any other day.

All: Today we are singing. Today we are full to the brim.

Today joy cannot be contained.

One: This day is not like any other day.

All: Today the stone was rolled away. Today the women saw the empty grave. Today we know – death does not win.

One: This day is not like any other day.

All: Alleluia! Amen.

^{*}Please Rise in Body or Spirit

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #205

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN arr. Terre Johnson

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(During the sermon, the Prayer Request and Connection Cards will be collected. After the Children's Sermon, the children may return to worship with their families.)

ANTHEM

Awake, Arise!

Howard Helvey (b. 1968)

Sanctuary Choir, Brass and Organ

Awake, arise! Lift up thy voice, which as a trumpet swell! Rejoice in Christ! Again rejoice, and on his praises dwell!

Let us not doubt, as doubted some, when first the Lord appeared; but full of faith and reverence come, what time his voice is heard.

And even as John, who ran so well, confess upon our knees the prince who locks up death and hell, and has himself the keys.

And thus through gladness and surprise the saints their Saviour treat; nor will they trust their ears and eyes but by his hands and feet:

those hands of liberal love indeed in infinite degree, those feet still frank to move and bleed for millions and for me.

O Dead, arise! O Friendless, stand by seraphim adored! O Solitude, again command thy host from heaven restored!

- Christopher Smart, 1765

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 24:1-12 Michael Weaver (8:45AM), Bill Ritcey (10:30AM)

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to the hands of sinners and be crucified and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

*HYMN

Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing



OFFERING

CALL TO THE OFFERING

(During this time, you are invited to a virtual offering. Please visit our webpage and click "Give" to make your weekly offering, or text FCUCC GIVE to 73256.)

MUSICAL REFLECTION

I Know that My Redeemer Liveth from Messiah

G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

Tanvi Thatai, LU Music Scholar soprano

*DOXOLOGY

All: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host:

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

EASTER PRAYER

(You are welcome to submit your prayer requests throughout the week to the church office, or email to a pastor for confidentiality.)

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

MUSICAL REFLECTION (10:30AM, only)

Air on the G String

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

arr. Jack Gale

Brass Quintet

*CLOSING HYMN (see bulletin page 6)

The Day of Resurrection

St. 1, 2 & 4 - All; St. 3 - Choir, only

Lancashire arr. Robert Hobby

*EASTER LITANY

One: Christ is Risen!

All: The Lord is Risen, indeed!

One: We see the rising sun and sense new life. All: The darkness fades, and we find a new day.

One: This day the Lord comes to us in new ways.

All: The risen Christ brings us a new life.

One: We celebrate that day in ages past when Jesus arose.

All: We celebrate today when he lives anew in us.

One: Our mouths are filled with the song of joy.

All: Our hearts are filled with God's new presence.

One: We are a people blessed with Good News.

All: We will spread it to our community and world.

One: The power of the risen Christ is within and among us. All: May the whole world be filled with Christ's presence.

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

(Please remain standing and join the choir in singing this response.

The music is found in the back of the hymnal.)

"Hallelujah" Chorus from Messiah

G. F. Handel

Brass setting, D. Wolff

Full Congregation, Brass, Organ, and Timpani

POSTLUDE

Toccata from Symphony No. 5

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Katherine Willis Pershey, Co-Pastor
Pastor Nicholas J. Hatch, Co-Pastor
Dianne Droster, Retired Pastor
Michael Weaver, Lay Leader
Bill Ritcey, Lay Reader
Dr. Nathan Birkholz, Organist
Sanctuary Choir

Lawrence University Music Scholars

Tanvi Thatai, Lawrence University Music Scholar soprano Lawrence University Brass Quintet: John Daniel, Jessica Jensen, trumpets; Keith Powell, horn; Dave Sawall, trombone; Martin Erickson, tuba John Aaholm, percussion

John M. Albrecht, Director for Music Ministries

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The Day of Resurrection

John of Damascus, ca. 696-ca. 754 *Tr.* John M. Neale, 1818-66, *alt.*

LANCASHIRE Henry T. Smart, 1813-79



All: 1. The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad, All: 2. Let hearts be purged of e - vil That we may see a - right Choir: 3. Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, Let earth its song be - gin, All: 4. Then praise we God the Fa - ther, And praise we Christ his Son,



The pass - o - ver of glad - ness, The pass - o - ver of God. The Lord in rays e - ter - nal Of res - ur - rec - tion light, Let all the world keep tri - umph And all that is there - in. With them the Ho - ly Spir - it, E - ter - nal Three in One;



From death to life e - ter - nal, From sin's do-min-ion free, And lis-t'ning to his ac - cents, May hear, so calm and plain, Let all things, seen and un - seen, Their notes of glad-ness blend; Till all the ran-somed num - ber Fall down be-fore the throne,



Our Christ has brought us o - ver With hymns of vic - to - ry. His own "All hail!" and hear - ing, May raise the vic - tor strain. For Christ the Lord has ris - en, Our joy that has no end. And hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry As - cribe to God a - lone!

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USHERS/AUDIO/VIDEO

8:45AM USHERS: Mike Weaver, Liz Dettwiler, Doug Gilbert, Becky Gilbert,

Wayne Lannoye, Susan Forsythe

10:30AM USHERS: Mary Gay Hornseth, Phil Hornseth, Gene Spindler, Cheryl Spindler,

Rick Detienne, Sue Detienne

AUDIO & VIDEO: Rick Behm, Kris Behm, Matt Feuerhelm

Large print bulletins are available, please see an usher

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR NEXT SUNDAY

We are thrilled to welcome Dr. Shola Adegbite as guest preacher during worship on April 27. Shola is the Assistant Dean of Spiritual and Religious Life at Lawrence



University. She is passionate about helping people live wholesome lives by encouraging them to see the sacredness in their rest. She loves movement as a practice in liberation. She has a bachelor's degree in microbiology and several degrees in theology she has earned across three continents. She has a PhD in Bible from Union Theological Seminary NYC. Outside of work, Shola loves to spend time with her family. She loves cooking and every so often will try her hand at baking, cooking food of diverse ethnicities, or growing something in her small hydroponic garden.

ON THE CALENDAR		
April 27	10:45AM-12:00PM	New Member Exploration Class
July 7-10	9AM-12PM	Vacation Bible School
August 25-28	5:30-7:30PM	Vacation Bible School

WORSHIP NOTES (space for your personal notes/thoughts)

Joys and Concerns of Our Faith Community

Please keep these people in your prayers and greet them with a loving word when you see them.

Please call the church office if you have a prayer request or to request a pastoral visit: 920-733-7393 **In cases of a pastoral emergency, please call 920-810-2600.**

Amanda, who has terminal cancer

Jill Anthony, her sister & her nephew

Katie Behl and her sister, Barbara

Don Brittnacher

Chris Brittnacher's brother, Steve Reinkober

Karen Craddock

Debra, upon the death of her son Joshua

Donna, who is in recovery from West Nile

Erstad's family friend, Silas, and his family

David Galow

The family of Paul Gohdes

The family and friends of Georgie Harris as

they grieve her passing

Colton Heimlich

JoAnn Helms Shirley Hoft

Misty Hofman

Sandi Hurm

Jenny, who has been diagnosed with cancer

Jean Jepson

Larry Konz, father of Leigh Grube

Jim Kriner

Mary Jo Laabs

Kathy Lannoye

Helen McKean and family of the death of

her daughter

Elizabeth McNally

The family and friends of Pat Nelson as they

grieve her passing

Olivia, who has been re-diagnosed with

cancer

Dean Ostrander

Our friends in Kerio Valley, Kenya

Anika Quillman

Frank and Pat Severin

Mike Seymour's mom, Debbie

Stacey, friend of Kathy and Dick DeVries

Kinsley Tarr

Gloria Tate

Jack Thiel

Peter Thiel Iames Totzke

Those living with mental unwellness

The family of Alice Van De Hey, mother of

Lyle Van De Hey and Janice Schmitz,

and the grandmother of Megan Albrecht

Lynn Weyenberg Hooyman

Dave White

Please call or email the church office if someone's name should be removed from the list.

Thank you!

The Open Door Announcements

For more information on these announcements and other events, please visit our website, weekly e-newsletters, and social media.

<u>Music for Food Benefit Concert of Piano Music</u>: On Sunday, April 27 at 3:00PM, students from the studio of Catherine Kautsky will offer a program of piano music by Debussy, Liszt, Ginastera, Haydn, Ravel, and others. Admission is free but there will be an opportunity to make free will donations that will go directly to the Oneida Food Pantry.

New Membership Exploration Class: Are you new to First Congregational and want to learn more about our faith community? Would you like to find a place to ask your questions of faith and call your faith home? Then join Pastor Katherine and Pastor Nick after worship Sunday, April 27, 10:45AM-12:00PM in the chapel. We'll be talking about our journeys of faith. We will share about this church, our theology, and get to know one another. We hope to listen to the story of your spiritual journey and the questions that have guided you to seek a new community. Please RSVP for the New Membership Exploration Class by signing up on the sheet in the narthex or by contacting the front office at info@uccappleton.org.

<u>Grief Support Group</u>: In his book on grief, Francis Weller writes that grief is "an act of protest that declares our refusal to live numb and small." Pastor Katherine will be gathering a group to support one another in this holy act of protest. The group is open to anyone who is grieving the death of a loved one, though it will be limited to no more than eight participants. It will be held on Thursdays, **May 15, 22, and 29**, 7:00–8:00PM in the chapel. Participants are strongly encouraged to attend all three sessions. Register on Realm or by calling the church office. Please contact Pastor Katherine with any questions.

E2F (Empty to Full) Pans: On Sunday, **April 27**, First UCC will participate in a project to allow members to prepare pans of food, in their own home, primarily to serve Pillars, with a smaller number going to COTS & Apricity. All are serving homeless people. Willing participants can pick up an empty pan that contains the recipe & shopping list to prepare & fill the pan with an easy recipe. (Cost is approx. \$ 16.00) The recipes are so simple...no cooking or basic cooking required. This is a great activity for all ages and skills. (The pans are not baked; the shelter will do this.) The prepared pan is returned on Sunday, May 4, before the church service. If you're unable to bring the pan back on May 4, it can be placed in the church kitchen freezer the week before. Call the office to make sure the kitchen is open. If this doesn't work, please call Cindi MacSwain 920-606-6699.

<u>Library News</u>: The theme for April is Lent and Easter. If you want to spend time reflecting or to learn more as a family about honoring Lent and Easter, come check out our books. Here are a couple: "'Twas the Morning of Easter" by Glenys Nellist and "Chicken Sunday" by Patricia Polacco.

<u>People's Library</u>: The church library is creating a new section to include books that have been <u>written by members of the congregation</u>. We are looking for a wide range of books, including family memoirs that have been printed at Kinko's and titles that cover the author's passion and/or expertise and everything in between. These books will be (at least initially) for internal circulation and won't leave the library. If you have something to add to the collection, please place it in the church library in the box labeled "People's Library."

<u>Call to Action to Address Housing Insecurity in Our Community</u>: The Economic Justice Work Group of FCUCC has joined with about 30 other local faith communities to plan actions that get at the root of increasingly unaffordable housing and homelessness in the Fox Cities. You are invited to learn about work in any of these five areas that could be real game changers for our community:

- 1. Affordable Housing
- 2. Legislation and Regulation
- 3. Generative Local Community
- 4. Neighborhood Development
- 5. Emergency Shelter

Open the link here to find out more about the post-summit approach and possible actions for our congregation: <u>Lever Leader Info</u> Watch for more information about plans with our lever leaders in the near future. We can work together to effect better solutions for our neighbors!

Badger State Housing Alliance Advocacy Day, April 23: The Economic Justice Work Group has been pursuing effective ways to champion affordable housing in our community. The following event relates to the Legislation and Regulation Lever identified in last year's Housing Summit. You are invited to advocate for game-changing housing legislation on Badger State Housing Alliance's Advocacy Day in Madison on Wednesday, April 23. The BSHA has been working on statements to present directly to our Wisconsin lawmakers that prioritize these policies: preventing criminalization of homelessness, supporting affordable housing development, and cleaning up eviction records to reduce barriers to rental housing. More information can be found here: BSHA Advocacy Day Be a change-maker!

NOAHH Requests: Dishes, plastic cups, 4 sets of twin bedding, a dryer, any financial support, and Aldi or Walmart grocery gift cards, two baby gates, small kitchen table and chairs, sheets, towels, blankets, bed (full or queen), a queen-sized mattress and a twin mattress, and plastic totes for moving. Contact Barb Mincheff, Volunteer Services Coordinator, Outagamie County Health & Human Services, for pick up/drop off, 920-832-5515.

The Isaiah Corner



When you hear "The Isaiah Project," think "infrastructure." The Steering Committee and four Task Forces are prayerfully engaged in research, community partnership development, and discernment to provide recommendations to Church Council about our buildings, grounds, and neighborhood presence. These recommendations will address our current and future needs and support our mission and priorities.

Nursing and Nurturing Room: The Isaiah Project would like to thank participants of the ChildCare focus group for sharing their thoughts and ideas and Sarah Wilterdink, Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries for leading the discussion. One outcome of the meeting will be a dedicated Nursing and Nurturing Room, a space where moms can find quiet and privacy if they would like. Common Grounds will be reserved Sundays from 9:30-10:30AM for this purpose. A changing pad will also be provided.





<u>Is your superpower being able to fix things?</u> We are in search of members or friends of our church community who can share their talents in "fixing things" at a "Repair Fair" during Service Sunday, June 1, 10:15AM – 12:00PM.

Please consider offering your time and talent towards the greater goal of reducing waste, promoting sustainability, and building a community of neighbors helping neighbors. Specifically, we are looking for people who could help with things such as:

- Small appliance or lamp repair
- Sewing or mending
- Knife or tool sharpening
- Small furniture repair
- Basic tech help with phones or computers
- Bicycle or jewelry repair
- Help with our church website or Realm
- Using digital photo editing tools
- Using free graphic design platform "Canva"
- Anything else you are great at fixing or teaching

You don't have to be an expert – just willing to lend your hands and your heart. If you are interested in helping with this project, please contact Chris Brittnacher at: chrisbrittnacher@gmail.com.

Any Isaiah Project questions or comments can be directed to any Isaiah Project member, Director of Operational Ministries, vsalvia@uccappleton.org or by using the electronic Isaiah Box. There are also comment cards located on the Welcome Desk in the narthex - just look for the Isaiah Box.

Welcome to The Church of the Open Door.

Our door is open to you at whatever point you are in your journey of faith.

Baptisms are held on the third Sunday of each month. To schedule a baptism, contact the church office six weeks before your desired baptism date.

Childcare is available for ALL infants and toddlers every Sunday. Please see an usher for directions to the Childcare Room.

Communion: The sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of each month. Communion elements are gluten and alcohol free. All are welcome to join us!

Flowers: Today's flowers were arranged by Cindi Ritcey Fox.

Hearing Loop: Need help hearing our service? Ask an usher. They can help get you in the loop!



Online Streaming and Podcasting are available on <u>Facebook: FCUCCAppleton</u> or <u>Youtube: First Congregational UCC Appleton</u>.

Open Door Announcements can be shared by emailing opendoor@uccappleton.org or calling the office.

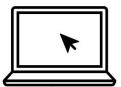
References to God in our worship may at times be gender specific. You are invited to substitute terms that reflect your understanding of the inclusiveness of God.

Sunday School: Our PreK - 5th graders begin in worship. After the children's message, they walk together to the CYF wing for our Children's Ministry Program. Kindergarten - fifth graders may enjoy a communion mini-lesson on the 1st Sunday of the month. Children begin in worship, leave with the director, and return to partake in communion with their families. Youth gather on Wednesday evenings.

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This Week's Schedule

Monday, April 21

5:30-6:30PM Facilities Ministry Area – *Upper Lounge* 6:30-8:30PM Fox Valley Flute Choir – *Sanctuary*

Tuesday, April 22

4:00-5:30PM Outreach Ministries Meeting – *Upper Lounge*

6:00-7:30PM Council Meeting – *Upper Lounge*

6:30-7:30PM Living Sober AA Group – Common Grounds

7:00-8:30PM Boy Scouts – *Fellowship Hall* 7:45-8:45PM Fireside AA – *Common Grounds*

Wednesday, April 23

9:30AM-12:00PM Isaiah Project Meeting – Isaiah Project Room

12:00-1:00PM Prayer Chapel - Chapel

12:15-1:00PM Loving Acceptance Meditation Group – *Upper Lounge*

5:45-6:25PM Youth Handbells – *Amistad Room*

6:30-7:30PM MS Youth Group – MS Room/HS Youth Group – HS Room

7:00-8:30PM Sanctuary Choir – Choir Room, Sanctuary

Thursday, April 24

12:00-1:00PM AA Search for Serenity Group – Common Grounds

6:30-8:00PM TNT (SOAR Fox Cities) – *River Room* 7:00-8:00PM Fox Valley 94 AA – *Common Grounds*

Friday, April 25

10:00-11:30AMBulletin Folders - Library7:00-8:00PMAl-Anon - Upper Lounge7:00-8:30PMN.A - Common Grounds

Saturday, April 26

12:00-4:00PM AA GSR Workshop – Fellowship

7:00-8:00PM Fox Valley 94 AA – Common Grounds

Sunday, April 27

9:25AM-12:00PM Childcare - Childcare Room

9:30-10:30AM Sunday Worship – Sanctuary, Upper Lounge, Chapel

9:30-10:30AM Children's Ministry – *CYF Wing* 9:45-10:30AM MS Bible Study – *MS Youth Room* 10:45-11:45AM Confirmation Class – *HS Youth Room*

10:45-11:45AM Parents Book Study: A Faith of Many Rooms – Common Grounds

10:45AM-12:00PM New Member Gathering – *Chapel* 3:00-4:00PM Music for Food Concert – *Sanctuary*

5:00-6:00PM LU Music Scholars' Rehearsal – Choir Room, Sanctuary

7:00-8:00PM First Things First AA Meeting – Fellowship Hall, Common Grounds

7:00-8:00PM AL ANON - Chapel / Alateen - Upper Lounge

Holiday Decorations Donations

In memory of our sisters, Margaret, Eleanor, and Diana ~ Bill Lenz & Pat Hansen

In memory of my husband, Jack A. Hamilton ~ Pam Hamilton

In memory of Gary A. Wisneski ~ Sue Wisneski

In memory of the Miller and Wisneski families who have passed before us ~ Sue Wisneski

In memory of Bill & Jan Dougherty and Tom & Helen Giese ~ Mark & Lori Dougherty

In memory of Marge & Jim Forsythe (mom and dad) ~ Susan Forsythe

In memory of friends and family ~ Liz Dettwiler

In memory of George & Helen Petersen, Marvin & Fern Breitzman, Rolf Petersen and Peter Moe ~ Michael & Gretchen Breitzman

Donation from Faye Binsfeld

Thanks to all our volunteers delivering flowers to our members and friends in need of care. If you are still able to help out, call the church office on Monday.



We are glad you are here today! You are welcome to worship in person with us in the sanctuary or watch it livestreamed in the upper lounge, narthex or chapel. The nursery also has livestreaming, on the other end of the building.

TODAY AT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UCC, APPLETON

9:25AM-12:00PM Childcare - Childcare Room

8:45-9:45AM Easter Sunday Worship – Chapel, Sanctuary, Upper Lounge

9:45-10:15AM Easter Egg Hunt – CYF Wing

- ALL AGES are welcome to hunt, and you can collect 20 eggs, just be sure to leave plenty of eggs for our toddlers 5th graders!
- O There are some VERY obvious eggs lying around. Please leave those for our younger friends.
- O If you did not bring a basket or bag, there are some on the bridge that you can borrow.
- O Many eggs are hidden in each little spot. The hunt will be more fun, and last longer, if you only take one egg from each hiding spot and leave the rest there for others.
- O Please empty the goodies into your basket. Then place the empty eggs in containers that are set in the hallway, so we can reuse them next year.

10:30-11:30AM Easter Sunday Worship – Chapel, Sanctuary, Upper Lounge

7:00-8:00PM First Things First AA Meeting – Fellowship Hall, Commons Grounds

7:00-8:00PM AL ANON - Chapel / Alateen - Upper Lounge

We are "The Church of the Open Door," a welcoming and inclusive Christian community.

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.



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