

**McKinley Memorial Presbyterian Church
April 5, 2026, 10:30 a.m. Easter Sunday**



The Resurrection of Christ

The Risen Christ stares out at us, foot firmly planted on the stone coffin, while the guards sleep like dead men. The irony confronts us: are we like those guards?

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND FRIENDSHIP PADS

CALL TO WORSHIP

The tomb is empty! **Christ the Lord is risen!**

Christ the Lord is risen! **He is risen indeed!**

Glory be to the Creator, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Now and forevermore. Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

*HYMN # 233 (verses 1, 2, and 3) Christ the Lord is Risen Today

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

All are invited to join in lighting candles of hope for the world.

May Christ's radiant light be in us, among us, and go forth from us into the world

VOLUNTARY

There Is a Green Hill Faraway

Roger C. Wilson

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION (unison)

You alone are holy, O God. You alone hold together the mysteries of life and death. You alone can turn our sins away. And You alone can transform our dying into living. We praise your work in Jesus Christ, whereby we are raised from dust to be your children. We praise You for Jesus' life, ministry, suffering and resurrection,

whereby our lives gain earthly direction and eternal purpose. We confess we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. Forgive our hopelessness, and set us free for the victory of Jesus Christ, who was dead but lives among us. Help us to trust Your power to change our lives and make us new. We praise You for Resurrection, for victory over death, and that we will live with You forever and ever. Alleluia.

ANTHEM *He Decided To Die*

Margaret Douroux, arr. James

Cleveland FIRST READING Psalm 118, selected verses

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good. **God's steadfast love endures forever!** The Lord is my strength and my might. **The Lord has become my salvation. I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.**

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. **This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

This is the day that the Lord has made. **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**
O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good. **God's steadfast love endures forever!**



SECOND READING Matthew 28:1-10

“After the sabbath, when the first day of the week was just beginning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to visit the tomb.

And suddenly, there was a huge earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, came down from heaven, and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His outward appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. In terror at the site of him, the guards were so afraid that they shook and became like dead men.

But the angel said to the women, “Don’t YOU 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. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

REFLECTION

The Tomb Is Empty

DiAnne W. Hatch

*HYMN

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

DONALD FISHEL

JESUS CHRIST: RESURRECTION

240 Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

Refrain E C#m F#m B

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ris - en Lord. Al - le -

al - le - lu - ia! Praise to his name.

E C#m F#m B E

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give praise to his name.

E C#m F#m B

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.

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2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:

3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.

4 Come let us praise the liv - ing God,

E C#m F#m B

He is the King of cre - a - tion.

He is the King of cre - a - tion.

Je - sus has died and has ris - en.

Now we shall live for - ev - er.

joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - ior.

This text and tune were created together in the context of an ecumenical, charismatic, missionary Christian community in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Their energy and emphasis center in the opening and closing refrain's "Alleluia"—the essential Easter word of proclamation.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Scriptural Creed from *1 Corinthians 15:3-7*

Let us say what we believe:

This is the good news which we received, in which we stand and by which we are saved: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day; and that he appeared to the women, to Peter, then to the Twelve and to many faithful witnesses. We believe he is the Christ, the Son of the living God. He is the first and the last, the beginning and the end, he is our Lord and our God. Amen.



OFFERING INVITATION

God of New Beginnings, roll away the stones of our despair and doubt, our fears and our failures.

On this Resurrection morning, in gratitude to our Lord Jesus, let these offerings be signs of our commitment to live differently: eyes opened, hearts awakened, and hands ready to serve. May these gifts announce to the whole world that love has triumphed!

OFFERING AND RESPONSE

(Refrain)

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the Risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His Name.

OFFERTORY He Lives
trumpet

Miles Mosher,

The recipe for McKinley communion bread is adapted by Julie Birdwell from "Gluten-Free Artisan Bread in Five Minutes a Day", written by Hertzberg and Francois, and uses a gluten-free sourdough starter. For those who are curious, it contains Sorghum Flour, White Rice Flour, Brown Rice Flour, Oat Flour, Teff Flour, Tapioca Flour, Potato Starch, Water, Xanthan Gum, Turbinado Sugar, Kosher Salt. The ceremonial loaf is a yeast-free, vegan loaf using gluten-free flour and oat milk. We are willing to further adapt the recipe if any of these ingredients is problematic for any allergy sufferer, just let Julie know.

In addition to GF bread, McKinley uses only non-alcoholic grape juice in our common service

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you! **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eternal God, creator and ruler of the universe, at your word earth began its formation. And after eons of time, your hand formed us from the dust of the ground and set us among your creatures to love and serve you, to care for your good creation and for one another. From the beginning, we were unfaithful to your good intentions, yet your love remained steadfast. When our ancestors were slaves in Egypt, you brought them through the sea to freedom, guided them by a pillar of fire in the desert. You sent laws to show us right paths, and prophets to speak your love and justice and lead us in the way of life. In your Word made flesh in Jesus you lived among us. He died that we might live, and is risen to raise us to new life. Blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, whom you sent for our salvation. He came with healing in his touch, with peace and forgiveness in his heart, speaking words of mercy and love. Yet he was met with violent death.

Your power broke free the prison of the tomb; the one who was dead now lives and is raised to rule over all creation. We remember all those who still struggle in forms of slavery, those known to us who suffer bodily pain and mental anguish, your people beaten down by oppression, war, and violence. And yet, we still proclaim the Lamb upon His throne is victory over all forms of death and we can be set free from its bonds.

We join our voices with angels and the faithful of every time and place singing: (Refrain)

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the Risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His Name.

We offer our lives to you with gratitude and pray that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen as we meet Him in Galilee. In our thanks and remembering, hear us as we pray together the prayer Jesus taught us, saying:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Creator who is in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, Your 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. Lead us not into temptation, but

deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God, we have heard the Easter story. Startle our imaginations and confirm this miracle to us. The angel has rolled away the stone of doubt and fear. Through this meal we are joined to our Risen Lord and are now empowered by your Spirit for ministry in Galilee. The tomb is empty and we carry the sure and certain hope of new lives. Amen

BENEDICTION

Christ the Lord is risen! **He is risen indeed!**

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Passing of the Peace and Easter Greetings: Please share with one another the grace, peace, and greetings of our victorious Lord and may the Risen Christ go with you all! Alleluia! Amen.

POSTLUDE He Is Risen

John Longhurst

During the postlude children are invited to come forward to receive their Easter basket. Thanks to our youth for putting together these baskets as a service project for the younger McKinley kids.

"After death something new begins, over which all powers of the world of death have no more might." Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Assisting in Today's Service

Liturgist, Tom Seals

Guest Preacher, Rev. DiAnne Hatch

Director of Faith Formation, Sara McHenry

Director of Music, Dr. Alonza Lawrence

Worship Tech, Lara Hebert and Kathie Spegal

Organist, Andrew Woodruff

Guest Musician Miles Mosher

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How to Give Online contributions and pledges are accepted at tithely.com/give?c=2133263 or by mailing your donations to: McKinley Presbyterian Church, 410 E. Daniel St., Champaign, IL 61820

ANNOUCEMENTS

Boneyard Arts Festival, "Core Sample" art exhibition

Jo and Julie Birdwell invite everyone to see the show! This Core Sample exhibition features a total of 14 artists, and is located at 115 West Main St. in Urbana, in the rooms above Encanto restaurant. There is an elevator, so the show is accessible! This exhibition will run from Friday, April 10th through Sunday, April 12th. Hours are: Friday, 5 pm - 9 pm, Saturday, 10 am - 8 pm, and Sunday, 10 am - 5 pm. There will be an opening reception on Friday, April 10th from 6 pm - 9 pm.

CALENDAR

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| April 6th | 6:00-8:00pm | Christian Education |
| April 8th | 7:00-8:00pm | McKinley Choir Practice |
| April 12th | 10:30am | Preschool/Elementary Sunday School |
| | 10:30am | Sunday Worship Service |

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Offering genuine welcome....Working for reconciliation, and
Daring to speak words of abundant hope to a
world in pain**

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