

## The United Methodist Church at Absecon

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# Easter

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Today's Lay Reader: Ray Glanville

### Welcome

### Call to Worship

**Leader:** Come! Come from our sanctuary or from your home. Come at 11am on Sunday or any time during the week. Come whenever and wherever you are. Come! Worship is called in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

**People:** **Happy Easter! As Christ emerges from the tomb, we emerge from the season of Lent, a long and trying journey through our own wilderness.**

**Leader:** Thursday shrouded us in confusion and Friday shrouded us in grief. But today, the shroud that once wrapped Jesus' body is now lying in an empty tomb.

**People:** **Today, the light of Easter has overcome darkness. The hope of resurrection has overcome the fear of death. Love has overcome hate!**

**Prelude**

Rejoice the Lord Is King

Ritter

## Hymn

## Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

(verses 1-4)

1. Christ the Lord is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2. Love's re-deem-ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3. Lives a - gain our glo-rious King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 \* 5. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 \* 6. King of glo - ry, soul of bliss, Al - le - lu - ia!

Earth and heaven in cho - rus say, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fol-lowing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Praise to thee by both be given, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Ev - er - last - ing life is this, Al - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Death in vain for - bids him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Once he died our souls to save, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Made like him, like him we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Thee we greet tri - um-phant now, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Thee to know, thy power to prove, Al - le - lu - ia!

Sing, ye heavens, and earth re - ply, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Where's thy vic - tory, boast-ing grave? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Hail the Res - ur - rec - tion, thou, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Thus to sing, and thus to love, Al - le - lu - ia!

## Opening Prayer

Lord, thank you for waking us up this morning! Thank you for calling us to the sanctuary and to our screens to connect with you and your people. We thank you for the things that lift us up, and we give to you the things that weigh us down. The tomb is empty, but our hearts are full. Death has been defeated and life is won! How can we be silent when there is so much good news to share? Christ the Lord is risen today! Hallelujah!

## Pastoral Prayer

### The Lord's Prayer

### Sunday School Singers

### Jesus Is Alive

### Young Disciples Chatting with the Rev

### Hymn

### Because He Lives

1. God sent his Son, they called him Je - sus;  
2. How sweet to hold a new-born ba - by,  
3. And then one day I'll cross the riv - er;

he came to love, heal, and for - give;  
and feel the pride and joy he\* gives;  
I'll fight life's fi - nal war with pain;

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he lived and died to buy my par - don,  
but great - er still the calm as - sur - ance,  
and then as death gives way to vic - tory,

an emp - ty grave is there to prove my Sav - ior lives.  
this child can face un - cer - tain days be - cause he lives.  
I'll see the lights of glo - ry and I'll know he reigns.

\*Jesus

*Refrain*

Be - cause he lives, I can face to - mor - row;

be - cause he lives, all fear is gone;

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be-cause I know he holds the fu-ture,

and life is worth the liv-ing just be-cause he lives.

**Senior Choir**

O What a Glorious Day

**Scripture Lesson**

John 3:13-21

No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

**Message**

*Christ the Victor*



## Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

### Offertory

He Is Risen! He Is Risen!

Broughton

### Doxology

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

### Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns

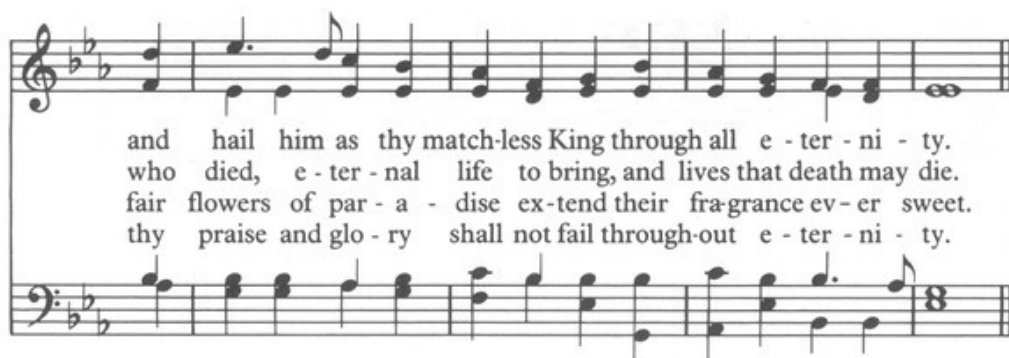


1. Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne.  
2. Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,  
3. Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scep - ter sways  
4. Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,

Hark! how the heav-en-ly an-them drowns all mu-sic but its own.  
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.  
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise.  
those wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau-ty glo - ri - fied.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
His glo - ries now we sing, who died, and rose on high,  
His reign shall know no end, and round his pierc - ed feet  
All hail, Re-deem-er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

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and hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
fair flowers of par - a - dise ex-tend their fra-grance ev - er sweet.  
thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

## Benediction

Postlude

Toccata Classique

Janzer

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## Instrumentalists:

Piano – Priscilla Cunningham

Violin – Susan Elsayed

Trumpet – Jeremiah Paton, Brenda Bass Janice

# Easter Flower Dedications

*Given to the glory of God.*

**Bette Alsobrook** – *In loving memory of my husband Frank; my parents; Jennifer. In honor of my daughter Julie, her husband Keith, and my grandchildren: Luke, Jackson, Zachary, Ashley.*

**Ann Boutcher** – *In loving memory of Donald Boutcher. In honor of BSGF.*

**Susan G. Brownhill** – *In loving memory of my parents, and Jim Brownhill.*

**Michael and Barbara Combs** – *In loving memory of John and Sally McCarty; Walter and Rose Bartholomew; Donald P. Combs; Reba Lee Combs.*

**The Corkhills** – *In loving memory of Doris Laptonak.*

**Tom and Paula Crawford** – *In loving memory of our parents and grandparents; uncle, Tom Gorman; sister, Janet Angerman; brother, Paul (Butch) Gorman. In honor of our children: David, Kenneth, Deanna, and JoAnn; our many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; my sisters, Johanna, Barbara, Patricia.*



**Priscilla Cunningham** – *In loving memory of Janvier and Evelyn Husted. In honor of Zach Mannel; Ben Mannel; Danny, Becky, Christy, and Linny.*

**Dennis Family** – *In loving memory of Linda Dennis.*

**Chip and Lois Garrison** – *In loving memory of our parents; our friends and loved ones.*

**Charlie Heuer** – *In honor of Ann M. Heuer, my wife for 71 years.*

**Ann and Charlie Heuer** – *In loving memory of my brother, Richard Heuer, Jr.; my sister, Audrey Simpson Russo; my parents, Della and Richard Heuer, Sr. In honor of our daughter, Della and Mark Raybould; granddaughter, Sarah and Jonathan Bates, and their five children; granddaughter, Amy and Sheldon Derstine, and daughter, Annabelle; granddaughter, Katie and Josh Leon, and sons, Levi and Lincoln.*

**Marie A. Huber** – *In loving memory of parents; my loving husband, Ray Jr. In honor of my children; grandchildren; 3-month old great-granddaughter.*

**Ray Huber III** – *In loving memory of Raymond Huber Jr.*

**Jean Killion** – *In loving memory of Doris and Paul Laptonak, and Ron. In honor of the Corkhills.*

**James Lincoln** – *In loving memory of Becky Lincoln.*

**Bob McCarty** – *In loving memory of my grandmother, Lena Sears Price.*

**Bob and Mary McCarty** – *In loving memory of our son, Robert "Bobby" McCarty II; our parents, Charles and Ruth McCarty and John and Louise Roth.*

**Anne H. Phillips, Duane Phillips** – *In loving memory of William Phillips.*

**Joyce Poley** – *In loving memory of James R. Poley.*

**Laura Reed** – *In loving memory of Evelyn Gradick (Mom); Harry Gradick (Dad).*

**Sue and Fred Reitmeyer** – *In loving memory of Reitmeyer and Johnson family members. In honor of our children and grandchildren.*



**Florine and Ernest Roberts** – *In loving memory of Catherine and John Henson; Naamah and Ernest Roberts.*

**Kris and Frank Rudisill** – *In loving memory of Raymond R. Huber, Jr.; Marianne F. Rudisill; our grandparents. In honor of our children, Jocilyn and Roman.*



**Barb Sabath** – *In loving memory of* Bill and Melba Owens; Candace Dornan.

**Naomi Swan and family** – *In loving memory of* husband, James Swan; sons, Philip and Michael Swan.

**V. Mae Townsend** – *In loving memory of* Robert Knight (Chalky) Townsend (husband); Linda Leigh Townsend Somers (daughter); Robert Knight Townsend, Jr. (son); Dare and Verna Aucott (parents); Albert and Mildred Townsend (in-laws). *In honor of* my daughters: Janice Louise Stumpf; Holly Ann Coombs; Jennifer Joy Auge.

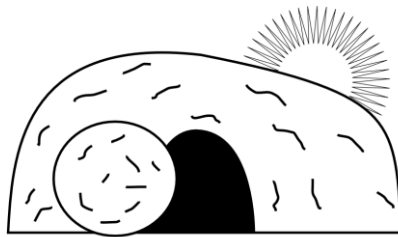
**Laurie and Dave Vedral** – *In loving memory of* Sonia Reid-Strawn; Vincent and Irene Vedral; Robert and Mildred Wendel.

**Van Voorhees** – *In loving memory of* my parents, Austin and Eleanor.

**David and Ali Wade** – *In loving memory of* our parents and grandparents; our son Alex. *In honor of* our children and grandchildren.

**The Wilson family** – *In loving memory of* our siblings: Maryann Terry, Ken Ireland, Don Gaupp; our parents, Judy and Elton Wilson; our parents, Mary and Ray Ireland; Marjorie and David Parkhurst. *In honor of* Priscilla Cunningham; Jim and Lynn Caterson; Barry and Susan Hackett; Joan and Don Dearborn.

**Pat Wright** – *In loving memory of* Jim and Verna Thomas.



## *Spiritual Bouquets*

**Linda Babcock** – *In loving memory of* many dear family members.

**Betsy Boyd** – *In loving memory of* Robert and Doris Boyd. *In honor of* Monday night Ladies Bible Study class and its faithful leader, Barb Sabath.

**Gay Channell, Donna Thomas, and Kay Stadlmeir** – *In loving memory of* our dear aunt, Esther Streng.

**Joan and Donald Dearborn** – *In loving memory of* Margaret and Wendell Davis; Jay Wendell Davis; Dorothy and Richard Dearborn; Rachel Goldberg; Tracey Powers.

**Barbara Dix** – *In loving memory of* husband, Bill Dix; son, Jimmy; grandson, Ryan. *In honor of* my three sons: Rick, Michael, Brian.

**Stacey Eisenlohr** – *In loving memory of* Scott Eisenlohr; Joel Spiegel; Linda Caldwell. *In honor of* Julie Eisenlohr; Mary Beth Spiegel.

**Dan and Marilyn Favara** – *In loving memory of* our family; Jim and Leann Klemowski.



**Chip and Lois Garrison** – *In loving memory of* our families and friends.

**Carmen, Johna, and Mike Infante** – *In loving memory of* our parents/grandparents: John and Martha Gregg; Mike and Laura Infante.

**Fiona and Olivia Jones** – *In loving memory of* our dad.

**Kyung S. Kwon** – *In loving memory of* Mary Scranton, the first woman missionary who founded Ewha Hakdang girls' high school in Korea.

**June Paprocki and family** – *In loving memory of* Thomas H. Paprocki.

**Peter and Judy Pine** – *In loving memory of* Rev. Harry R. and Verna W. Pine; Donald and Genevieve Ludlam; James and Sally Burt; Walter Ludlam; Lori Clute; Chiara Pine; Donald and Ruby Harmon.

**Sue and Fred Reitmeyer** – *In loving memory of* Candace; Kathy; Becky.  
*In honor of* our church family.



**Barb Sabath** – *In loving memory of* C.W. Setterman; Tracey Powers. *In honor of* Jackson Motto; Emersyn, Rowen, Nora, Maddy, Jax, Jamie and Parker.

**Naomi Swan and family** – *In loving memory of* parents, grandparents, brother, and sister.

**Art and Karen Ubbens** – *In loving memory of* Arthur and June Ubbens (parents); Anthony and Marion Serpa (parents). *In honor of* our grandchildren: Daegan; Everett; Axl; Zdyn; Peyton; Carter.