

Middlebury Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

April 20, 2025

Resurrection of the Lord, Easter Sunday

**all those who are able please stand*

Our worship begins with the Prelude.

Please be mindful of those who wish to spend this time in prayer

PRELUDE

Fanfare

Aaron Copland

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Liturgist: Ellen Aronheim

INTROIT

Youth Choir

Hallelu, Hallelujah

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Leader: Behold the victory of our God: Jesus our Lord has
conquered the grave

People: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Leader: Sin and death shall reign no more

People: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Leader: Let this place resound with joy

People: Christ is risen! Alleluia! Thanks be to God

***HYMN**

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Pilgrim Hymnal (Red) #182

INVOCATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER (ALL SING)

Bulletin (Pages 6-7)

CALL TO CONFESSION (1 Corinthians 15:21-22)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

**Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered
the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive**

to doubt and fear, bound by ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen. (Time for individual silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Based on I Corinthians 15:55-57)

Hear the good news from scripture: "Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven and given victory over death. Thanks be to God. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

Pilgrim Hymnal (Red) #513

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
World without end. Amen. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READINGS OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 65:17-25

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be

considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

Luke 24:1-12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came 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 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.

SERMON

The Rev. Katrina Manzi

Finding the Living among the Dead

***HYMN**

Alleluia! The Strife Is O’er

Pilgrim Hymnal (Red) #181

JOYS, CONCERNS, & PASTORAL PRAYER

Prayer requests will be received from the congregation. Please be mindful worship is livestreamed, so we advise caution on using last names to preserve people's privacy.

OFFERTORY

Hallelujah (from "Messiah")

G.F. Handel

Adult Choir

***Doxology in Unison**

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Alleluia, alleluia.
Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)**

Holy God, we offer these gifts for your glory. Let them be signs of life, in the name of the one who is risen from the dead. Use them for works of love, in the name of the one who taught us to love one another: Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***HYMN**

Thine Is the Glory

Pilgrim Hymnal (Red) #193

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

Adult Choir

Sevenfold Amen

POSTLUDE

Thine Is the Glory

arr. Marty Cope

Please join us downstairs in the Social Hall after worship for fellowship and refreshments.

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The Lord's Prayer

Unison

Our Fa-ther, which art in heav-en,

hal-low-ed be thy name. Thy king-dom

come, thy will be done on earth as it is in

heav-en. Give us this day our dai-ly bread, and for-

WORDS: Matthew 6:9-13 (KJV)

MUSIC: Albert Hay Malotte, 1935; arr. Donald P. Hustad, 1984

MALOTTE
Irr.

give us our debts, as we for-give our debt-ors. (may be omitted)

And lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion but de-liv-er us from

e-vil: for thine is the king-dom, and the pow-er,

and the glo-ry, for-ev-er,

A-men, A-men.



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