

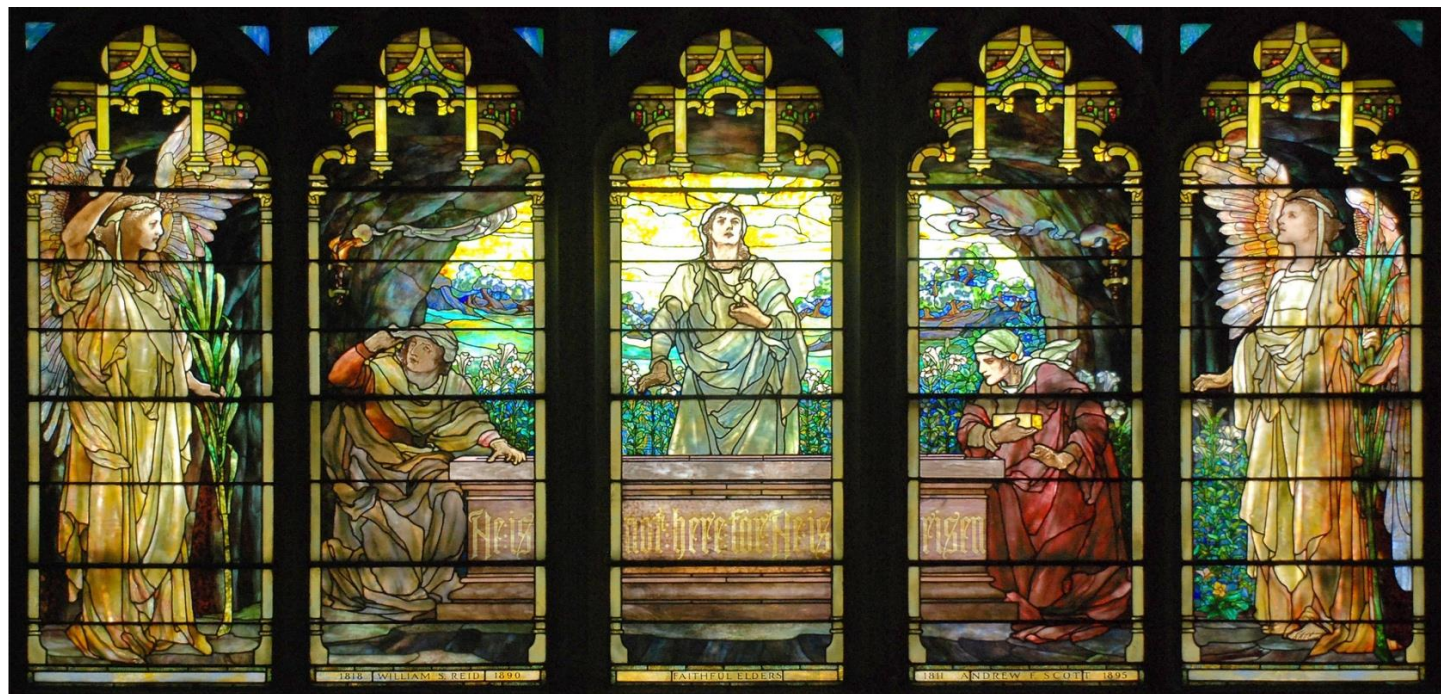
SERVICE OF THE DAY OF RESURRECTION

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

APRIL 16, 2017

EASTER SUNDAY

CHRIST IS RISEN!



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME

As the welcome pads are passed down your aisle, please help us to celebrate your worshipping with us today by signing the register.

Christ is Risen!

Christ is Risen, Indeed!

PRELUDE

Prelude for Easter Morning

Gerald Near

A Poem as You Prepare for Worship
The long day stretched into night
And time crept onward towards the new day.
With the first gold of dawn came a resurrection,
A new hope that grew with the rising sun,
And went out to a waiting world.

INTROIT

The Head That Once Was Crowned

Ferguson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day:

***when tears are wiped away; shattered hearts are mended;
fears are replaced with joy.***

Our cover art is the Resurrection Window of the Reid Memorial Presbyterian Church in Richmond, Indiana. It was designed and crafted by the studio of Louis Comfort Tiffany.

Today's Poem comes from Jean Murdoch.

An asterisk indicates that you are invited to stand in body or in Spirit as you feel led and are able.*

*Please join in speaking or singing all words printed in **bold italics**.*

This is the day the Lord:

***rolls away the stone of fear; throws off death's clothes;
goes ahead of us into God's future.***

This is the day the Lord has made:

***death has no fear for us; sin has lost its power over us;
God opens the tombs of our hearts to fill us with life.***

This is the day - Easter Day!

Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen, indeed! Hallelujah!

*OPENING HYMN *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* Purple, No. 232

*EASTER DECLARATION

When too many are despairing, when the world is full of grief,
when we see no way ahead and hope has fled:

Roll back the stone.

When we fear change, when we are not ready,
when we would rather weep and run away:

Roll back the stone.

Because we are coming with the women,
because we hope where hope is vain,
because you call us from the grave and show the way:

Roll back the stone, for we have a Christ to follow.

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

RESPONSE *Christ Is Alive!* Purple, No. 246, verse 1

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The Peace of the Risen Christ be with you. ***And also with you.***

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

*PREPARATION *Christ Is Alive!* Purple, No. 246, verse 4

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***God of life, through Jesus Christ you have reminded us of the
power of your love. Free our hearts and minds to ever recall
your grace that it might grow in us a holy desire and a deep
commitment that our lives and the world we make together
will shine with the bright hope of the Risen Christ. Amen.***

*We traditionally use
the "debts" and
"debtors" form of The
Lord's Prayer.*

*This week in the 9
a.m. service only,
children ages 4
through 5th grade will
have fun learning
more about Easter
through games, arts &
crafts, readings and
more! All older
children are invited to
remain in worship. All
children above
nursery age will
remain in worship
during the 11 a.m.
service.*

ANTHEM

Joy in the Morning

N. Sleeth

EASTER READING

Luke 24:1-12

NT, p. 90

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Then They Remembered

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

Purple, No. 248

DECLARATION OF FAITH

Sharlande Sledge, alt.

We believe in God, who in love has shared the earth with all people.

***We believe in Jesus Christ,
Whose resurrection changes everything.***

We believe in the Spirit of God, who works in and through the world and the community She has called to serve all of creation and all people.

We believe that God overcomes the powers of division and will establish justice and peace for all.

Today we celebrate new life through one life.

***Today we claim new life for each of us, for all of us.
Alleluia, Amen!***

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Call to Offering

Offertory

Crown Him with Many Crowns

arr. J. Raney

*Response

Purple, No. 240, refrain only, twice

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

***Alleluia, Alleluia, Give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, Alleluia, give praise to His name.***

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of every Age, you have emptied the tomb and set us free. We are liberated in you, through you, to journey with you. Today, we recommit to that journey offering comfort, hope, and love to those captive to fear, neglect, and anger. We offer these gifts in thanksgiving for your Easter promise. Alleluia and Amen!

Beethoven's "Ode to Joy" becomes a rousing Easter hymn using words written by renowned British hymnist, Brian Wren, former professor of worship and mentor of Pastor Michael in seminary. Wren first wrote the words for another tune 33 years ago, but Beethoven's most famous "tune" has become synonymous with this text in contemporary hymnals.

This simple refrain of gratitude, written and composed by Michigan flutist and composer Don Fishel, is far more popular on its own than connected with the hymn that gave it birth.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

Our closing hymn is a particular arrangement for brass, choir and congregation. The order of the verses is shifted and a new verse replaces one of the verses.

If you leave during the Postlude, please show respect for those who remain in their seats to listen. Thanks!

*HYMN

Lift High the Cross

Purple, No. 826

Refrain – Choir and Congregation

Verse 3 and Refrain - Chancel Choir Only

Verse 1 and Refrain – Choir and Congregation

New Verse – Chancel Choir only

Refrain – Choir and Congregation

Verse 4 and Refrain – Choir and Congregation

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Preaching—Rev. Michael D. Kirby

Liturgist—Rev. Jessica Gregory

A Time with the Children—Pastor Jessica

Musicians—Dr. Christopher Owen, Paul Vander Weele, Adult Bell Choir, Chancel Choir

Choral Soloists—Johanna Moffitt, soprano; Jackie King, alto;

Dennis Kalup, tenor; Steve Uliana, bass

Brass Quartet—Katie Samayoa, trumpet; Robert Alonzo, trumpet;

Anthony DeFrancisco, trombone; Jordan Tyner, horn

Ushers (9:00 a.m.)—Lee Knohl, Molly McDowell, John Morrison,

Ushers (11:00 a.m.)—Tom Buess, Ben Buettell, Steve Davies, Virginia Kerr

Acolytes (9:00 a.m.)—Merritt & Calvin Wooldridge

Acolytes (11:00 a.m.)—Nate and Theo Janes-Smith

Our Northminster Family at Work

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