

## Order of Worship

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April 1, 2018 — Easter Sunday

\*Please stand ... in body or in spirit, as you are comfortable.

**Bold words are spoken in unison**

***Bold Italics are words sung in unison***

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***“Never let anything so fill you with sorrow  
as to make you forget the joy of Christ risen.” ~ Mother Teresa***

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **WE BEGIN OUR WORSHIP**

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION AND REFLECTION

*Risen Hallelujah*  
Arr. Wagner  
*Carillon Bell Choir*  
*Jason Aquila, Director*

ENTRANCE OF LIGHT OF CHRIST, a symbol of Jesus' presence

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

**Many: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

One: The Chosen One has risen from the dead;

**Many: We give thanks and praise for everlasting life!**

One: Death where is your sting?

**Many: Death does not have the last word.**

One: Alleluia and alleluia!

**Many: Alleluia and alleluia!**

\*WE SING TOGETHER

No. 233

*Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

\*WE PRAY TOGETHER

Let us pray together:

**God of New Life,**

**We have waited through the night.**

**We have wondered what good can come from tragedy.**

## **Please Keep the Following People in Your Prayers**

Lyda Dacek (friend of Marcia Powles)

Mary Kanzeg

The family of Pearl Wood

Bob Ebert (friend of many)

Anita Spaeta (cousin of Diane and Dave Kvasnicka)

Marisol Stokes (one of our cleaning persons)

John Derrick (friend of the Mealys)

Konnie Wenneman

John Michelich

Pamela Bloomingdale (niece of Konnie Wenneman)

Bob Patzwahl

Carol Adams

Marge Hall

Paullette Taylor (friend of Jane Huml)

Nola Branch

Chuck Hughes

Chuck Zaugg

Jim Gartner (son of Ruth Gartner)

Gail Rattray and son Brian (relatives of Sandy Evans)

Andy Bischof

Steve Kneale (son of Jane Huml)

Katie Gartner (granddaughter of Ruth Gartner)

Joyce Droescher

Jane Huml

Duncan Simpson (grandson of Carole Adams)

Julie Simpson (daughter of Carole Adams)

Megan Moran

Jeremy Steinbrick (grandson of Andy & Jan Bischof)

Jon Fields (friend of Chuck & Carol Mealy)

## THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

### Today, March 25

Palm Sunday  
Welcome Pastor Brooke!

### Monday, March 26

Yoga, 11:15 a.m.  
Consistory 7:15 p.m.

### Tuesday, March 27

Quilters 9 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, March 28

Carillon Bell Choir, 7 p.m.  
Chancel Choir, 8 p.m.

### Thursday, March 29

Maundy Thursday Service,  
7 p.m.

### Sunday, April 1

Easter Sunday!  
A Blessed Easter to all!

### SPECIAL THANKS THIS MORNING:

**Liturgist:** Janet Kramer

**Acolytes:** Elizabeth and Katie Carney

**Flowers:** Today's altar flowers are sponsored by Jill Negray:  
A Blessed Easter to Everyone!

**THURSDAY EVENING GATHERING** The next Thursday evening dinner is April 19 at 5 p.m. at the Berea Union Depot Tavern (formerly known as The Depot and, before that, Pufferbelly), 30 Depot Street in Berea. Sign up in the Gathering Room for this festive evening!

**YOGA CLASS** Yoga classes meet Mondays at 11:15 a.m.

**SAVE THE DATE: CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MAY 6** right after worship to vote on the Constitution and Bylaws.

**MESSAGE CLASS FOR BEGINNERS** Our own Albert Svette will be hosting a Massage Class for Beginners. **ORIENTATION CLASS SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 10 A.M.** in the Fellowship Hall. Learn quick 5-minute stress relief techniques; techniques for giving a massage and more! See Albert with questions.

**PASTOR BOB RICHARDSON MEETINGS** The final opportunity to meet with the Rev. Bob Richardson is Sunday, April 8, from 3-6 p.m. Contact Bob to schedule a time: brich948@gmail.com; (234) 706-5322 or cell at (484) 597-0173.

O Christ, come. Come to us again.

Appear in our hearts.

Appear in our hands.

Appear to us now.

You are not dead! Thanks be to God.

Amen.

\*WE SING PRAISE TO GOD

*Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit,  
Three in One; as it was in the beginning,  
is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

### WE LISTEN FOR OUR STILL-SPEAKING GOD

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

*Pastor Brooke*

*(Following these moments, our children recess to their Sunday Morning Program. Our nursery is available for infants, and there is a lounge opposite the sanctuary where the service may be heard. You may wish to join in blessing the children as they go by singing:)*

*Go now in peace; go now in peace.  
May the love of God surround you  
ev'-ry-where, ev'-ry-where you ... may ... go.*

MESSAGE FROM OUR CHANCEL CHOIR

*Day of All Days!*

*Nagy*

*Carol Peddie, Director*

MESSAGE FROM OUR SCRIPTURE

*Isaiah 25:6-9 (p. 639), Acts 10:34-43 (p. 1002)*

Our God is still speaking:

**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE FROM THE GOSPEL

*John 20:1-18 (p. 988)*

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

*Dream Big*

Pastor R. Brooke Baker

Interim Pastor for Worship & Pastoral Care

**WE RESPOND TO OUR STILL-SPEAKING GOD**

THE PASTOR'S PRAYER

WE PRAY TOGETHER THE PRAYER JESUS TAUGHT US

**Our Father (God), 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.**

WE OFFER OUR LIVES AND GIFTS IN GRATITUDE TO GOD

Invitation and Offering

Resurrected One, we see more fully your realm when we dare  
to dream big. Let us dream big as we give of our gifts in order  
for your kingdom to come.

Offertory Music

*Jesus Christ is Risen Today, Alleluia*

Fleisher

*Jason Aquila, Organist*

\*WE SING OUR SONG OF PRAISE

No. 780

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God for all that love has done:  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.***

\*WE DEDICATE OUR LIVES AND GIFTS

Let us pray together:

**God of the grieving and of the skeptical,  
Bless these gifts so that the world may know that you are  
always appearing.  
Bless our hands so that your love  
might appear in the work we share. Amen.**

COMMUNION

*The Rev. Ed Crabtree*

COMMUNION HYMN

No. 257

Alleluia! Gracious Jesus!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**We give thanks, almighty God,**

**That you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the  
presence of Jesus Christ.**

**Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another,  
And send us forth into the world in courage and peace,  
Rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;  
Through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

\*WE SING TOGETHER

No. 245

*The Day of Resurrection*

THE PASTOR OFFERS FINAL WORDS AND A BLESSING

CHORAL RESPONSE

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION AND REFLECTION

*Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

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*Jason Aquila, Organist*

DEPART TO BE THE LOVE OF GOD IN THE WORLD

*(Opening prayer and prayer of dedication adapted from UCC Worship Ways)*

Special thanks to Rev. Ed Crabtree for serving as liturgist and presiding at  
the communion table this morning.

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