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**SAINT PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**Fleetwood, Pennsylvania**  
**Holy Communion**  
**April 1, 2018**  
**Easter Sunday**

**GATHERING PRAYER**

*Almighty God, you love us so much that you sent Jesus to suffer, die and rise again in order to save us from our sins. Help us to feel the power of this love within our lives and ministry. We offer our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen*

**INTROIT**

**PROCLAMATION**

Leader: Christ is Risen

**People: He is risen indeed!**

Leader: Let us sing praise to the risen Savior!

*(Congregation Standing)*

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN**    *"Christ The Lord Is Risen Today" (see insert)*

**PASSING THE PEACE**

Pastor:            The peace of Christ be with you.

**People:            And also with you.**

Pastor:            Let us share signs of Christ's peace with one another.

**JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

**CENTERING**

**PRELUDE (7:00)**            *"Fairest Lord Jesus"*

**PRELUDES (8:45 and 10:25)**    *"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"*  
*"Thine is the Glory"*  
*"Christ Arose"*

<b>Brass Group:</b>	Erin Bogacki	Trumpet	Christopher Dietrich	Trombone
	Jeff Oxenford	Trumpet	Jay A. Smith	Baritone
	Malissa Weikel	French horn	Jim Schoellkopf	Tuba

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*"So Early in the Morning"*    Clark Kimberling  
Choir, Bells: Gary Reinert, Gregg Thomas

So early in the morning comes Mary Magdalene;  
She's looking for our Savior, so early in the morning light.  
He is not here, the angel says, He's risen up indeed.  
This third day, risen, the victor over death is He.  
So early in the morning comes Mary Magdalene;  
She's looking for our Savior, so early in the morning light.

*(Congregation Standing)*

Pastor: We gather in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: (singing) Amen!**

Pastor: Early on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been rolled away and the body of Jesus was not there.

**People: (singing)**        *"The Strife is O'er" (verse 1) (see insert)*

Pastor:            Jesus said, go tell my brothers and my sisters that I am returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God!

**People: (singing)**        *"The Strife is O'er" (verse 2)*

**PENITENCE**

Pastor:            With heads bowed low, and with humble hearts still ringing with Jesus' good news, let us pray for God's forgiving grace.

**All:**                **As we gather together this Easter morning, we remember the times when have walked our own path instead of Jesus' path. Like Mary, we wonder aimlessly searching for Jesus. O God, open our eyes to your presence among us. Just as you rolled away the boulder in front of Jesus' tomb, clear away our sins and failures so that we may walk each day with Jesus and find your everlasting peace.**

*(Silence)*

Pastor:            After speaking with Jesus, Mary Magdalene went to tell the disciples the news, "I have seen the Lord!"

**People: (singing)**        *"The Strife is O'er" (verse 5)*

Pastor: Let us share again what it is that we believe.

**All:** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

*(Congregation may be seated)*

### WORD

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### SERMON TEXT

Mark 16:1-7

NT Pg 54

*(Congregation Standing)*

*Choral Response: "Step by Step" (see insert)*

*(Congregation May Be Seated)*

#### SERMON

*"April Fools?"*

*(Congregation Stands)*

#### RESPONSIVE HYMN

*"He Lives" (see insert)*

### GIVING

#### OFFERTORY SENTENCES

**OFFERTORY (7:00)** *"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*  
**(8:45)** *"Welcome, Happy Morning"* A. Sullivan  
**(10:25)** *"Music For Easter"* Brass Group and Organ

#### DOXOLOGY *(singing)*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, you heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost*

**CHOIR ANTHEM** *"Alleluia, Jesus is Risen!"* Sandy and John Wilkinson

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus has victory over the grave!

Alleluia, Jesus is risen!

Behold, the stone's rolled away.

The light of the angel's announcement of glory  
reveals a bare empty tomb.

Alleluia, we are forgiven; redeemed by the blood of the Lamb.

Before all creation God planned our salvation

Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and our King!

Where O death is your victory?

Where O grave is your sting?

Jesus has broken the chains of darkness,

Now of His victory we sing!

Alleluia, Jesus is Risen!

Behold, the stone's rolled away.

The light of the angel's announcement of glory

Reveals a bare, empty tomb, empty tomb!

Alleluia, we are forgiven; redeemed by the blood of the Lamb.

Before all creation God planned our salvation through

Jesus Christ, our Savior and our King.

Alleluia, Jesus is risen! Jesus is risen!

Jesus is Lord! He is Lord!

### THE TABLE

Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

**All: We lift them up to the Lord!**

Pastor: We praise you, Jesus, for the promise of everlasting life, assuring us that, because you live we shall live also and that nothing can separate us from your love.

**All: Thanks be to you for giving us everlasting life!**

Pastor: We remember the very first communion that you shared with your disciples. We think about the closeness that they knew and realize that you hold each of us just as tightly today.

**All: Thanks be to you for keeping close to each of us!**

Pastor: The love that we have through Jesus Christ is stronger than anything that we can even imagine. It is filled with promise, hope, and peace and is given freely to all of us.

**All: Thanks be to you for the promise of your love!**

Pastor: We offer you our praise and thanksgiving. As we eat and drink at your table on this special day, we pray that we may see the world through your eyes, and that we may know you are with us in the breaking of this bread.

**All: (singing):**

*Christ is risen! Earth and heaven never more shall be the same.  
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.  
Tell its grim demonic chorus; "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"  
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna, everyone!*

Pastor: Jesus gathered with the disciples in a quiet room, and they shared in a meal. As they ate, he took a loaf of bread, blessed it, broke it, and shared it with them, saying, "This is my body. Do this and remember me"

Pastor: Then Jesus took a cup, and, after giving thanks, shared it with them, saying, "This is the cup of the new covenant, which is poured out for you. Do this and remember me."

Pastor: Great is the mystery of faith:

**All: Jesus has died,  
Jesus is risen,  
Jesus will come again.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

### LORD'S PRAYER *(singing)*

*Our Father, Who art in the heavens,  
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 the evil one.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory  
Forever and ever. Amen*

*(Congregation May Be Seated)*

Pastor: In the breaking of the bread we are one with Jesus Christ

Pastor: Through the cup of blessing we share in the new life Christ pours out for the world.

Pastor: Come, for all things are ready!

## THE SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

\*(We offer wine or grape juice as the symbol of the Blood of Christ. Grape juice is the light, wine is the dark. The lead usher offers gluten free wafers.)

## BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

*(Children who did not receive communion and infants are welcomed to come forward and receive a blessing at this time).*

*(Congregation Stands)*

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**ALL: We give you thanks, dear Jesus, for the broken bread and the cup of blessing,  
the signs of your life given and poured out in love for us and for all humankind.  
Amen**

## SENDING

RECESSIONAL HYMN "All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name" *(see insert)*

## BENEDICTION

CHORAL SENDING "Because He lives" *(see insert)*

## CHIMES

POSTLUDE (7:00) "All Creatures of our God and King"  
(8:45) "Music For Easter"  
(10:25) "He Lives"

Brass Group and organ  
Brass Group

**MISSION STATEMENT**

As Followers of Jesus Christ we commit ourselves to:

- Enthusiastically proclaim and teach God's love through the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Share God's love with neighbors near and far.
- Live as a Christian community of hope, acceptance, and encouragement in a rapidly changing world.

**WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S**

- If you are visiting and would like to know more about St. Paul's please fill out the visitor's card located in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. One of our pastors will contact you.
- There are assisted listening devices for the hearing impaired available at the sound board in the rear of the church.
- **Adult Sunday school is held at 9 a.m. - Generations Class in the Lounge off the Narthex. Also, Adult Bible Study is held Wednesday mornings. See Announcement sheets in the bulletin for details.**
- Children are always welcome in our worship space (as are the joyful noises that they sometimes add). For those moments when it might be needed, we do have a nursery room in the rear of the church that anyone with younger children is welcome to use. The room is equipped with a speaker that will allow you to continue enjoying the service. Please ask an usher if you need any assistance.
- Activity bags for children can be found on a rack in the Narthex.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The **Alter Flowers** are sponsored by Robert and Ramona Wolf in celebration of their 31<sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

The **Bulletins** are sponsored by David Balmer in honor of Greta and Jill.

The **Upper Room Publication** for this month is sponsored by Anna Mae Weiss In loving memory of her niece, Karen Shollenberger.

**Coffee Time Sponsor:** Easter Service

**Readers:** 7:00 a.m. – Sharon Dreibelbis

8:45 a.m. – Stella Koch

10:25 a.m. – Gary Reinert

**Acolytes:** 7:00 a.m. – Jonathan Maurek, Ian Miller

8:45 a.m. – Tristin Farr, Madison Woerner

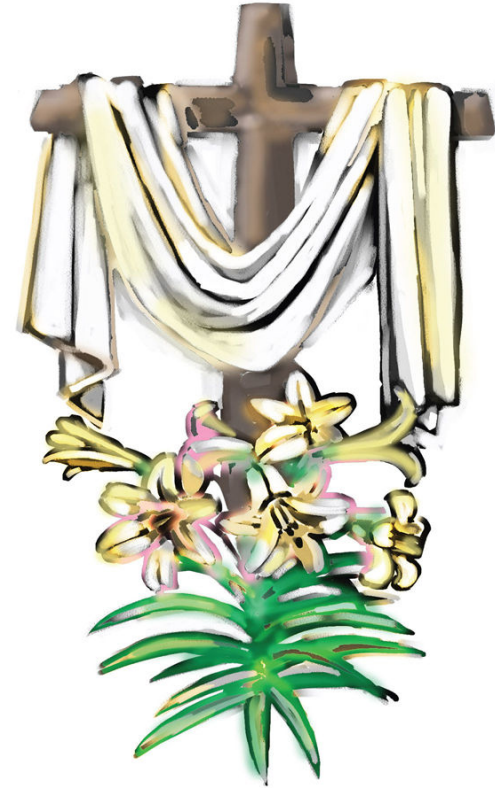
10:25 a.m. – Ethan Raudenbush, Katelin Pytleski

**Ushers:** 7:00 a.m. – Jenn Hoffman, Dennis Wanner, Heidi Pierce

8:55 a.m. – Cindy Rothenberger, Steve Wentz, Ro Wolf, Bob Wolf, Melissa Blickley,  
Dennis Wanner, Christoph S., Christopher Vojtasek

10:25 a.m. – Jim Goldman, Jenn Hoffman, Jason Crockett, Dennis Raudenbush

**Attendance:** March 25th, 2018 8:55 a.m. – 148 10:25 a.m. – 101



# EASTER Season