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First Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Wilmette, Illinois

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 1, 2018

10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

"Prelude on 'Easter Hymn'"

arr. Broughton

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Joyful is the sound we make this morning!
All: For this day liberates us from doubt and fear.
One: Thankful is the song we sing!
All: For this day moves us past darkness and despair.
One: Hopeful is the prayer upon our lips!
All: For this day awakens us to new life.
One: Jesus said, "Where two or more are gathered in my name, I am there among them."
All: Christ lives here and now; he is among us at this and every moment.

--From *The Worship Sourcebook*

INTROIT

"Christ Is Risen"

Hopson

+HYMN

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

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LITANY OF INVOCATION

Leader: Lord God, early in the morning, when the world was young, you made life in all its beauty and terror, you gave birth to all that we know.
All: Hallowed be your name.
Leader: Early in the morning, when the world least expected it, a newborn child crying in a manger announced that you had come among us.
All: Hallowed be your name.
Leader: Early in the morning, surrounded by respectable liars, religious leaders, anxious statesmen, and silent friends, you accepted the penalty for doing good, for being God: you shouldered and suffered the cross.
All: Hallowed be your name.
Leader: Early in the morning, a voice in a guarded graveyard and footsteps in the dew proved that you had risen, and that you had come back to those and for those who had forgotten, denied, and destroyed you.
All: Hallowed be your name.

Leader: This morning, in the company of your Church on earth and in heaven, we celebrate your creation, your life, your death, and resurrection, so we pray:
All: Lord, bring new life, where we are worn and tired;
New love, where we have turned hard-hearted;
Forgiveness, where we feel hurt and where we have wounded;
And the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit, where we are prisoners of ourselves.
In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

--From *The Iona Community, Scotland*

CALL TO PRAISE

Leader: O Lord, open thou our lips.
People: And our mouths shall show forth thy praise.
Leader: Praise be to God!
People: God's name be praised!

+GLORIA

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

ANTHEM

"Rejoice This Glorious Day"

Pethel

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Eternal God,
In the reading of the scripture, may your word be heard;
In the meditations of our hearts, may your word be known;
In the faithfulness of our lives, may your word be shown.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Smith, Hodges, & VanSlyke

† Isaiah 25:6-9 – *God Will Wipe Away Every Tear* OT p. 798
† Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (Chanted by Chancel Choir; Join in Refrain) NCH 700
† Acts 10:34-43 – *God Raised Jesus on the Third Day* NT pp. 157-158
† Mark 16:1-8 – *Who Will Roll Away the Stone?* NT p. 66

You are invited to read along in the Pew Bible.

GOSPEL RESPONSE

"Alleluia"

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SERMON

"Like Him We Rise"

Dr. VanSlyke

HANDBELL ANTHEM

"He Arose: A Resurrection Medley"

arr. Blaylock

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MORNING PRAYERS

Call to Prayer

Leader: God be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Please respond to each petition with "Hear our prayer."

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Our Father, 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.

Prayer Response

"Goodness Is Stronger Than Evil"

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OFFERING OUR TITHES, GIFTS, AND SELVES

Offertory

"Consider the Lilies"

Southbridge

+The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Christ all creatures here below,
Praise God above ye heavenly host,
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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Offertory Prayer

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Insert

+HYMN

"The Day of Resurrection!"

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+BENEDICTION

May God bless you and keep you;
May God's face shine upon you and be gracious unto you;
May God look upon you with kindness and bring you peace;
This day and forevermore,
Amen.

—Numbers 6:24-26

POSTLUDE

"Fanfare and Statement on 'Llanfair'"

arr. Broughton

+ indicates those who are able may stand.
NCH indicates *The New Century Hymnal*.

OT indicates Old Testament.

NT indicates New Testament.

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Charles Wesley, 1707-1788 alt.

EASTER HYMN 7.7.7.7. with Alleluias
Arr. from "Lyra Davidica," 1708

1 Christ the Lord is risen to - day,
2 Je - sus lives, e - ter - nal spring,
3 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - - - le - lu - ia!
4 Soar we now where Christ has led,
5 Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!

All on earth with an - gels say:
Where, O death, is now thy sting?
Suf - fering end - ed, free - dom won, Al - - - le - lu - ia!
Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head,
Praise to thee by both be given,

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high,
Dy - ing once, now all doth save,
Death has yield - ed up its prize, Al - - - le - lu - ia!
Made like Christ, to life we rise,
Thee we greet tri - um - phant now,

Sing, ye heavens, and earth re - ply:
Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave?
Christ has o - pened Par - a - dise, Al - - - le - lu - ia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies,
Hail, the Res - ur - rec - tion thou!

A-men.

Lyrics to the Anthem

“Rejoice This Glorious Day”

By Stan Pethel

Rejoice, rejoice this glorious day, let choir of angels sing.
The Lord of life has triumphed today, for Christ is risen, our King.

Come rejoice, lift your voice;
Let the heav’ly anthem sound.
All your days, join in praise,
See God’s glory all around.
Rejoice, rejoice this glorious day,
This joyous Easter day.

The stars of heaven shout in praise, as all creation sings.
The hills and valleys echo the joy our blest Redeemer brings.

From the highest heav’n He came, to a world of sin and shame,
Christ the Savior is His name, Hallelujah!

About the Handbell Anthem



Today’s offering is a lovely medley of four Easter hymns. Some are more familiar than others, but all work together to create this wonderful arrangement. We open with a very sparse “tolling” of the C4 bell for several measures before we hear the hushed opening of the hymn, *“Low In the Grave He Lay.”* Suddenly, the highest bells enter, shaking very softly...perhaps to signify the early morning dawn breaking through when Mary comes and finds the empty tomb...and we hear the rest of this hymn. A transition of cascading bells brings us to *“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name,”* utilizing both tunes (*Coronation* and *Diadem*) associated with this text. Murmuring high bells lead us into the next hymn, *“Crown Him with Many Crowns.”* After hearing one verse, the arranger cleverly combines this with our final Easter hymn, *“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today.”* The high bells always play *“Christ the Lord ...”* while the bass bells play *“Crown Him ...”* This is done in an alternating way, line by line, until the two sections come together on *“Raise your joys and triumphs high,”* after which the piece comes to an end with a newly-written ending by yours truly (don’t anyone tell Mr. Blaylock, please!), complete with mini trumpet calls and a grand *mart lift* from the entire treble end of the table.

ALLELUIA



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Music: Norah Duncan IV, © 1987, GIA Publications, Inc.

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Goodness Is Stronger Than Evil



Good-ness is strong-er than e - vil; love is strong-er than

hate; light is strong-er than dark - ness;

life is strong-er than death. Vic - 'try is ours, vic - 'try is

ours through him who loved us. Vic - 'try is

ours, vic - 'try is ours through him who loved us.

Text: Desmond Tutu, b.1931, ©; adapt. by John L. Bell, b.1949

Tune: GOODNESS IS STRONGER, Irregular; John L. Bell, b.1949, © 1996, Iona Community, GIA Publications, Inc., agent

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The Day of Resurrection!



1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;
2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right
3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful! Let earth its song be - gin!



the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light;
The world re - sound in tri - umph, and all that is there - in;



From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,
and, lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
let all things seen and un - seen their notes of glad - ness blend;



our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
his own "all hail" and, hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our Joy that has no end.



WORDS: John of Damascus, 8th c.; tr. John M. Neale (1818-1866)
MUSIC: Henry T. Smart (1813-1879)

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7.6.7.6.D.

Sunday, April 1, 2018

Welcome to the First Congregational Church of Wilmette! We are part of the United Church of Christ, www.ucc.org, and we come with our faith and our doubts to worship, learn, and serve together. If you would like to learn more about the church, please check out the visitor information card in your pew, and provide us with your name, address, and/or email so that we can be in contact with you. There is a gender-neutral, accessible restroom and a baby changing station near the Sanctuary. Please ask an usher for directions.

Worship Leadership:

Preacher: Dr. Stephanie VanSlyke

Presider: Dr. Jason Okrzynski

Scripture Readers: Susan Hodges, Will Smith, & Todd VanSlyke

Musician: Mr. Kurt Mockenhaupt

Sunday Servers	Sunday, April 1	Sunday, April 8
Ushers	Janet & Bruce Seitzer (HUs); Peg Kocian, Joe Higgins	Maggie & Gary Benz (HUs); Melissa Riemer
Worship Greeter(s)	Keith Ross	Gretchen Alexander
Coffee Hour Servers	Joellen & Mike Earl; Karen Miller	Mary Fulton; Laura Bokhof & Paul Rios
Counter	Al Miller	Mike Hoover
Communion Table	FCCW Staff	FCCW Staff
Communion Bread	Janet Seitzer	N/A



UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, April 1 – Easter Sunday

8:30 a.m. – Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
9:15 a.m. – Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
9:45-11:20 a.m. – Nursery Care (Nursery)
9:45-11:15 a.m. – Godly Play I Class (Good Shepherd Room)
9:45-11:15 a.m. – Godly Play II Class (Creation Room)
9:45 a.m. – Kairos Class (Upper Room)
10:00 a.m. – Worship Service with Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
11:15 a.m. – Coffee Hour (Pilgrim Hall)
11:30 a.m. – Easter Egg Hunt (Whole Church)

Monday, April 2

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, April 4

6:00 p.m. – Intergenerational Night with Meal (Dining Room & Fellowship Hall)
7:30 p.m. – Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

Thursday, April 5

10:00 a.m. – Pastors’ Bible Study (Stephanie’s Office)
7:30 p.m. – Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

Sunday, April 8

9:15 a.m. – Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
9:45-11:20 a.m. – Nursery Care (Nursery)
9:45-11:15 a.m. – Godly Play I Class (Good Shepherd Room)
9:45-11:15 a.m. – Godly Play II Class (Creation Room)
9:45 a.m. – Kairos Class (Upper Room)
10:00 a.m. – Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11:15 a.m. – Coffee Hour (Pilgrim Hall)

Lenten Calendar

Easter Sunday - April 1, 10:00 a.m.

We celebrate Christ’s resurrection.

Chancel Choir & Garner Memorial Handbell Choir
Sacrament of Holy Communion

Children's Spiritual Formation



Sunday, April 1:

9:45-11:20 a.m. – Nursery Care (Nursery)

9:45-11:15 a.m. – Godly Play I Class (Good Shepherd Room)

9:45-11:15 a.m. – Godly Play II Class (Creation Room)

9:45 a.m. – Kairos Class (Upper Room)

The Godly Play II (1st-2nd grade class) will come to the Sanctuary with their teacher to participate in Holy Communion on Communion Sundays. The class always begins in the Creation Room each Sunday morning.

Kairos Class, 3rd-5th Grade students participate in this faith exploration class programmed for their specific developmental and faith formation needs. This class follows the Godly Play format but uses content designed to engage, challenge, and nurture 3rd-6th graders' maturing needs, interests, and questions. The class will meet every Sunday and alternate between the class room and the real-life lab of congregational worship. On select Sundays of the month, the Kairos class will attend some or all of worship with their teachers, including on Holy Communion Sundays. The class always begins in the Upper Room each Sunday morning.

Kids Club for K - 5th Graders, Wednesday Afternoons (April 4)

*There will be no Kids Club. Join us for Intergenerational Night!

Led by Jason Okrzynski and Stephanie VanSlyke



Kids Club is a simple program; it is all about being together and having fun. Wednesday afternoons, from 4:30-5:30 p.m., elementary age students are invited and encouraged to come to FCCW to engage God and each other through singing, games, crafts, and snacks. Fun will be had.

***There is no Kids Club on Intergenerational Nights!**

Youth Spiritual Formation



Young people in 7th-12th grade attend worship and participate in worship as ushers, greeters, and readers on a regular basis. On Wednesday nights, our *Confirmation* program for 7th-8th graders and our Senior High program for 9th-12th graders foster fun, friendship, spirituality, and opportunities for service. Youth participate in service projects, outings, and retreats in addition to Wednesday programs.

Wednesday, April 4:

*There will be no Confirmation or Youth programs. Join us for Intergenerational Night!

The next Wednesday dinner will be provided by:

April 4	FCCW
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Confirmation Class

At FCCW, students in seventh and eighth grade are invited to participate in our Confirmation Class. This two-year-long curriculum covers Bible, Church History, History and Practice of the United Church of Christ, and spiritual disciplines. It culminates with the eighth graders publicly affirming the baptismal vows taken for them by their parents in the Rite of Confirmation. Confirmation Class is led by Pastor Jason Okrzynski.

Senior High Youth Group

Students in ninth through twelfth grade join together each Wednesday night for Senior High Youth Group led by Pastor Jason Okrzynski.

***There is no Confirmation Class or Youth Group on Intergenerational Nights.**

Children/Youth Announcements

Children's Easter Egg Hunt



The Kairos Class would like to invite all children to this year's Easter egg hunt **today**. After worship, please gather in the Good Shepherd Room downstairs for a story. Afterwards, the hunt will commence. All children are invited to participate. If you have any questions, please contact Jason or Maren Okrzynski.

Vacation Bible School 2018

On **June 25 to 28 from 4:15 to 6:00 p.m.**, FCCW will partner with First Presbyterian Church of Wilmette to offer Vacation Bible School, Road Trip: Journey with Jesus. Children ages three to fifth grade are welcome! There will be an optional family meal afterwards each night. For more information, contact Jason.



Adult Spiritual Formation

The Men's Group



The Men's group is led by Rev. Dr. David Hogue, and meets select Mondays at Hackney's Restaurant, 1514 E. Lake Avenue in Glenview, for dinner and conversation. **The next meeting will be Monday, April 16, at 7:00 p.m.**

Remaining Dates for 2018: April 16 & May 21

Women's Retreat

Many of you have asked for it, and it is now a reality: the return of an FCCW Women's Retreat! All women of FCCW are invited to The Grand Beach Inn in New Buffalo, Michigan. The retreat will take place from **Friday, April 13, to Sunday, April 15**. The cost will be approximately \$300 if 20 women register (inclusive of food, beverage, and lodging); if less or more people register, the cost will increase or decrease respectively. A maximum of 30 women will be able to attend, so reserve your spot early! Carpools will be arranged later.



Please email Pastor Stephanie if you are interested. Registration materials have been sent. The registration form is available in the weekly newsletter and in Pilgrim Hall.

Mary Supper



At FCCW's Mary Supper, women of the church gather for a light meal and spiritual conversation led by Pastor Stephanie VanSlyke. All women are welcome and encouraged to come as often as they can. First-timers and friends are always welcome!

The next gathering will be **Tuesday, April 10, at 6:30 p.m.** Beth Miller will host. She lives at 1740 Central Avenue in Wilmette. RSVP to bmiller1221@sbcglobal.net or 847-251-8442.

Remaining Dates for 2018: April 10 & May 8

Pastors' Bible Study: *An Invitation to Contemplative Prayer*

Our Pastors' Bible Study is retaining the format of contemplative prayer, using the Psalm for the week as a *lectio divina*, or basis for meditation. If you have ever wanted to experience contemplative prayer, or if you want to begin a practice or go deeper into your own practice, please join us on **Thursday mornings at 10 a.m.**



General Announcements

Easter Flowers



If you ordered Easter flowers in remembrance and/or honor of someone, please feel free to take your flowers home after the service. We were honored to share the names of those who are so important to you! Happy Easter!

Special Offering

This morning, there are special white envelopes in the bulletin for the Easter offering. The Easter offering goes to 2018 operating budget in support of our mission and ministries. Please place your offering in these envelopes with your name if you wish to give to the Easter offering. Otherwise, you can put your offering in the plate without an envelope. Thanks!



Coat Drive for Connections for the Homeless



Our friends at Connections for the Homeless are in need of men's and women's coats, warm shoes, and boots. If you can donate your gently used/laundered or new items, we will gladly accept them in the Church Atrium. Thank You!

Intergenerational Night

Join us on **Wednesday, April 4, at 6:00 p.m.** as we welcome Lisa Todd from Connections for the Homeless. Intergenerational Night is an intentional program to gather together across generational lines. On the first Wednesday, we share a meal, while we do service projects, explore our shared faith, learn about the world and its needs, and grow in our faith together through our relationships with another.



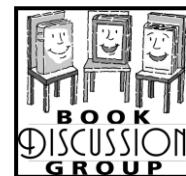
Supporting Refugee Families: Stocking the Shelves Continues!



Thank you to all who have donated household and personal items to the Stock the Shelves ministry for refugee families. Our congregations aim for a monthly distribution on the last Wednesday of each month, so keep your donations coming! To read more about "Stock the Shelves," check out the link in the weekly newsletter. **We gladly continue to receive these items:** paper towels, toilet paper, diapers (all sizes), hand lotion, body soap, body wash, toothpaste, shampoo, dishwashing soap, baby formula, and Ventra/public transportation cards.

Book Discussion Group

On **Thursday, April 19, at 3 p.m.**, FCCW's book group will meet in the Library. They will be discussing *The Hearts Invisible Furies* by John Boyne. This is an informal group, and all are welcome! No RSVP is needed. If you have questions, please contact Jennifer Kelleher at jen.kelleher2@gmail.com or 847-864-0763.



Upcoming Dates/Books:

May 17 – *Manhattan Beach* by Jennifer Egan

June 21 – *Anything is Possible* by Elizabeth Strout

Wilmette Food Pantry

For April, there is still great need for these items:



- 1.) Peanut Butter (Any Size Jar)
- 2.) Granola Bars (Any Kind, Size, or Box)
- 3.) Nuts (Any Size Jar or Bag)

Any and all non-perishable healthy food donations are welcome and greatly appreciated! Feel free to contact Peg Kocian at 847-528-0632 with questions and/or concerns. Please place your items in the bin under the Atrium stairs. Thanks!

Mission Statement

The First Congregational Church of Wilmette

Welcomes everyone to Christ's table,
Nurtures people's minds & souls on their spiritual journeys,
Learns across faiths & generations,
Serves God's vision of peace & well-being for all creation,
Practices compassion & service as a way of life.

Adopted: January 26, 2014

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