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Alleluia!



Welcome to
St. Paul's United Church of Christ
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♦ All who are able may stand

Welcome

Praise & Worship *“Alive & Breathing”* - Limebear/Maher

Lighting of the Paschal Candle

Prayer:

Leader: Jesus said: “I am the light of the world.”

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Leader: Lord God,

People: **Through your son Jesus Christ you have bestowed upon your Son the brightness of your light. As we ask your blessing on this light, may our heart burn with Heavenly desires that with pure minds we may attain to the everlasting light of your eternal kingdom. Amen.**

Hymn #357

“Christ Arose”

Call to Worship

Leader: Why do we look for the living among the dead? He is not here; the Lord has risen. **People: He has risen indeed!**

Leader: The Lord has risen! **People: He has risen indeed!**

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Leader: Where, O death is your victory? Where, O death is your sting? Death has been swallowed up in victory!

People: Christ has risen indeed!

Leader: Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die.”

People: Thanks be to God! He gives us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!

Leader: The Lord has risen!

People: He has risen indeed! Alleluia!

Prayer of Invocation and Our Lord's Prayer

All: Holy God, we are here today to celebrate. You have defeated sin and conquered death through the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. We recognize that without the cross, we would have no reason to live; we would have no hope. Thank you, Father, for giving us hope! We do not know what it was like to watch your Son die, but we know you endured it because of your great love for us. We are full of gratitude and worship. He is risen! We remember that he taught us to pray: "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.

The Offering

Confession of Faith

All: Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through Christ and for Christ. Christ is before all things, and in Christ all things hold together. Christ is the head of the body, the church; Christ is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that Christ might come to have first place in everything. For in Christ, all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Christ all things are

reconciled to God, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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| Song | <u>"Christ Is Risen"</u> | - Maher/Fieldes |
| Reading of Scripture | <u>Acts 10:34-43</u> <u>Colossians 3:1-4</u> | |
| | ◆ <u>St. Matthew 28:1-10</u> or <u>St. John 20:1-18</u> | |
| Sermon | <i>"Fear & Great Joy"</i> | - Pastor Bill Long |

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Prayer of Consecration

L: We give thanks to God for the beauty and bounty of the Earth; we give thanks for all the gifts that God has graciously given to us.

P: We remember the covenant that you made with your people Israel, and we thank you for all who have gone before us in the faith.

L: We rejoice that you call us to this table of sacrifice and victory. We come in the remembrance and celebration of the gift of Jesus Christ. Born of Mary, our sister of faith, Christ lived among us to reveal the mystery of your Word, to suffer and die on the cross, to be raised from death on the third day and then to live in your glory.

P: We thank you gracious God for the presence of the Holy Spirit in the Church. With your sons and daughters in all places and time we praise you with joy.

Seraphic Hymn (Hosanna)

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabbaoth; Heaven and earth are full, are full of the majesty of Thy Glory, Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord, Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

L: On the night of Jesus' death he took the bread; blessed

it, broke it saying: *This is my body which is broken for you, do this in remembrance of me.* After supper, Jesus took the cup saying: *This is God's new promise in my blood; for as often as you drink this you do it in remembrance in me.*

P: Christ's death we proclaim; Christ's resurrection we declare; Christ's return we await; Glory to you, O Lord.

L: Send your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine and send your Holy Spirit on us. Strengthen your church that it may be a sign of your presence in this world!

P: Here we offer to you our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving and our lives to you in blessed service. May all our worship come before you a sacrifice acceptable and well pleasing in your sight and to the glory of your Holy Name.

Sharing of the Elements

♦ Prayer of Thanksgiving

L: Almighty God:

P: We thank you for the gift of our Savior's presence in the simplicity and splendor of this holy meal. We thank you that through these holy mysteries we are fed with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior the Lord Jesus Christ. We are assured that we are members of the mystical body of your Son and heirs through hope of your everlasting kingdom. We pray this in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hymn #367 ["Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"](#)

Benediction



Announcements – April 12, 2020

Prayers of the People: Dorothy Swan-Hummer on the loss of her husband; the Family/Friends of Gary Weaver; Marilyn Barnard, Storm Brewer, Sally Bright, Lori Dietz, Marie Durborow, Alison Dyer, Fred Engle, Lynn Foard, Brooke Gabster, Stephen Glaus, Jennifer Green, Hedy Hontz, Susan Houck, Mary Kiphorn, Jaxson Kulp, Cheryl Lauer, Bev Leibold, Adalyn Lotito, Wayne Martin, Jennifer McCracken, Carole Meckley, Tabitha Miller, Glen & Delores Mumma, Woody Myers, Lori Nissley, Bob Prince, Rhonda Raia, Joe & Ruth Raia, Jack Reed, Bob & Joanna Schreiber, Eric Smeltz, Linda Steiner, Christopher Trostle, Lisa Weaver and Teen Central kids.

Please pray for those who weep and those who mourn. Cradle the fearful, the suffering, and the dying, assuring them of your loving presence. Inspire us to live our lives in resurrection hope and draw us to you, Lord.

Offering Options: Your offering is a part of worshipping God. St. Paul's offers several options for you to continue your offering: 1) mail your offering to the church office; 2) if you use online banking, use the Bill Pay option; or 3) set up direct withdrawals - contact the church office at 717.665.2447.

The April Mission of the Manheim Central Food Pantry. Your contribution to this mission helps families in our community meet a basic need - food! Since many families are sheltering in place at home, the need for food has increased significantly. Please use your April special envelope to support these families in need.

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