

The Presbyterian Church of Upper Montclair

Easter Sunday – April 20, 2025
The Resurrection of the Lord

9:00 a.m.

*If you are able, please stand.
Please turn off cell phones.



WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S WORD

"It's interesting that on Easter morning the disciples do not find Jesus,
nor do the women find Jesus. He finds them."

Earl Palmer - National Presbyterian Church, Washington DC, April 2010



Prelude

*Beautiful Savior
Christ Is Alive!*

arr. Canadian Brass

arr. Max Morden

Max Morden, trumpet
Ivan Miller, trumpet
Jeison Campoverde, horn
Ray Henricksen, euphonium
Billy Hughes, tuba

*Call to Worship

Ellen Brescia

One: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

All: Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

God has answered us!

God has defeated sorrow and death to become our salvation!

This is the day that the Lord has made:

Let us rejoice and be glad! Alleluia!

*Opening Hymn 232

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today!

Easter Hymn

Invitation to Confession and Worship

Pastor Greg Horn

The joy of this Easter Sunday reminds us and reassures us of God's resurrecting power. So let us be bold enough to admit all that turns us toward death, so we can know the grace of new life through Christ.

Prayer of Preparation and Confession (unison)

Resurrected Christ, Living God, Emmanuel, God-With-Us, we can do nothing to deserve your embrace, your forgiveness, your gift of abundant life. And yet, because of your infinite love, you shower these mercies on us. You have erased the distance between us and called us your own. You have taken away the sting of death. Your love crosses any distance and any boundary to find us. You meet us where we are—in our doubt and fear, in our regret and shame, in our delight and awe.

In Christ's resurrected Presence, your love finds us, even and especially in the shadows. So meet us here again in this place, in this time, we pray. Give us the hope that we cannot create for ourselves, and call us once again to trust you with what we say, what we do, and who we live to be.

our silent prayers of preparation and confession

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Hymn 701 (seated)

Lord, Prepare Me

Sanctuary

Assurance of God's Love and Forgiveness

***We Give God Glory (#582)**

***Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen. (sing 3 times)
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be. Amen.***

Welcome & Life of the Church

(Please fill out the Friendship Pad completely and pass it along.)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Time for Children

(All children are invited forward.)

Solo

I Know That My Redeemer Liveth
Ravon Middlebrooks

G. F. Handel

²⁰Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²¹So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, ‘They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.’

³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping?’ She said to them, ‘They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.’ ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus.

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Still Dark”

Pastor Greg Horn

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

***Hymn 157**

I Danced in the Morning

American Shaker melody

Prayer of the People

We Worship With Our Offerings

Offertory Solo

A Thousand Hallelujahs

Brooke Ligertwood

Elena Juliano

***We Give Praise to God** (Hymn #606)

Doxology

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

***Closing Hymn 238**

Thine Is the Glory

Judas Maccabeus

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

Easter Hymn

Lyra Davidica

GO WITH GOD – TO SERVE GOD’S WORLD

WELCOME and thank you for your part in this service of worship. If you are a visitor here at the Presbyterian Church of Upper Montclair (PCUM), you are especially welcome. May you sense in this place the presence and the love of God in Christ. After worship, you are warmly invited for refreshments and conversation in Fellowship Hall.

PLEASE ASK AN USHER for anything you might need, and please help fellow worshipers by exiting and entering the sanctuary at times other than during prayers or scripture readings.

CHILDCARE for toddlers and a nursery for younger children are always available during worship in the North Wing, located off Fellowship Hall (adjacent to sanctuary). Ask an usher for directions.



SUNDAY WORSHIP IS THE HEART OF THE CONGREGATION'S LIFE

here at the Presbyterian Church of Upper Montclair—and you are welcome here. Worship is at 10:00 am every Sunday morning, with children occupying a central role in worship before adjourning to a dynamic educational and music activities.

PCUM's WEEKLY MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP meets Wednesdays from 7-8:30 p.m. All teens and tweens 6th–8th grade are invited to come out to have fun, share dinner, and meet old and new friends.

SIGN UP TO HELP PREPARE & SERVE COFFEE HOUR – Hospitality is a priority of this church family. Sign up to help on the Coffee Hour Calendar in the Deacons' Corner or online at www.pcum.org.

VOLUNTEER TO SERVE HUNGRY NEIGHBORS – Join fellow volunteers serving hungry neighbors for an experience that feeds everyone! PCUM prepares and serves an evening meal in Montclair every 4th Saturday of the month and lunch in Newark the 3rd Saturday. *Sign up at pcum.org/serve-others.*

DEDICATE FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP – You can honor loved ones by dedicating flowers for any Sunday morning worship service. The suggested donation for two standard bouquets is \$80. Sign up on the Flower Calendar in the Deacons' Corner or online at www.pcum.org.

MONTCLAIR MUSIC CLUB announces the annual Young Artists program, May 5th, 7:30 p.m. in the church sanctuary. Every May this special program honors outstanding young talent of MMC teachers as well as others in our area. Please join us to hear the string trio with violinist Gabriel Anker, violinist Liana Branscome and violist Elijah Spies; violinist Gabriel Anker and collaborator Ryan Bridge; soprano Abby Brodnick with collaborator Mary Pinto; pianist Jason Ruan and pianist Sathvik Subramanian. These accomplished young musicians have earned numerous awards and won many competitions. We are excited for them to share their great talent with us. Free and open to the public. Donations welcome. Reception immediately following the program.

*Thank you to all who dedicated the beautiful Easter flowers
decorating the PCUM chancel this morning:*

*In loving memory of
Dr. Jens N.F. Touborg
Betty Horn
Margaret Touborg Rothschild
given by Maggie, William, Sarah & Greg Horn*

*In celebration of Easter
given by the Kroll & Williams families*

*In loving memory of
John Michael Tardino
given by the Millon family*

*In loving memory of
Dot and Dick Ellis
given by Sue, Bill, and the
Kruckow & Jarrett families*

*Dedicated by the Baker family
in gratitude to God the Father and the Son
for the unfathomable gift of grace.
May the Holy Spirit ignite in us a hunger
for a closer relationship with Jesus.*

*Given to the glory of God
and in celebration of family past and present
by Pam & Paul Bonelli*

*In loving memory of
Sara & Donald Meserlian
given by Charlie, Donna, Brian,
Steve & Alan Meserlian*

*In loving memory of
Todd, Scott & Elwin
given by the Fertig family*

*In celebration of life in Christ
given by Laura & John Phillips*

*In loving memory of our parents
given by the Siedsma family*

*In celebration of the promise of Easter
and joyful memory of Granny, Papa and Grandpa
given by the Johnson & Loccke families*

*In loving memory of
Claire & Mel Pahl
Lenore & Walter Moomjy
given by the Pahl family*

*In loving memory of my parents
Erika & John Cowan
given by Erika Cowan*

*In celebration of my children
Mark & Kim, Lisa & Nicky and Ellen
and my grandchildren
Erik, Sally & Luca
given by Erika Cowan*

*In loving memory of our father
Robert T. Brescia
given by Ellen, Lisa & Mark Cowan Brescia*

*In loving memory of
Katie Ladany
given by Lisa Cowan Brescia*

*In loving memory of
Johna, Harry & Ben Dedman
given by Harriet Dedman Salem*

*In honor of Tres, Josie & the Williams family
and in loving memory of Yu Cheung Chiu
given by Pui Ling Chiu*

*In loving memory of
William Layden
Milton & Elizabeth Rainey
given by Linda Layden & family*

*In celebration of our children
given by Chris & Lizzie Valle*

*In celebration of Christ
given by the Rahaghi family*

*In loving memory of
Rebecca & Jeffrey Wampler
given by the Browning family*

*In loving memory of
George & Marian Jenkins
Jack & Madeleine Dicks
given by the Jenkins family*

*In loving memory of
James Crane
Marie & Willard Peterson
Kay & James Crane
given by Lynn Crane*

*In honor of Clarence & Pauline Nichols,
the best Grandparents in the world
given by Niall Joseph*

*In dedication of Jim & Susan Hess
given by the Richards family*

*In loving memory of our parents
given by the Marcarian family*

*In loving memory of Ben Ninepence
given by the Bortey family*

*In loving memory of
Fausto Arcentales & Wilson Delgado
given by the Bortey family*

*In loving memory of our grandparents
Victoria Tawiah & Stephen and Agnes Bortey
given by the Bortey family*

*In celebration the Johnson Greenlund family
given by Charles & Alice Johnson*

*In honor of our parents
Helen & Kemp Morton
Elinor & Carl Schroeder
given by Deb & Jack Morton*

*In loving memory of
Shirley DiBenedetto
given by the DiBenedetto family*

*In celebration of the church congregation
given by the DiBenedetto family*

*In celebration of Anne Marie Juliano
and the Music Ministry of PCUM
given by the DiBenedetto family*

*In celebration of Easter
given by the Christovao family*

*"Thanks for the great music, PCUM!"
~ Gary Diamante & Chaz Wolf*

*In memory of loved ones
given by the Dickson family*

*In loving memory of Doc & Lil Walter
given by the Walter family*

*In loving memory of
Peg & Irv Potter
given by the Walter family*

*Dedicated to Katherine Hennigan
by the Walter family*

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Thoughtful, Nourishing Worship † *Vibrant Ministry to Children & Youth*
Relationships † *Participation* † *Service to Others and to the World* † *Relevance and Authenticity*

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