

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Easter Sunday

10:30 AM

April 1, 2018

CHIMES

Bill D'Andrea

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Elder Margaret Negrelli

Glory to You, Father, for on this day of holy upheaval You won victory over the death that is all around us and in us, raising Jesus from the grave and redeeming your groaning creation. Glory to You, Christ, for through the power of God You have opened the gates to everlasting life that all may enter in. Glory to You, Holy Spirit, for even now You make the Risen Christ present to us and lead us into truth.

Come among us, call our names, and roll away the stones of our unbelief that separate us from your love. Raise us up with Jesus. Turn our fear to faith, our doubt to delight, and our distrust to confidence. Make us joyful participants in the work of love.

PRELUDE

Overture, Hornpipe and Victory

Handel/Lau

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Fred Woodward

Please fill out "Ritual of Friendship & "Concerns of Our Church Family"

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 142**

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

ACCLAMATION

Elder Margaret Negrelli

Leader:

Jesus Christ is Risen!

People:

He is Risen indeed!

Leader:

Who are we?

People:

The Church.

Leader:

What are we called to do?

People:

Be disciples of Jesus Christ.

Leader:

What do we believe?

People:

Christ is Risen.

Leader:

He is Risen indeed! Christ is Risen.

People:

He is Risen indeed!

Leader:

Let us worship God in thanksgiving and praise.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Fred Woodward

ANTHEM

Rejoice, The Lord Is King
Charles Wesley/Larry Shackley

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Mighty God, by the power of your sovereign love You have removed the sting of death, raising Christ to life to rule this world in mercy. And yet we falter in our trust, and lose our sense of gladness, gratitude and wonder. In the narrowing of our concern, we turn inward, neglect our neighbors, and forget to look for the Risen Christ in the faces of the least among us.

On this day of Resurrection, raise us up. Alert us to the evidence of Christ's life-giving presence all around us and in us. Free us for joy in the victory of Jesus Christ, who puts down every power to hurt or destroy.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***RESPONSE**

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

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***HYMN No. 302**

I Danced in the Morning

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Crown Him The Lord of Life*

Lorenz, McDonald

RESPONSE

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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Elder Margaret Negrelli

SCRIPTURE READING: John 19:41 - 20:18

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SPECIAL MUSIC

Easter Medley
Piano/Organ Duet

L. Smith
Angie & Bill Morris

SERMON: “April Fools!”

Pastor Fred Woodward

FLOWERING OF THE CROSS

Easter Hymns For Flowering of the Cross

- 1. #104 *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*
- 2. #106 *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*
- 3. #108 *Christ Is Alive!*
- 4. #115 *Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain*
- 5. #116 *O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing*
- 6. #118 *The Day of Resurrection*
- 7. #119 *The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done*
- 8. #121 *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright*
- 9. #122 *Thine Is The Glory*
- 10. #149 *The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns*

The first and last verses of each hymn will be sung.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

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, the power, and the glory—forever. Amen

***CLOSING HYMN No. 123**

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

***CHALLENGE AND BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**

The Strife Is O'er

Broughton

Children’s Easter Begonias

A begonia plant will be given to each child at the conclusion of today’s service. The Christian Education Committee thanks all who contributed to this project.

WEEKLY MESSENGER

Sunday, April 1, 2018

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Pastor Fred Woodward may be reached by cell phone at 631-626-3702

- **GREETERS:** Greeting us today before the service are Geri Milk and Family.
- **ASSISTING IN THE PULPIT** today is Elder Margaret Negrelli.
- **FELLOWSHIP HOUR:** There is no Fellowship Hour after worship today.
- **USHERING TEAM NO. 5**, led by Craig Satterlee, assists us in worship today.
- **ELDER ON CALL:** If you have a concern about the church or the life of the congregation, please speak with our “Elder On Call”. Our Elder On Call for the week of April 1st is Betty Chatfield.
- **DEACONS ON CALL** for the month of April are Debbie Eitel (718-463-3003) and Craig Satterlee (631-261-8872). If you or someone you know has a spiritual, physical, or financial need, the Deacon on Call will try to help you! Just call the Deacon or call the church office. All information will be kept confidential.
- **NEEDS REQUESTS:** If you know of someone in need, please fill out the blue form & place in the box located by the food pantry.
- The Board of Deacons is grateful to all of our church members who have helped to keep our pantry shelves stocked. **Currently there is a need for cereal, canned fruit, pasta and sauces.** Cash donations can also be used by the Deacons to fill in items that need to be purchased. Thanks to all of you who remember our pantry each week as you shop for your family.
- **FLOWERS FOR THE CHANCEL** We would encourage any and all to donate flowers for memorials, birthdays, anniversaries, etc. A check for **\$35** should be made to Greenlawn Presbyterian Church. To order flowers, please call Corinne Burdett (631-261-4636), our flower coordinator, or the church office (631-261-2150).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

One Great Hour of Sharing

During Lent we once again focused on our denomination’s mission program, One Great Hour of Sharing. **The OGHS offering will be collected again today.** Our gifts through this program support three Presbyterian Programs –Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People. May you find Joy through sharing resources and changing lives with a generous gift to One Great Hour of Sharing. Giving envelopes can be found in the literature rack on the table outside the church office.

On the Resurrection

“...Life in Christ is life eternal. The resurrection of Jesus is God’s sign that God will consummate God’s work of creation and reconciliation beyond earth and bring to fulfillment the new life begun in Christ...

With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.”

The Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A), Part I, The Confession of 1967, 9.26, 9.55).

“The resurrection is not a dogma to be believed despite its incredibility; it is a reality to be experienced in the living of life within this world. It means entering into worldly life- really, consciously, intentionally, and with expectancy, for faith expects to meet the redeemer there...

(W)ithout closing its eyes to all that is ugly, evil and dangerous... faith enters the world with hope, believing that despite, in, and through all the bleak and negating as well as good and delightful things that it finds there, there is a presence that is transforming death into life.”

[Douglas John Hall, *Professing the Faith: Christian Theology in a North American Context* (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 1993), p. 493].

Easter Devotional Available

“He Is Risen”, an Easter devotional booklet from Our Daily Bread, is available. You will find them in the basket on the table in the foyer outside the church office

Church Work Day

Saturday, April 14th

10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Come lend a hand!

PRAYER CONCERNS

***Please lift up the
following in prayer:***

Our church members and their individual struggles; The Family of Nadine Heiligenstadt; Alan L.; Andrew K.; Arlene C.; Bill M.; Brother Jack F.; Camille F.; Cassell; Clint T.; Ed & Cathy C.; Florence M.; Gary H.; Kayla; Maria H.; Matilda H.; Mike P.; Ray D.; Rosie P.; Shirley S.; Terry H.; the safety of school children everywhere; please pray for God's comforting and healing presence for all; all in Nursing homes; shut-ins and care-givers; our Pastor; our church members and their families; missionaries around the world; our Armed Forces and their families; our nation and its leaders; all in harm's way of terrorists; and please pray for all who need His help.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Today, April 1, 2018	Easter Breakfast Worship/Easter Sunday Flowering of the Cross No Fellowship Hour	9:00 am 10:30 am
Monday		
Tuesday	Deacon Meeting	7:30 pm
Wednesday	Pastor Fred's Happy Hour Bible Study	2:00 pm
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday		
Next Sunday, April 8, 2018	Worship/Sunday School/ Communion/Deacon Sunday	10:30 am