

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WINNETKA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 24, 2022

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP | STANDING

He Is Alpha and Omega

*Our Call to Worship is taken from imagery found in the Book of Revelation,
which we will read from during these 50 Days of Easter.*



He is Al-pha, O - me-ga, Be - gin- ning and the End; Christ, Faith-ful



Wit- ness, First-born from the dead; Lamb of God up - on the throne,



who was and is to come. Wor-ship the Sav - ior, Ho-ly Ris-en One!

EASTER GREETING | STANDING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

OPENING PRAYER | STANDING

As your people gather, O Lord,
behind locked doors,
drawn together through grief
and worrying about what comes next,
you come into our midst saying...

peace be with you.

In our many seasons of life,
in hope and fear,
in joy and in despair,
you come into our midst saying...

peace be with you.

As we gather this morning
sharing our alleluias
for death overcome,
come into our midst saying...

peace be with you.

Come into our midst, O God.
Fill us with the presence of your risen Son
here and now.

Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST | STANDING

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

HYMN | STANDING

Thine is the Glory



1. Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-queing Son;
2. Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb;
3. No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life!



end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won.
lov - ing - ly he greets us, scat - ters fear and gloom.
Life is naught with - out thee; aid us in our strife.



An - gels in bright rai - ment rolled the stone a - way,
Let the church with glad - ness hymns of tri - umph sing,
Make us more than con - querors through thy death - less love;



kept the fold - ed grave - clothes where thy bod - y lay.
for the Lord now liv - eth; death has lost its sting.
bring us safe through Jor - dan to thy home a - bove.



Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-queing Son;



end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God,
through the resurrection of Jesus,
you promise to be with us everywhere and always.
Yet we confess we are sometimes uncertain about your promises.
We doubt the promise of resurrection for our own lives.
Upheaval and anxiety eat away at our peace.
Forgive us when we struggle to trust your goodness
and your steadfast love for us.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

LISTENING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT

Revelation 1:4-8

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 150

Refrain

D G D Em D/A A7 D Fine

Praise ye the Lord, Hal-le-lu-jah! Ev-ery-bod-y praise the Lord.

The image shows a musical score for Psalm 150. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The treble staff contains chords and a melody line. The bass staff contains a bass line. Above the treble staff, the word 'Refrain' is written at the beginning, and 'Fine' is written at the end. Chord symbols are placed above the treble staff: D, G D, Em, D/A, A7, and D. The lyrics 'Praise ye the Lord, Hal-le-lu-jah! Ev-ery-bod-y praise the Lord.' are written below the treble staff.

Praise God with the sound of the trumpet. Praise God with the lute and the harp.
Praise God with timbrel and dancing. Praise God wherever you are! (refrain)

Praise God with holy cymbals. Praise God with strings and with pipes.
Praise God with clashing cymbals. Praise God with all of your might! (refrain)

Praise God in the holy temple. Praise God for almighty deeds.
Praise God for those bountiful mercies, for God fulfills our needs. (refrain)

GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Children are dismissed to K-6 Sunday School following the scripture reading.

SERMON

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Rev. Paul Gilmore

RESPONDING

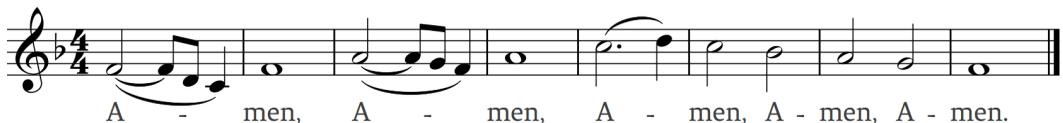
MUSICAL OFFERING

What I Believe
Daniel Rausch, soloist

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | STANDING

from The United Church of Canada

We sing of Jesus,
so filled with the Holy Spirit
that in him people experienced the presence of God.
Jesus announced the coming of God's reign,
healing the sick,
feeding the hungry,
forgiving sins,
and freeing those held captive.
He preached and practiced unconditional love,
and commanded his followers to love one another.
Because his witness to love was threatening,
he was crucified.
But death was not the last word.
God raised Jesus from death,
turning sorrow into joy,
despair into hope.
The Risen Christ lives today,
present to us and the source of our hope.



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord of life,
hear our 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 and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

SENDING

CLOSING SONG | STANDING



1. This is a day of new be - gin - nings,
2. For by the life and death of Je - sus,
3. Then let us, with the Spir - it's dar - ing,
4. Christ is a - live, and goes be - fore us



time to re - mem - ber and move on,
love's might - y Spir - it, now as then,
step from the past and leave be - hind
to show and share what love can do.



time to be - lieve what love is bring - ing,
can make for us a world of dif - ference,
our dis - ap - point - ment, guilt and griev - ing,
This is a day of new be - gin - nings;



lay - ing to rest the pain that's gone.
as faith and hope are born a - gain.
seek - ing new paths, and sure to find.
our God is mak - ing all things new.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION | STANDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sign up at winnpres.org to receive our weekly email for all the latest WPC news.

FLOWERS BY THE EASTER CANDLE

The flowers today are in memory of Francis and Nancy Heller's wedding anniversary. This would have been their 68th anniversary. They were given by Lucy Heller Smith, Mary Heller Gridley, and Catey Heller Terry.

THE COLOR OF COMPROMISE

Sundays @ 11:10am (beginning May 1)

Join the Matthew 25 Committee for a 4-week discussion around the book *The Color of Compromise: The Truth About the American Church's Complicity in Racism*. Books will be in the entry of the church for you to take. You may provide a donation to cover cost of book if you wish. We will also offer Thursday evening Zoom meeting at 7pm for 4 Thursdays in May as an optional time.

JAZZ AND THE SPIRIT WITHIN

Sunday Worship, May 8 @ 10am

We will continue our Easter celebration with a special jazz worship service led by Pastor Paul and Ben Lewis.

This unique service will seek to imbue the space with the deep resonance of spirit that can be found through jazz improvisation. Some of Chicago's finest musicians will be there to preach with their voice and their sound - exploring and celebrating the moment with you.

BENEFIT CONCERT

Sunday, May 22 @ 4pm

Vocalist Grażyna Auguścik and pianist Ben Lewis will perform together music of Frédéric Chopin through a beautiful, surprising contemporary lens.

The concert will raise funds for the Refugee Resettlement Program of WPC and will help support the Ghulam/Banu family, an Afghan refugee family, now making their home in the Chicago area with help from the Refugee Resettlement Program of Winnetka Presbyterian Church.

Suggested Donation: \$25

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER?

Maybe you've been coming to WPC for a while and have just never made it "official." Or maybe you're brand new, but you know this is your new church home. Wherever you are on your journey, we want to invite you to consider becoming a member of WPC! If you're interested in finding out more about membership, please contact Pastor Paul Gilmore.

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Zoom links can be found in your weekly email or at winnpres.org.

SERVING TODAY

Worship Leaders: Paul Gilmore, Geoff Duffy

Greeters: The Reis Family

Lectors: Scott Martin, Ryan Reis

Musicians: Daniel Rausch, Elizabeth Vaughan, Bryan Wlas

Sound: Stephen Gloyd

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