

EASTER SUNDAY

WINNETKA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

MARCH 31, 2024

GATHERING

ORGAN PRELUDE

Variations on “This Joyful Eastertide”

WELCOME

EASTER GREETING | STANDING



Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ri - sen! Christ is ri-sen in - deed!



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

CALL TO WORSHIP | STANDING

Come and worship the risen Lord!
Bring your confidence and your uncertainty;
your laughter and your tears;
your hopes and your disappointments.
Come, for the risen Christ calls you
to be his witnesses,
his friends,
and his disciples.

Alleluia! We are God's covenant people.

Alleluia! We are witnesses of the resurrection.

Alleluia! We are disciples of the risen Lord.

HYMN | STANDING

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

1. Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day, — Al - le - lu - ia!
2. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King, Al - le - lu - ia!
3. Soar we now where Christ has led, — Al - le - lu - ia!
4. Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n, Al - le - lu - ia!

Saints on earth and an - gels say, — Al - le - lu - ia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed head, Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise to you by both be giv'n! Al - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Je - sus died our souls to save, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Make like Christ, like Christ we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 God has now ful - filled the Word! Al - le - lu - ia!

Sing, O heav'ns, and earth re - ply, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where your vic - tory, boast - ing grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise the res - su - rec - ted Lord! Al - le - lu - ia!

OPENING PRAYER | STANDING

God of hope,
 in the midst of death,
 you call forth life.
 When all hope seemed gone,
 you raised Jesus from the grave.
 Lift us up from the tombs of our despair and doubt,
 that we may rejoice in your power over death.
 Fill our hearts with alleluias
 as we sing your praises this Easter day.
 Amen.

The congregation is seated.

CHORAL ANTHEM

Come, Sing a Joyful Alleluia!

Praise our God, the living Lord!
Come, sing a joyful alleluia!
Lift your voice in one accord!
Come, sing a joyful alleluia!
Bow before him; praise, adore him.
Let your heart give thanks in joyful song.
Praise him in every nation.
Our Redeemer, author of our salvation.
Blessing, honor, glory, power
be unto our God forevermore.

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE EPISTLE


1 Corinthians 15:1-11

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

PSALM 118

This is the Day

The cantor sings the refrain once, then all repeat.



This is the day the Lord has made; let us re-joice and be glad.____



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Give thanks to the Lord for God is good: God's mercy endures forever.
Let the house of Israel say: "God's mercy endures forever!" (repeat)

The Lord's right hand has struck with power. The Lord's right hand is exalted.
I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord. (repeat)

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.
By the Lord has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes! (repeat)

THE GOSPEL

John 20:1-18

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

SERMON

Prior Convictions
Rev. Paul Gilmore

CHORAL RESPONSE

Love Will Rise

A lonely hill embraces loss.
The Savior dying on a cross.
His body broken, but not in vain,
for Love will rise up from the pain.
His mother's tears caress the earth.
This day the reason for his birth.
Her baby wearing a crown of thorns,
but Love will rise up from the scorn.
Love will rise! Like the morning sun fills the skies.
By the darkness, never bound.
Nothing keeps Love in the ground.
Love will rise!

A borrowed tomb awaits the dead.
A place to lay the Savior's head.
His body buried, and now will save,
for Love will rise up from the grave!
Love arose! Like the morning sun shines and glows.
By the darkness, never bound.
Nothing keeps Love in the ground.
Love arose!

*The congregation is invited to stand and turn to face the baptismal font
in the back of the sanctuary*

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM | STANDING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

O God, we give you thanks
for the new life you raise up in us
through the mystery of our baptism—
the sorrow of the heavy cross,
the surprise of the empty tomb,
the love that death could not destroy.

By the power of your Holy Spirit,
poured out upon us in baptism,
fill us with the joy of resurrection,
so that we may be a living sign
of your new heaven and new earth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH | STANDING

from 1 Corinthians 15

This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

This is the good news we have received,
in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

That Christ died for our sins, and was buried,
and rose again on the third day.

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

He appeared to Peter, and to the twelve,
and to many faithful witnesses.

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

At last he came to us, that we might come to believe
and proclaim this good news to the world.

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM | STANDING

Through our baptism we were claimed as God's beloved children,
made citizens of God's kingdom,
and freed from the bondage of sin.
Let us celebrate that freedom and redemption
as we are sprinkled once again with these life-giving waters.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "There is one Lord, There is one faith, There is one baptism, There is one God, And we are all children of God, born of one same Spirit, Alleluia!" The final phrase "Alleluia" is marked with a triplet of eighth notes.

There is one Lord,___ There is one faith,___
There is one bap - tis - m___ There is one God. ___
And we are all___ chil - dren of God, ___
born of one same___ Spir - it, ___ Al - le - lu - ia!

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST | STANDING

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

TABLE

OFFERING

O Day Full of Grace

After the offering, the congregation stands and sings "This Is the Feast" as the bread and juice are brought forward to the Lord's Table.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. _____



Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and



strength and ho - nor and bless ing and glo - ry are his. _____



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. _____

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of
all creation: Blessing and honor, glory and
might, to God and the Lamb for ever.

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INVITATION TO THE TABLE | STANDING

This is the table of our risen Lord,
the table where we remember how he gave himself for us,
the table where we share the great feast of earth and heaven even now,
the table where we can expect to meet Jesus.

Christ is here,
waiting for us,
inviting us to share this holy feast.

So whoever you are,
wherever you have been,
come and celebrate this holy feast on this Easter day,
because Jesus is here
and invites us to join him in this feast which he has prepared.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING | STANDING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

God of life,
on this day of joy and hope,
we sing our praise to you,
In the beginning,
very early in the morning,
your Word shattered the silence of chaos,
and grace flowed forth like a river.
You reached down
and gathered up the dust of creation,
forming us in your image,
and breathing life into us.
Yet the day came
when we chose to turn from you.
You sent us prophets of your covenant,
to speak of your gracious hope,
but we refused to listen.
When you could have let us remain
in the clutches of sin and death,
you sent Jesus to be one of us,
so we could come home to you.
Therefore, we join our voices this morning
with those who stood at the empty tomb,
as well as those of every time and place,
singing our Easter joy to you...

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God_ of pow - er and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - sa - na in__ the high - est.
 Bless-ed is he who comes__ in the name_ of the Lord.__ Ho -
 san - na in__ the high - est,__ ho - san - na in__ the high - est.

Holy are you, God of glory,
 and blessed is Jesus Christ,
 the bright Morning Star.

He entered the shadows of hell to lead us into hope's light;
 he took on our sin so we could be forgiven;
 he suffered death so we could enter life eternal.
 Great is the mystery of our faith...

**On the first day of creation,
 Christ shaped all that is good and beautiful;
 on the first day of the week,
 Christ swallowed up death forever;
 on the last day,
 Christ will call us to his eternal banquet.**

Holy God,
 here at this Table,
 we are fed by your love.

As you pour out your Spirit
upon the Bread and the Cup,
fill us with the spirit of Jesus,
so we may go forth to be your people.
Feed us with the Bread of Heaven,
so we can fill the hunger of the world.
Touch our lips with salvation's cup,
so we can proclaim the good news
of this day to everyone we meet.
Heal our souls with your presence,
so we can be a source of healing for those in need -
today we especially remember Jacob, Terry, Allison, Barbara, Joanne,
Dave and Rebecca, Jack, Kenneth, Nicole, Wendy, Lee, and Sara.
And when the morning comes
when we are united with all the saints
gathered around heaven's Table,
we will lift our voices to you, O God,
in the power of the Holy Spirit,
through Christ, our Risen Lord, who taught us to pray...

THE LORD'S PRAYER | STANDING

**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 congregation is seated

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION

All are welcome at the Lord's Table.

Please come forward by the center aisle to receive communion.

*Once you have received, please return by the side aisles,
placing your cups in the baskets provided*

The bread of life ... **Thanks be to God or Amen**

The cup of salvation ... **Thanks be to God or Amen**

COMMUNION SONG

Come to the Table of Grace

1. Come to the ta - ble of grace. _____ Come to the

ta - ble of grace. _____ This is God's ta - ble; it's

2. not yours or mine. Come to the ta - ble of grace. _____

Come to the table of love...

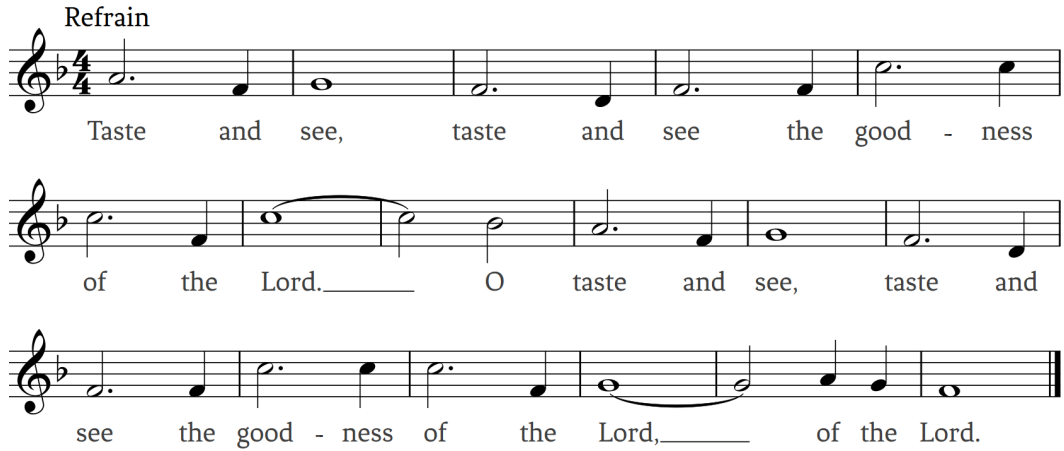
3. Come to the table of hope...

4. Come to the table of joy...

COMMUNION SONG

Taste and See
(next page)

Refrain



Taste and see, taste and see the good - ness
of the Lord. O taste and see, taste and
see the good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Risen Christ,
we thank you for this meal,
this day,
this gift of resurrection.
Send us out into your world
to be the presence of love and hope
to all who despair and fear,
that all may have life,
and life abundant.
Alleluia!
Alleluia!
Amen!

SENDING

CLOSING HYMN | STANDING

Because You Live, O Christ
(next page)

CHARGE AND BLESSING | STANDING

RECESSIONAL | STANDING

This Is The Day

This is the day, this is the day
that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.
we will rejoice, we will rejoice,
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.

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1 Be-cause you live, O Christ, the gar - den of the world has come to
 2 Be-cause you live, O Christ, the spir - it bird of hope is freed for
 3 Be-cause you live, O Christ, the rain-bow of your peace will span cre -

flow - er; the dark-ness of the tomb is flood - ed with your
 fly - ing; our ca - ges of de - spair no lon - ger keep us
 a - tion; the col - ors of your love will draw all hu - man -

Refrain

res - ur - rec - tion pow - er.
 closed and life - de - ny - ing. The stone has rolled a - way and death can -
 kind to ad - o - ra - tion.

not im - pris - on! O sing this Eas - ter day, for Je - sus Christ has

ris - en, has ris - en, has ris - en, has ris - en!

EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

IN LOVING MEMORY...

Paul Klimstra

given by Lois Klimstra

Frank Watts

given by Josephine Strong

Jane Ritz

given by Karl Ritz

Elizabeth & Orrin Barnum

Philomela & Jay Berwanger

given by John and Patricia Berwanger

Erling Petersen, Sr.

Viola Petersen

Erling Petersen, Jr.

given by Kimberly Petersen

Gerald Laabs

Janet Krohn

given by Jay and Katie Laabs

Darryl and Dayle Jersak

given by Geoff Duffy

Lois Hopkins and Barbara McIntosh

given by The Hopkins Family

Kathy Dale McNair

given by The McNair Family

Sarah McCausland

given by Andy and Sandy McCausland

Jack and Ginny Trux -

all the lessons and love

given by Virginia Trux

Joy Marshall

given by Tim and Emily Marshall

IN HONOR...

Terry Anderson

given by The Reis Family

Our parents

given by Tim and Emily Marshall

All the little heroes

given by Maureen Cook

Lillian Kathleen McNair

given by The McNair Family

All the Bringham Family -

now and before us

given by Bill and Sue Bringham

This blessed Easter season

given by Kevin and Lynne Frid

May the world pause and embrace

the peace of Christ

in all aspects of our lives

given by David and Nancy Holly

EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

IN THANKSGIVING...

Our church

given by George and Martha Bermingham

Glory of God

given by The Martin Family

WPC community

given by Andy and Susan Langan

Glory of God

given by Tom Pulver

25 years at WPC with the Colitte Family
given by Michael, Tracy, Alex, & Emily Colitte

**WPC's staff, musicians,
church and community**
given by Kathy and Karl Fink

**Our children: Kate, Ben,
Meredith, Nick, Angela**
Our grandkids: Eleanor and Harvey
given by Kevin and Lynne Frid



Reception

JOIN US IN THE ATRIUM
FOLLOWING WORSHIP

Easter Egg Hunt

ALL CHILDREN ARE INVITED
FRONT LAWN OF CHURCH

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Information about weekly Bible studies and small groups can be found in your weekly email or at winnpres.org. Sign up at winnpres.org to receive our weekly email.



OFFERING

- Scan QR code
- Offering plate in worship
- Online at winnpres.org

RECEPTION FOLLOWING WORSHIP

You're invited to stay for a festive Easter reception following worship. Thanks to our Board of Deacons for such a wonderful spread!

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! If you're interested in finding out more, please contact Pastor Paul Gilmore.

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL (K-6)

Sunday @ 10am

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY W/DAN MCNERNEY

Tuesday @ 7am

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY W/PASTOR PAUL

Wednesday @ 11am

MEN'S SMALL GROUP

Saturday @ 9am

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Saturday @ 10am

SERVING TODAY

Worship Leaders: Paul Gilmore, Geoff Duffy

Greeters: Nancy Holly, Deacons

Lectors: Scott Martin, Phyllis Beattie

Communion Elements:

Communion Servers: Mike Ray, Amanda Ray,
Kathy Fink, Kendall Reis

Musicians: Annie Liu, Warren Oja,
Laurie DeVillers, Bryan Wlas,
Daniel Rausch, Kyra Kornfeld,
Shannon McMullen

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