

**Grace United Methodist Church – Valley Stream
Order of Worship**

Easter Sunday

April 17, 2022 10:00 A.M.

In person in the sanctuary and via Zoom and Facebook

Zoom Meeting ID: 883 84930735 Passcode: 086482

Phone # 1 929 205 6099

Opening Music – “The Beatitudes” by K. Sander

Greeting

Opening Voluntary – “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” by M. Luther, arr. T. Wilhelmi

Choral Introit – “Dona Nobis Pacem” (Grant Us Peace) by Mark. A. Miller

Opening Prayer

God of new life and new possibilities, we gather to sing our songs of gladness and to share your steadfast love. Some of us come from the shadows of our lives, as we anticipate the light. Some of us come eager to learn, but are unsure of what it all means. Some of us come in grief, grateful to discover hope. Wherever we have come from, may we all find you, the risen Christ, the one who conquered death and proclaims new life for all. In the name of the risen Christ, we pray. Amen. (AWA, 2022)

Opening Hymn # 302 “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

Prayer of Confession

Holy One, we are tired and a little terrified. We do not understand the confusing world around us. It is easier to live in the darkness than to walk toward the light. Forgive us. Open our eyes to see your presence among us. Open our hearts to perceive the risen Christ walking toward us. Fill our hearts with amazement, wonder, and hope. In your holy name, we pray. Amen. (AWA, 2022)

Words of Assurance

Brothers and sisters, siblings in Christ, we are witnesses to the resurrection story. As witnesses, may we find hope in Christ and be assured of God’s grace, forgiveness, and steadfast love. Amen. (AWA, 2022)

Westminster Ringers - "Come, Christian's, Join to Sing"

Source Unknown, arr. by Donald E. Allured

Scriptures

Old Testament – Poetry – Psalm 150 (Praise for God's Surpassing Greatness)

1 Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament! 2 Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness! 3 Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! 4 Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe! 5 Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals! 6 Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Junior Choir - "Allelu!" by Ray Repp

New Testament – Gospel – John 20:19-31 (Jesus Appears to the Disciples)

19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." 22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." 24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." 26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." 28 Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." 30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 31 But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

L: Word of God, Word of Life. **P: Thanks be to God.**

Hymn before Message #715 - "Rejoice, the Lord is King" *DARWALL'S 148th*

Message

Pastor Nation

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer and Choral Response

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Christ knows our names and calls us with a voice of love and grace. In the spirit of Christ, turn to one another and share signs of peace. (AWA, 2022)

Rainbow Ringers - "Jesus Loves Me, This I Know"

by William B. Bradbury, arr. by Frances L. Callahan

Invitation to Tithes and Offering

The gift of God is here with us, for the presence of the risen Christ is with us always. In gratitude, may we offer our gifts, as we give thanks to the Lord, who is good. Truly, God's steadfast love endures forever. (AWA, 2022)

Choral Selection – "If You Love Me" by J. Raney

Doxology - Hymn #95 - Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow *OLD 100th*

Prayer of Dedication

Closing Hymn #304 - "Easter People, Raise Your Voices" *REGENT SQUARE*

Dismissal with Blessing

Closing Voluntary – "Hallelujah!" (from The Messiah) by G. F. Handel

Liturgist is Bob DiSalvo. Reader is Victor Mensah.



Prayer List. †♥Family of Adam Doeringer, ♥Christine Doeringer, ♦♥Richard Keller (son of Bert Keller), ♦♥Lisel (daughter of Evelyn Neber), ♥Our Military men and women here and abroad, ♥Michael Provenzano, ♥Mason Baker (cousin of Debbie Nicosia), ♥Sherry Schutt (niece of Pearl Hamilton), ♥Thornton Stone (father of Brian Stone), ♥People of Ukraine, ♥Roael Cooke (brother-in-law of Pearl Hamilton), ♥Ramona Morrison (daughter of Margo and Vincent Morrison), ♥Averil Wallace (relative of Earl Boyd), ♥Neil Allen (son-in-law of Margo and Vincent Morrison), ♥Pastor Nation, ♥Walter McKnight, ♥Coleen Murray, ♥Velda Mathis (sister-in-law of Marianne Pike), ♥Maria Smith (mother of Rebecca Heyward), ♥Kenneth Richardson, ♥Kris Thomsen (cousin of Debbielee Thomsen), ♥Nancy Roman (friend of Sing Larson), Emilia Peeples (granddaughter of Debbie and Joe Nicosia), ♥Alice Shubrick (friend of Pearl Hamilton), ♥Susan Short and her daughter ♥Sarah Short (friends of Nancy Wasek), ♥Faith Pollack (friend of Sing Larson), ♥Pearl Hamilton, ♥Charles Zipperlen, ♥Anne Mahoney, ♥Douglas Hayes, ♥Ulysses Ceazer (friend of Svetlana Hamlet), ♥Hensbert Neville Brooks (husband of Mahalia Brooks), ♥Kay Hartmann, ♥All United Methodist Women in Rehabilitation and Nursing Homes, ♥Shirley Shivrattan-Dookhi, ♥Juliana Bonds (sister of Eleanor Phillip), ♥Maudlyn and Keible Scarlett, ♥Amy Cooke (sister of Pearl Hamilton), ♥Bob von Schmid (son-in-law of Adam and Christine Doeringer), ♥Kenneth Kurz (grandson of Lenore and Manny Kurz), ♥Michael Kurz (son of Lenore and Manny Kurz), ♥Airman Jayvee Kurz (grandson of Lenore and Manny Kurz), ♥Elaine Treske, ♥Castells Family (family of Elaine Treske), ♥Margo and Vincent Morrison, ♥Cyril (friend of Pat Eshun), ♥Samuel A. Dorsey (father of David A. Dorsey), ♥David Biegler, ♥Iris Molina, ♥Olga Molina (sister of Iris Molina), ♥Everol Palmer (son of Enid Simpson), ♥Evelyn Neber (friend of Elaine Treske), ♥Bill Hammen (brother of Edie Zipperlen), ♥Rondolph Ives (brother of Margo Morrison), ♥Health care workers fighting the Viruses, those who are suffering, and grieving families.

Note: Prayer List names will continue to be listed for three weeks. After that period of time, the names will be removed unless you call us with current information.

† - Death in family, ♦ - New entry