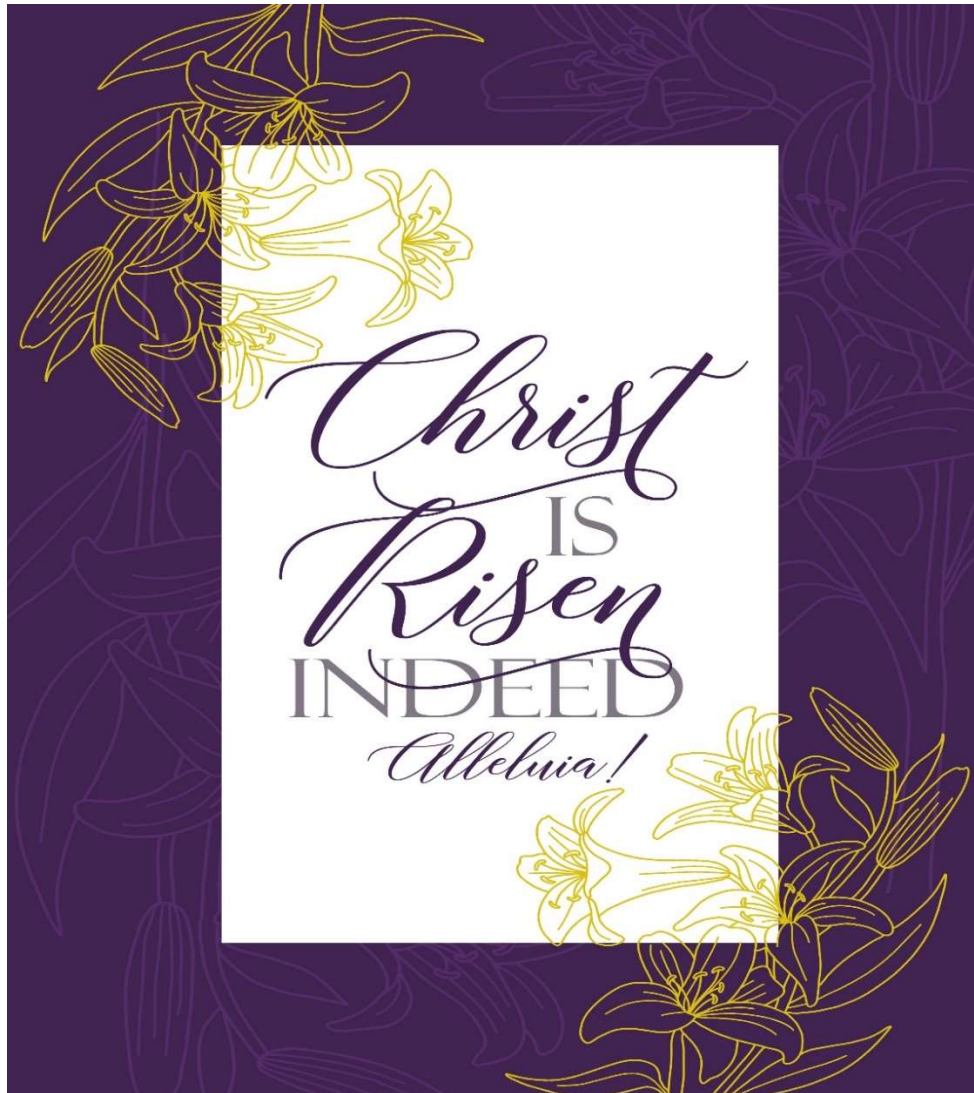


# TAKOMA PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*March 31, 2024*

## EASTER SUNDAY

*Live streamed at 11:00 a.m.*



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# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

(\*) Indicates those who are able, please stand.  
Please join in speaking and singing parts in **bold** or **unison**.

## Preparation for Worship

*"The Holy One will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more; for the first things have passed away. And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.'" - Revelation 21:4-5*

## GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

*Let the Prelude's music open you to God's presence as we begin worship.*

**Prelude**

**Prelude in Classic Style**

Gordon Young

**Welcome**

**Opening Prayer (unison)**

Before dawn this very morning, the great Passover celebration finished, the agony three days cold in the tomb, the empty cross awaiting death's next gasp - into the darkness of that lifeless body the finger of God's Spirit moves slowly in a spiral as once it moved upon the face of waters about to be pregnant with creation. From that primordial new beginning Christ comes forth, exploding from the tomb with radiant light and love!

Radiant, risen Christ, we gather in your presence to dance and sing and celebrate! Come fill us with your joy, your power, and your promise. For we have gathered as your resurrection people, beneath this empty cross, your sign of hope. Amen.

**Call to Worship**

*Responsively*

Glory to you, O God: on this day you won victory over death, raising Jesus from the grave and giving us eternal life.

**Christ is risen!**

Glory to you, O Christ: for us and for our salvation you overcame death and opened the gate to everlasting life.

**Christ is risen!**

**Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia! Let us worship God.**

**\*Hymn 232                      Jesus Christ is Risen Today**

### **A Litany for Easter**

Lord Jesus, here are your disciples and those we represent who need to meet you in the midst of fear.

**Travel the distance we have travelled from you, dispel our anxieties about ourselves, our past, our faith, and open from the outside the hearts we unlock to you from within.**

Glory be to you, O Christ.

**Glory be to you, our strength and our redeemer.**

The vacant cross and the empty tomb vindicate your claim that the love which suffers is the love which saves.

**So fill us with such joy and celebration that the world may know that your son Jesus is not a dead hero we commemorate, but the living Lord we worship. To you, the Holy Trinity, be our praise forever and ever. Amen.**

**\*Praise 582    Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me**

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.

**\*Sharing the Peace of Christ**

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

*(Worshippers on Zoom may unmute themselves and share the peace.)*

## **LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

**Prayer of Illumination 458**

*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. (2x)*

**First Scripture Reading**

**1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

**Anthem**      **Come, Christians, Join to Sing**      Gordon Young

**Time with the children**      **Rev. Mark Harper**

**Second Scripture Reading**      **Mark 16:1-8**

**Sermon**      **If Only He Had Stayed in the Grave**  
**Rev. Mark Harper**

**\*Hymn 247**      **Now the Green Blade Rises**

## **RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**Prayers of the People**      **Rev. Mark Harper**  
*Prayers will be read from the Prayer Book and the Chat Box,  
Then the congregation will be invited to share their prayers.*

**Prayer Response:** Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayers**

### **The Lord's Prayer (unison)**

O Holy Trinity of Love,

Holy are you and holy is your name.

May your shalom come and your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.

Give us our daily bread, and forgive our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Walk with us through times of trial and save us from evil.

For the Beloved Community, the power, and the glory  
are yours now and forever. Amen.

### **The Offering Invitation**

*The offering plate reminds us of the many contributions we all make to our church and God's realm. Please pass it to your neighbor and offer thanks for each other's gifts.*

**The Offertory**      **Christ the Lord Is Risen Again!**      Alan Smith

**\*Doxology 609**

**LASST UNS ERFREUEUN**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ all people here below;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost;  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

**\*Prayer of Dedication (unison)**

O God of life, you who have raised Jesus from the grave so that we might live, too. Hear our prayer of thanksgiving.  
You have given us everything we need and more.  
But beyond that you have given us a new beginning and a new chance at living so that others might live.  
May these offerings be signs of that hope and our commitment to the Beloved Community. Amen.

**WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD**

**Announcements of the Community's Life**

**\*Sending Hymn 246**

**Christ is Alive!**

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

**Rondo**

**John Bull**

*Community worship ends: discipleship and service begin anew*

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*Participants in this morning's service*  
Rev. Mark Harper, Pastor  
Jill Feasley, Liturgist  
Takoma Park Presbyterian Church Choir  
Dr. James Bingham, Organ  
Jay Clouse, Zoom Technician

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Schedule for upcoming events**

#### **\*\* Zoom events**

Monday, April 1, 7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, April 2, 12:00 p.m.	Virtual Coffee Hour**
Tuesday, April 2, 6:00 p.m.	Worship Ministry Meeting**
Wednesday, April 3, 7:00 p.m.	Community Engagement Ministry Meeting ( <i>hybrid</i> )
Wednesday, April 3, 8:15 p.m.	Presbyterians for Police Transformation**
Thursday, April 4, 6:00 p.m.	Deacon's meeting
Sunday, April 7, 9:30 am	Adult Sunday School on Reparations ( <i>hybrid</i> )
Sunday, April 7, 11:00 a.m.	Worship Service ( <i>hybrid</i> )

**+Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome to our worship.** We are pleased you are with us today.

**+Please continually pray for peace** - - in our homes, in our lives, our neighborhoods, the nation and the world.

**+One Great Hour of Sharing:** Every time we set a table where all hungry hearts can eat; every time we welcome neighbors and we add an extra seat; and every time we live as servants, free to wash each other's feet - *In our living, in our giving, we are there.*

For 75 years, **One Great Hour of Sharing** has connected us in God's healing, tending, and growing to create a world where all needs are met.

**One Great Hour** is traditionally received on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday. Please give generously.

+The second Sunday of each month, **TPPC volunteers glean** leftover produce from the Takoma Park Farmers Market, then take it over to the homeless shelter--Shepherd's Table on Georgia Ave.

We welcome volunteers to help us with this worthy endeavor. For more information, please contact Kurt Kershow. Cell phone 301-385-1083; e-mail [\*\*Kershow@gmail.com\*\*](mailto:Kershow@gmail.com)

### **+Adult Sunday School Continues**

Please join us for the last a book study of Reparations: A Christian Call to Repentance and Repair by Duke Kwon and Gregory Thompson.

This is a hybrid class which meets in the church parlor and on Zoom, April 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. Classes begins at 9:30 a.m. and will be facilitated by Mary Pat Brennan and John Peacock.

Here is the zoom link: <https://tinyurl.com/TPPCSundayBibleStudy>

### **+Choral Post-Easter Service**

The Takoma Park Presbyterian Church Choir and Friends will present a service of celebration on Sunday, April 14, at 11:00 a.m.

This service will feature sacred music from largely British composers of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. The *Five Mystical Songs* of Ralph Vaughan William, the most substantial musical part of the service, will feature baritone Trevor Scheunemann. Mr. Scheunemann enjoys an international operatic career, including performances in leading roles with such houses as: The Metropolitan Opera, Washington National Opera, Opera de Monte Carlo, and San Francisco Opera among many others. Mr. Scheunemann is a graduate of Washington Adventist University, Takoma Park, and a distinguished alumnus of the world-renowned Domingo-Cafritz Artist Program at Washington National Opera.

The *Five Mystical Songs* were written for baritone solo, choir, and orchestra; however, this performance will feature the composer's orchestral reduction for string quintet and piano. The words are taken from four poems ("Easter" divided into two parts) by George Herbert (1593 - 1633), a metaphysical Welsh poet, orator, and priest of the Church of England; and were selected by Vaughan Williams from the poet's 1633 collection, *The Temple: Sacred Poems*.

Other musical presentations will include *O Clap Your Hands*, by Ralph Vaughan Williams and *Gloria in excelsis "Coronation"* by Charles Villiers Stanford, composed for the coronation of George V in Westminster Abbey, on June 22, 1911. Both anthems will be accompanied by a brass septet.

The service promises to be a joyful post-Easter musical celebration, reflecting the joy of the resurrection and by it, the promise of eternal salvation. Please plan on attending and bring a friend, so that this joyful festivity can infuse this season of renewal.

**+Thank you for your continued support of TPPC.**

As a reminder, there are several ways to give to TPPC. Information on giving, including giving online, can be found at

<https://www.takomaparkpc.org/give>.

Checks may be mailed to

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310 Tulip Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912.

If you have any questions, please contact [finance@takomaparkpc.org](mailto:finance@takomaparkpc.org).



# Easter Lilies decorating the Sanctuary

## In Loving Memory

Johnny Alderson

Larry Wiser

*by Caroline & Tom Alderson*

James Belyeu

*by Kathy Belyeu*

Delores Beran

*By Bruce Beran & Janice A. Beran*

Mary and Ronald Gagnon

Joe and Alfred Lange

Andrew and William Lange

*by Stu Gagnon & Karen Lange*

Lowella Ganoczy

*by Wendy Turman*

Doris Goodyear

*by Sue Goodyear & Mark Harper*

Albert K. Monsell

Wallace Monsell

*by Brian Monsell*

Herbert Morsey-Taylor

Herbert Morsha-Taylor 2<sup>nd</sup>

Herbert Morsha-Taylor 3<sup>rd</sup>

Nadline Morsha-Taylor

*by Madline Morsha-Taylor*

David Olson

*by Jodie Olson*

Judy Piotrowski

*by Alison Rao*

John Showalter

*by Thomas Showalter*

## In Honor

Dean Hoge

*by Liz Hoge*

Jim and Joan McGilvray

Carmen Hague

*by Laurie McGilvray*

Sister Anne Kiely

Phil Kiely

*by Lisa Kiely*

Joe Reynolds

*by Una & Merlyn Kettering*

Mary Belyeu

*by Kathy Belyeu*

Betty Jo Harper

*by Sue Goodyear &  
Mark Harper*

Emaline Olson

Joshua Olson

*by Jodie Olson*

Helen and Bob Warren

*by Vicki Warren*

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“Ministers: all the people of the church.”

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<b>Parish Assistant</b>	Rev. Eugene Eastman
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<b>Treasurer</b>	Aggie Patti

## SESSION

**Clerk of Session – Kurt Lawson**

### Class of 2024

Phil Boyer  
Jean Dickey  
Rebecca Woodings  
Alphonso Williams

### Class of 2025

Samuel Kalibala  
Karol Keane  
Thomas Showalter  
Karen Lange

### Class of 2026

Kathy Belyeu  
Kurt Lawson  
Roger Griffis  
George Martin

## DEACONS

**Moderator of Deacons – Lisa Kiely**

### Class of 2024

Brian Forbin  
Lisa Kiely  
Madline Morsha-Taylor

### Class of 2025

Ethan Bailey  
Carol Christensen  
Martha Kiger

### Class of 2026

Cynthia Barron  
Neel Hunter  
Madeline Lindvall