



**First Parish Church, Congregational
On the Village Green
Manchester-by-the-Sea, Massachusetts**

*Awaken to the Light and Love of God;
Be a Joyful Beacon to the World*

Rev. Dr. Mark Boyea, Minister
Dr. Herman Weiss, Director of Music and Organist

First Parish Church, Congregational
United Church of Christ
Worship Celebration
Easter Sunday
Sunday, April 17, 2022
10:00 am

Prelude *“Easter Alleluia Medley”* Williams, arr. Lanier

Welcome

Easter Call to Worship

Leader: The tomb is empty.

All: **Christ is risen.**

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All: **Christ is risen indeed.**

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All: **Alleluia! Amen!**

Opening Hymn *“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”*

A Prayer of Resurrection (together)

God of endless new beginnings, through the power of Your Holy Spirit, Jesus has been raised.

Through that resurrection, You showed us that not even death can separate us from You and the eternal life You created us for. May that free us to put our trust in You and Your ways.

Through that resurrection, You proclaimed that violence and injustice will not have the last word. May that free us to take risks for peace and justice on behalf of all Your people.

Through that resurrection, You opened the door to the possibility of a new and better creation for ourselves, our communities, our nation and this world. May that free us to serve Your vision and ways with courage.

And may we do all this with the words the One You raised – Jesus – gave us to guide and inspire us toward that new life...

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Solo *“The Call” (from “Five Mystical Songs”) Vaughn-Williams*
Rebecca Shrimpton, Soloist

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: Such a Way, as gives us breath:
Such a Truth, as ends all strife: Such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: Such a Light, as shows a feast:
Such a Feast, as mends in length: Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: Such a Joy, as none can move:
Such a Love, as none can part: Such a Heart, as joys in love.

Prayer Intentions

Music Meditation *Recitative and Aria:*
“Behold I Tell You a Mystery”, “The Trumpet Shall Sound”
(from *“The Messiah”, Handel*)
Paul Knox, soloist; Kevin Tracy, trumpet

The trumpet shall sound and the dead shall be raised, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible. And we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption. And this mortal must put on immortality.

Time of Spoken Prayer

Invitation to the Easter Offering

Piano Solo

"The Shepherd"

Hartman

Dr. Herman Weiss, piano

The Gospels

John 20:11-18

Paul Lengieza

(New Revised Standard Version Translation)

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹² and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴ When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Choir Anthem

"Easter Song"

Pote

The angel rolled the stone away. 'Twas on a bright and shiny morn when the trumpet began to sound, the angel rolled the stone away. Alleluia, Christ is risen! Alleluia, Christ is risen! Go tell Mary and Martha; go tell Peter and John.

Go tell all the disciples, that Christ is risen! Jesus, He was killed on a Friday; Jesus, He lay buried and dead; Jesus, He arose on the third day. He rose upon into heaven, just like He said. Alleluia, Christ is risen!

Brother , won't you ever believe me, sister, do you think it's a lie, listen while I tell you a story – if you believe in Jesus, then you'll never die. Alleluia, Christ is risen!

Message

Solo

"Ain't No Grave"

Skaggs

Rebecca Shrimpton, soloist

Oh, shame is a prison as cruel as a grave. Shame is a robber, and he's come to take my name. Oh, love is my redeemer, lifting me up from the ground. Love is the power where my freedom song is found.

There ain't no grave gonna hold my body down. There ain't no grave gonna hold my body down. When I hear that trumpet sound, I'm gonna rise up outta the ground. There ain't no grave gonna hold my body down. Oh, oh, oh, oh, oh. Oh, oh, oh, oh, oh.

Oh, fear is a liar with a smooth and velvet tongue. Fear is a tyrant; he's always telling me to run. Oh, love is a resurrection, and love is a trumpet sound. Love is my weapon; I'm gonna take my giants down.

There ain't no grave gonna hold my body down. There ain't no grave gonna hold my body down. When I hear that trumpet sound, I'm gonna rise up outta the ground. There ain't no grave gonna hold my body down. Oh, oh, oh, oh, oh.

Oh, there was a battle, a war between death and life. And there on a tree, the Lamb of God was crucified. And He went on down to hell; He took back every key. He rose up as a lion, and He set all captives free.

There ain't no grave could hold His body down. There ain't no grave could hold His body down. When He heard the trumpet sound, He rose up outta the ground. There ain't no grave could hold His body down. There ain't no grave could hold His body down. There ain't no grave could hold His body down. There ain't no grave could hold His body down.

Oh if you walked out of the grave, I'm a walking too. If you walked out of the grave, I'm a walking too. There ain't no grave gonna hold my body down. There ain't no grave gonna hold my body down. When I hear the trumpet sound, gonna rise up outta the ground. There ain't no grave gonna hold my body down. There ain't no grave gonna hold my body down.

- Readers and Greeters are always needed, to volunteer speak to the Deacons, or you can also sign up [online](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c4caba822a1f49-diaconate).
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- Listening devices are available for those in need; they are at the back of the Sanctuary. Feel free to address a Deacon should you need help.
- Welcome to all who are new to our Worship time. To join our mailing list please fill out a “Welcome Card” to place in the collection plate or contact office.fpchurch@gmail.com, 978-526-7661 ext. 1.
- You can contribute to the work of First Parish Church or pay your pledge [@PayPal.Me/FPChurchManchester](https://www.paypal.com/paytoemail?email=FPChurchManchester@PayPal.Me)
- [Click to read](#) The Church Bell Newsletter of First Parish Church Congregational for March 2022.
- Manchester Affordable Housing Trust Announces Emergency Rental Housing Payment Assistance - The Manchester Affordable Housing Trust (MAHT), in collaboration with Action, Inc., a Gloucester-based human and social services agency, is offering short-term rental housing payment assistance to income eligible Manchester residents in response to job and income loss related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Consistent with its mission to support and promote community affordable housing, the MAHT is reaching out to income eligible residents who are experiencing housing rent payment issues.

The MAHT can and wants to help during this difficult and uncertain time. For further information please contact Action, Inc. at 978-282-1000 or live chat at **Error! Hyperlink reference not valid..**

- Stewardship – Though many of us do not use the pledge offering envelopes anymore, please look in the Narthex to see if your name is on a box. If you don’t need them, please let Mary Ellen know and she will take you off the boxed envelope list.

- The Outreach and Service collection continues for The Open Door and Grace Center. Bring items to the Chapel or Church. There is a box outside by the Church Office at the Chapel:

Baking Mixes - Cake, Brownie, Cookie, Muffin, Pancake

Peanut Butter

Canned Tuna, Chicken, and Turkey

Healthy Snack Items

100% Juice/Juice Boxes

Breakfast Cereal

Hearty Soups

Canned Vegetables and Fruits

Spaghetti Sauce

Macaroni and Cheese

Rice, Noodles, Pasta

Pet Food

Gift cards from local grocery markets

From the Open Door and the Outreach and Service Committee

Volunteers needed Fridays

Fulfillment Center, 11-1pm

Fulfillment Center, 1-3pm

Pick-Up Assistant, 3-5pm

No Contact Deliveries, 3-5pm

Visit VolunteerHub to claim your spot now:

<http://foodpantry.volunteerhub.com/>

- **Book Group** is open to everyone! Consider joining us. Questions can be directed to Mary Ellen Cook at 978-500-0018. We meet on **May 2 (note change of date!)** 6:30 PM at Mary Ellen's home, 23 Harold Street, to discuss "The Henna Artist" by Aika Joshi.

Thank you to all who donated Easter Lilies or to the Deacon Fund for the Easter Celebration. If you donated a plant, you are invited to take it with you after this celebration. If you leave it the Deacons will give it to a member to brighten their day.

In memory of our parents Steve Carhart and Martha Farmer

In memory of Annie and Bill Emslie Sheila Carrassi

*In memory of Florence Lincoln DeMoura, Antone S. DeMoura and Dr.
Lincoln A. DeMoura* David
DeMoura

*In memory of Henrietta Taylor Burnett, Frederick and
Lee Peterson, Robert, Gloria and Marion Driscoll*
Paul Driscoll and Nancy Peterson

May the Lord bless you and keep you Patricia Eisenstein

In memory of Denise Odenthal, Warren Odenthal, Mike Odenthal
Catherine Erickson

In loving memory of Mother and Daddy Lynda Griffiths

In memory of Larry & Margit Breakiron, Paul & Edith Gudonis
Lauren & Paul Gudonis

In memory of Jean Bourne Mark and Ann Heslop

In memory of Mother, Irene Diane Houghton

In memory of parents and siblings Jeanne and Paul Knox

In memory of Bob & Alice Provost Michele Kulick

In memory of Larry L. Larsen Jolene & Kate Larsen

In memory of Gail Bukow, "Mom Shirley" Wilkinson & Vin Terrill
Jolene Larsen

In celebration of friends and family Liz Loomis and Molly Loomis Tyson

In memory of Mom, Dad & Wayne Jan Marshall

In memory of Vin & Alrie Terrill Susan Martineau

In memory of Harry Ralph and Wendy Smith

In loving memory of Carole Schanley Darwin Schanley and Family

In memory of Theresa Amelia Charles, Alexander Malcolm Stewart
Mrs. Mia Taradash

*In memory of Joan Doherty Tierney, Mary Elizabeth Caffrey &
A. Philip Bouchie* Mary Lou Tierney

In memory of Jack & Eleanor Weiss Herman Weiss

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Matt. 28:5-8; 1 Cor. 15:20-22; 54-57

Charles Wesley, 1739; alt.

1 Christ the Lord is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Let the Vic - tor's peo - ple sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!

Mor - tal tongues and an - gels say: Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where, O death, is now your sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Dy - ing once, Christ lives to save, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Death in vain for - bids Christ rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Made like Christ, like Christ we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!

Sing, glad heavens, and earth re - ply: Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where your vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
 God has o - pened par - a - dise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!

The unknown editor of *Lyra Davidica* wanted music with more movement and spirit than found in the grave, slow-paced psalm tunes, with one note to a syllable. Easter Hymn was among the first of a new popular style.

Tune: EASTER HYMN 7.7.7.7. with alleluias
 Arr. from *Lyra Davidica*, London, 1708

The Day of Resurrection

John of Damascus, 8th century
Transl. John Mason Neale, 1862; alt.

Mark 16:1-6

1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;
2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right
3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,
the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
the Christ who reigns e - ter - nal in res - ur - rec - tion light;
the whole world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;
From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,
We lis - ten for the teach - ings once heard so calm and plain,
Let all things seen and un - seen their notes of glad - ness blend,
our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
for we, too, want to fol - low and raise the vic - tor strain.
for Christ a - gain has ris - en, our joy that has no end.

A Greek canon—an extended poem of eight or nine odes, each based on a scriptural canticle—was the source of this hymn.
John of Damascus gave up a high government position to enter a monastery.

Tune: LANCASHIRE 7.6.7.6.D.
Henry T. Smart, 1836