

HYMN NOTES:

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” (245)

This text by Charles Wesley was first published in 1739 under the title “Hymn for Easterday” in eleven four-line stanzas. For almost 100 years after this first appearance the text went into a great eclipse. In 1831 it reappeared in British Methodist hymnals and U.S. hymnals in 1849. The joyous ‘alleluias’ at the end of each line were added by some hymnal editor to make the words fit the tune. The usual tune, EASTER HYMN, also has a history from the 18th century of being named CHRISTMAS DAY and coupled with another of Wesley’s hymns “Hark, how all the welkin rings,” later altered to “Hark, the herald angels sing.” Today we sing that tune at the beginning to a translation of a 14th century Latin hymn. In our Glory to God hymnal, the Wesley Easter words are coupled with a different tune, LLANFAIR. This Welsh tune by Robert Williams is named for a village in Montgomery County, Wales. Llanfair’s full name is one of the longest words in any language: Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwlllantysiliogogogoch, which means “Church of St. Mary in a hollow of white hazel near the rapid whirlpool of the Church of St. Tysillio by the red cave.”

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Monday, April 13: Sandra Rasmussen, Dee Bryant, Kassandra Mattson
Tuesday, April 14: Pokey Smith, Barbara Forsyth, Eileen Nelson, Donald Faulkner
Wednesday, April 15: Nick Weidner
Thursday, April 16: Janice Patteson, Lars Greff
Friday, April 17: Ibelise Luther
Saturday, April 18: Linda Howard, David Johnson



If you see someone whose birthday is listed and you haven’t seen them in church recently, give them a call!

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by



Friends of Northwood



Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the “2020 Flower Reservation Chart” on the bulletin board across from the kitchen. Thank you to those providing flowers each week In Honor/In Memory of someone or an anniversary/birthday!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

8:15 & 11:00 AM

CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

9:30 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

11:00 AM MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Given the guidance from the Presbytery and public health officials, we have suspended all group gatherings, including Christian Education for children, youth and adults until further notice. We are exploring ways in which we can meet virtually. Please use our website for up to date information.

Experiencing God Class, led by Vicki Krueger

If you’d like to join the Experiencing God class virtually via Zoom at 10:30am on Sunday mornings, please contact Vicki Krueger at vick-ilee33@aol.com and she will send you the meeting details each week.

Everlasting God,

**In your tender love for the human race
you sent your Son to take our nature,
and to suffer death upon the cross.**

**In your mercy enable us to share in his
obedience to your will and in the glorious
victory of his resurrection;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,**

One God, forever and ever. Amen.

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Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

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Order for the Worship of God
April 12, 2020
Easter Sunday
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive)*

Leader: The Lord is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: HE IS RISEN INDEED!

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing” John Leavitt

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chris Curvin, Pastor

HYMN

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

EASTER HYMN

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love’s redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

CALL TO CONFESSION

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*

Mighty God: by your power is Christ raised from death to rule this world with love. We confess that we have not believed in Him but fall into doubt and fear. Forgive our dread of dying, our hopelessness, and set us free for joy in the victory of Jesus Christ, who was dead but lives, and will put down every power to hurt or destroy, when your promised kingdom comes. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SOLO

“Redeemer”
Michele White, Soloist

Nicole C. Mullen
arr. Heather Sorenson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER *(Video)*

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.

CALL TO OFFERING *(The One Great Hour of Sharing offering is also received today.)*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN

“This Easter Celebration”

LANCASHIRE

**This Easter celebration is not like ones we’ve known.
We pray in isolation, we sing the hymns alone.
We’re distant from our neighbors—from worship leaders too.
No flowers grace the chancel to set a festive mood.**

**Our joy won’t come from worship that’s in a crowded room,
but from the news of women who saw the empty tomb.
Our joy comes from disciples who ran with haste to see—
who heard that Christ is risen, and then, by grace, believed.**

**In all the grief and suffering, may we remember well:
Christ suffered crucifixion and faced the powers of hell.
Each Easter bears the promise: Christ rose that glorious day!
Now nothing in creation can keep your love away.**

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WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 28:1-10 (NRSV)

SERMON SERIES

Faith in Unprecedented Times
Sermon #3 “Don’t Miss Easter”
Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

HYMN #248

“Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

HYMN TO JOY

**Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.
In the desert all surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.**

**Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.**

**Christ is risen! Earth and heaven never more shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus: “Christ is risen! Get you gone!”
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!**

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Hallelujah”
from *Messiah*

G.F. Handel

Stephanie Carson, Music Director
Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director

IGNITE

*ignite is a contemporary worship service at 9:30 that delivers the
message of Jesus Christ through Powerful Music, Media
& Scripture Based Sermons.*

COUNTDOWN

VIDEO

“Easter Day of Worship”

WELCOME

Stephanie Carson

PRAISE SONGS

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chris Curvin

PRAISE SONG

“This Easter Celebration”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

VIDEO

“The Lord’s Prayer”

PRAISE SONG

“Miracles”

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 28:1–10 (NRSV)

MESSAGE

Sermon Series: Faith in Unprecedented Times

#3 “Don’t Miss Easter”

Chris Curvin, Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION

“O Happy Day/Happy Day”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU