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SERVICE FOR OUR LORD'S DAY

APRIL 20, 2025 @ 10:00 AM

EASTER SUNDAY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Easter Fanfare" by David Ashley White

CHANCEL CHOIR

*Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!
Alleluia! The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad; the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free, our Christ has brought
us over with hymns of victory!
Alleluia!*

CALL TO WORSHIP

DEBBIE WARNAAR

God of peace, we enter this holy room knowing the gospel's cornerstones of grace and mercy are often rejected in our world.

Yet we understand that rejection is not the end of the story.

We know that those we have come to know as the builders and the rulers of the world do not have the final word.

The Gospel of Grace is the Lord's doing.

Despite powers and principalities, despite the clamoring of meanness and cruelty,

this is the day that the Lord has made.

Grace is the ground upon which we walk.

Let us rejoice and be glad.

++ HYMN #245[GTG]

Christ the Lord is Risen Today!

Originally printed as eleven four-line stanza without alleluias, this Easter text was written during the first year following the author's life-changing conversion experience, yet it already show his enduring emphasis on the theme of love. This lively Welsh tune sets it well.

SERVICE OF RENEWAL

CALL TO CONFESSION

DEBBIE WARNAAR

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**On this bright and joyful day,
we bring our whole selves to you, great God,
honestly naming the truth about our lives.
We are sinking under piles of shame,
judgment, and self-pity,
feeling closer to hell than heaven.
Christ, rend our veil of tears.
Restore us. Renew us. Revive us.
In the name of the risen Christ we pray.**

++Indicates Congregation standing as able

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

DEBBIE WARNAAR

Hear the good news! The Lord is alive!
The risen Lord destroys death, conquers sin,
and wipes away all shame.
We are drenched in radiating mystery:
God is with us.
Receive the wonderful news:
You are made alive in Christ.
In Jesus Christ you are restored.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

++ **RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS #591 [GTG]**
Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

++ **PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

DEBBIE WARNAAR

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Be still and know that I am God (three times)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

MS. MEGAN

CHORAL ANTHEM "The Strife Is O'er" arr Robert J. Powell

CHANCEL CHOIR

(Congregation is invited to sing **bold** text)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

***The strife is o'er, the battle done; the victory of life is wonderful;
The song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!***

***The pow'rs of death have done their worst, but Christ their legions
hath dispersed;
Let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!***

*The three sad days are quickly sped; Christ rises glorious from the dead: all glory
to our risen Head! Alleluia!*

***Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee, from death's dread sting thy
servants free,
That we may live, and sing to thee: Alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

DEBBIE WARNAAR

Gracious God, Living Word,
as you revealed yourself to Mary
that Easter morning,
so reveal yourself to us.
By the power of your Spirit,
give each of us faith,
that hearing your Word
we, too, may proclaim,
"I have seen the Lord!" **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

DEBBIE WARNAAR

¹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!

² Let Israel say,
"His steadfast love endures forever."

¹⁴ The LORD is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.

¹⁵ There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:
"The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;

¹⁶ the right hand of the LORD is exalted;

the right hand of the LORD does valiantly.”
17 I shall not die, but I shall live
and recount the deeds of the LORD.
18 The LORD has punished me severely,
but he did not give me over to death.
19 Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.
20 This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.
21 I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.
22 The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
23 This is the LORD’s doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.
24 This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.^[a]

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC “I Know That My Redeemer Liveth” from *Messiah* by G.F. Handel
Maco Jalenewski, soprano

GOSPEL READING

Luke 24:1-12

REV. STANLEY JENKINS

24 But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. **2** They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, **3** but when they went in they did not find the body.^[a] **4** While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. **5** The women^[b] were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men^[c] said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen.^[d] **6** Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, **7** that the Son of Man must be handed over to the hands of sinners and be crucified and on the third day rise again.” **8** Then they remembered his words, **9** and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. **10** Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James,

and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹² But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.!

SERMON

REV. STANLEY JENKINS

++HYMN #317[GTG] In Christ There Is No East or West
This setting expands and enhances the thematic inclusiveness of an early 20th-century text by adapting the melody of a traditional spiritual to carry these words. This 1940 pairing marked the first use of African American musical material in a mainline North American hymnal.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

REV. STANLEY JENKINS

The Lord be with you

and also with you

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(Prayers continue...)

Lord's Prayer (**unison**)

**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.**

Praise God, from Whom 608
All Blessings Flow

Musical score for the hymn "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow". The score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit ever more; praise Triune God, whom we adore." The chords indicated above the notes are: G, C, Am7, Dsus, D, G, D, Am7, Dsus, D, Am7, D, G, Am7, G, C, Am7, G, Am7, D, G.

Prayer of Dedication

HYMN #238 [GTG] Thine Is the Glory

This Easter text, first in French and later in English, was written to fit the music, a chorus created for Handel's oratorio JOSHUA and moved to JUDAS MACABEUS in 1751. It grew widely popular following its use at the First Assembly of the World Council of Churches in 1948.

BENEDICTION

Blest Be the Tie That Binds #306 [GTG]

***Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love:
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.***

POSTLUDE "Hallelujah Chorus" from *Messiah* by G.F. Handel CHANCEL CHOIR+

The congregation is invited to remain standing and join in singing.

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INFORMATION FOR THE DAY

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

LITURGIST:

DEBBIE WARNAAR

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:

MEGAN HIGLE

ORGANIST:

SERGEI KVITKO

DIRECTOR OF CHURCH LIFE / COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

PRINCE SOLACE

PASTOR:

REV. STANLEY JENKINS

BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR:

DARIN SHOWALTER

Instrumentalists

Chris Pike & Katie Pike, trumpets

Gwen Botting, French horn

Mike Emerson, trombone

Jim Botting, timpani

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This Week at a Glance

Sunday, April 20

10:00 a.m.

EASTER Worship service – Sanctuary

11:30 a.m.

Egg Hunt

11:30 a.m.

Children's Faith Formation

12:30 p.m.

Victory in Jesus Ministries - Chapel

Monday, April 21

9:00 a.m. GIL classes
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir rehearsal – Chapel
7:00 p.m. Verna Holly performance– Sanctuary
5:30 p.m. Yoga – Yoga room

Tuesday, April 22

9:00 a.m. GIL classes
2:00 p.m. Quilters – Litten Hall
6:30 p.m. Glen Erin Pipe band rehearsal – Litten Hall
7:00 p.m. Capital City Chordsmen rehearsal - Chapel

Wednesday, April 23

8:30 a.m. Counters – Library
9:00 a.m. GIL classes
9:00 a.m. Youth Volunteers – Library
10:30 a.m. Lectionary Bible Study – Zoom
4:30 p.m. Lansing Children’s Choir rehearsal – Choir room
5:30 p.m. Yoga – yoga room
6:00 p.m. Wired Word Bible study – Zoom
6:00 p.m. MidMIPhoto Club – Litten Hall

Thursday, April 24

9:00 a.m. GIL classes
10:00 a.m. NWI Food Distribution – Litten Hall
1:00 p.m. Bridge in the Parlor
7:00 p.m. Victory in Jesus Bible Study - library

Friday, April 25

5:30 p.m. Yoga – Yoga room

Saturday, April 26

9:00 a.m. Larissa Clark recital - Chapel

Sunday, April 27

10:00 a.m. Choral Sunday Worship service - Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. Adult Forum – Litten Hall
11:30 a.m. Children’s Faith Formation
12:30 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries Worship – Chapel

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Join the Chancel Choir on Sunday, April 27th for Choral Sunday!

10 am Worship Service

“Gloria” by A. Vivaldi

Chancel Choir, Soloists, Chamber Ensemble

“Good morning and Welcome!” If you would be willing to say this phrase on a Sunday morning then please come to a short **greeter organizing meeting** after worship Sunday May 4, 2025, in the elevator lobby. Let’s greet everyone on a Sunday.

Calling all 2025 Graduates! High School and College!

We need to hear from you by April 30th.



FPC wants to celebrate you on Sunday, May 18th.

If you are or a close family member is graduating and you want your church family to know, please:

1. Send a photo or two.
2. Your degree information (if you are a college grad)
3. Your immediate plans.

All information (including photos) can be sent to Megan Higle, Christian Education Director: Megan.higle@gmail.com or mhigle@lansingfirstpres.org

We will recognize you during our 10:00 a.m. worship service AND there will be a potluck after service in Litten Hall!

Per Capita Reminder: The annual per capita payment to the Lake Michigan Presbytery for 2025 is **\$42 per member**. This is for every member to consider. The check can go to the church noting “per capita.” Please consider paying a per capita for those who cannot afford to.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (INCLUDING ADULT FORUM AND CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION)

11:15-12:30 after worship service in Litten Hall-All

Childcare is available through this time - please let Childcare staff know if this is needed.

During Lent, starting March 9, adults and children will start out together and meet up again at the end in Litten Hall for an intergenerational effort.

April 20

Easter Sunday

Egg Hunt

April 27

Adult Forum - Care for Creation hear from our GREEN TEAM on our "green" initiatives, including Community Garden, Solar Panels, Recycling, "Green" paper usage, etc.

Children's Faith Formation - "Care for Creation: Water" - Ms. Alyse, teacher

May 4

Care for Creation. "Recycling" Join the FPC Green Team on ways to recycle, how recycling is helping creation and what you can do in our church, our homes and in our communities.

The team will give insights on navigating the different recycling programs in the area; and, will also cover disposal of Household Hazardous Waste including electronics, fluorescent lights, paint, pesticides and other toxic chemicals.

Children's Faith Formation - "Care "Grow & Till" Ms. Kathy, teacher

May 11

Adult Forum - Care for Creation "History of the Red Cedar". Join FPC Green Team as we learn about the history of the Red Cedar River and what programs are available to help care for this part of our community

Children's Faith Formation - "Care for Animals" Mr. Bob, teacher