



HAPPY EASTER!

# THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, CANTON CENTER

*United Church of Christ*

April 9, 2023

~ EASTER SUNDAY ~

10:00 a.m.

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*\*Please stand, if you are able.*

***Bold** denotes unison response.*

## CHIMES

Karen Needham

## WELCOME

*We're so glad you have joined us today!*

*Prayer request cards may be found on the back tables.*

*Offerings may be placed in the marked boxes on back tables or near front exit.*

## PRELUDE

*Lift High the Cross*

Cynthia Dobrinski

Cherry Brook Chimes Handbell Choir

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Kristin Oswald

Christ is risen, alleluia!

**Alleluia! He is risen indeed!**

Life dawns new,

**and love rises strong!**

Friends, let us be gathered today in hope and in joy,

**in heart and in mind.**

Let Easter touch each one and awaken in us all

**the gifts of new life!**

**\*HYMN** *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

Chalice (blue), 216

*Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!*

*All creation joins to say Alleluia!*

*Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!*

*Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!*

*Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!*

*Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!*

*Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia!*

*Where your victory, O grave? 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!*

### **\*PRAYER FOR EASTER & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**God of life and new life, God of the now-awakened world,  
we praise you on this, our festival day,  
for joy that dawns, for life that rises,  
for love that overcomes everything.  
We praise you for the one we follow,  
Christ crucified yet risen,  
who for our sakes has lived and died and lives again.  
In this and all our days, may we be filled with Easter's hope,  
compelled by its love, made bold by its truth --  
alive as an Easter people in the world.  
This we ask in the name of the Risen One,  
who has taught us to pray together saying:**

**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.**

### **\*SUNG RESPONSE**      *From "The Strife Is O'er"*

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

**READING FROM SCRIPTURE**      1 Corinthians 15, selected verses  
Pew Bible pg. 935

**ANTHEM**              *Jesus Shall Reign*  
The Senior Choir

John Hatton, arr. Victor C. Johnson

**SERMON** *Little Easters, and Slow Ones*

**ANTHEM** *God of Glory, Lord of Love*  
The Senior Choir

Mary McDonald

## DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

We are grateful for our gifts,

**and for the ability to give them.**

We are mindful of our place in the web of creation,

**and of the ways our generosity are needed.**

Because we are the people of God and the community of Christ,

**we open our hearts to the world around us.**

### \*Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,*

*Praise God, all creatures here below,*

*Praise God for all that love has done,*

*Creator, Christ and Spirit, One. Amen.*

### \*Prayer of Dedication

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Joys & Concerns, Pastoral Prayer

**\*HYMN** *In the Bulb There Is a Flower* Chalice (blue), 638

*In the bulb there is a flower, in the seed, an apple tree;*

*In cocoons, a hidden promise, butterflies will soon be free!*

*In the cold and snow of winter, there's a spring that waits to be,*

*Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

*There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;*

*There's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.*

*From the past will come the future, what it holds, a mystery,*

*Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

*In our end in our beginning, in our time, infinity,  
 In our doubt there is believing, in our life, eternity.  
 In our death, a resurrection, at the last, a victory,  
 Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *(Please be seated)* *Litany for Easter*  
 The Senior Choir

**\*POSTLUDE** *St. Anne* J. S. Bach

**Missions & Outreach will be collecting loose change for Holy Joe's Café for April.**

As a military chaplain explains, "Holy Joe's Cafe is a place where chaplains...are able to bring a taste of home to the tired, the anxious, the angry, the lonely and the wounded"... Cups for change can be found in the back of the sanctuary, the hallway table, and the social hall.

**Pastor:** The Rev. Dr. Brenda Pelc-Faszczka  
**Director of Music:** Mary Lou Keefe  
**Sexton:** Walt LeGeyt

**Dir. of Faith Formation:** Dr. Hollace Bristol  
**Asst. Dir. of Faith Formation:** Karen Needham  
**Office Manager:** Kristen DiMattia

**Duty Deacons:** Kristin Oswald & Bev Sealand  
**Duty Trustees:** Phil LeGeyt & Jen Herbek  
**Camera:** Steve Byko

Sunday 9	Monday 10	Tuesday 11	Wednesday 12	Thursday 13	Friday 14	Saturday 15
Easter Worship 10:00 am	Choir 5 pm Trustees 7 pm ACA 7 pm	AA 7 pm	Council Meeting 7 pm	Choir 5:30 pm		Goeben Memorial 11 am  AA 11 pm

# 2023 EASTER FLOWERS

## Given by:

*Craig & Linda McAllister*

*Marianne Burbank*

*Rev. Brenda Pelc-Faszczka  
& Jeff Faszczka*

*Susan Turner*

*Peter & Mary Lou Keefe*

*Darryl Haberern*

*Geri Bunnell*

*Robert Howson*

*Mommy & Daddy  
Mom & Dad  
Mom & Phil  
Daddy  
Muriel*

## In Loving Memory of:

*our parents Margueriette Baran  
and Gwen & John Johnson*

*my parents Mary & Sam Humphrey  
and Aunt Ruthie Humphrey*

*loved ones*

*Leon & Vera Turner  
Alden & Ruth Turner  
Erick Erickson  
Dick Berry  
Burton Turner  
Jan Galusza*

*our parents, Lester & Dorothy Chamberlin  
and Edward & Dorothy Keefe*

*my parents*

*Ned Bunnell*

*Patricia Ann Howson*

*Casey LeGeyt  
Brett E. Hooper  
Denise Perkins Humphrey  
My Little Angel  
Henry A. LeGeyt*

**Given by:**

*Gail Macbeth*

*The Oswald Family*

*Charles & Donna Hammond*

*Hollace Bristol*

*Darryl Haberern*

*Tim & Cary LeGeyt*

*Craig & Linda McAllister*

*The Dunn Family*

*Evelyn Sealand*

*Skip & Nancy Alford*

*Dan & Patti LeGeyt*

**In Celebration of:**

*all our family*

*spring and new beginnings*

*our family past and present*

*church school children*

*my grandson Greyson Robert*

*our grandchildren -  
Nico, Simone & Natalya*

*our daughters Cailyn and Lauren*

*our growing family*

*my family past and present*

*our family past and present*

*family and friends*

**Given by:**

*Geri Bunnell*

**In Honor of:**

*Rev. Brenda Pelc-Faszczka*



