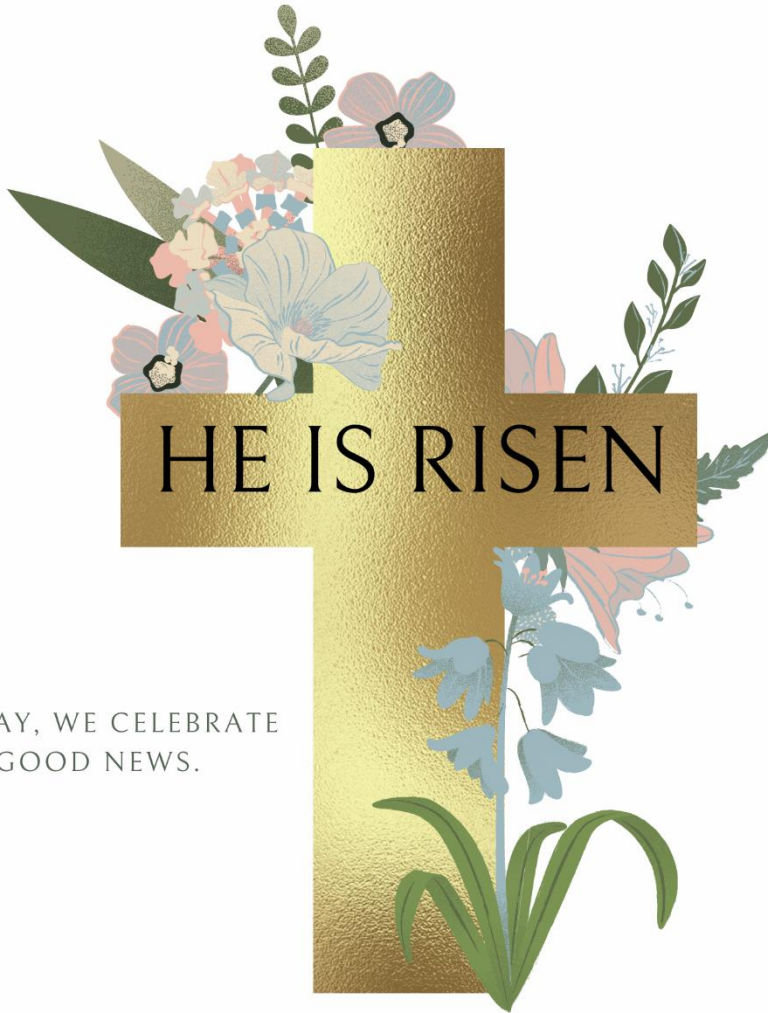




Easter Sunday ~ April 17, 2022



TODAY, WE CELEBRATE
THE GOOD NEWS.



Falmouth Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
An Open and Affirming Congregation



10:00 AM

EASTER SUNDAY

April 17th, 2022

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

*If you are new to worship, welcome and please fill out a blue visitor card.
Throughout the order of worship, if print is in bold, words may be spoken in unison.*

GATHERING MUSIC

Partita on "Christ is Arisen"
Richard Purvis

Ray Cornils

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE *(Please remain in your seat while passing the peace of Christ.)*

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

PRELUDE

Fanfare on "The Day of Resurrection"

Paul Fey

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The stone stood aside. The open mouth of the tomb gaped in amazement. The angelic announcers delivered their message.

All: "Jesus is not here."

One: Women bearing spices, followers of the One who had been crucified, turned from their troubled trembling to question with hopeful hearts.

All: "Is it possible that Jesus lives?"

One: God's answer offered the strongest confirmation of hope and the boldest affirmation of life ever given. "Jesus is risen!"

All: "Risen to proclaim God's power. Risen to show God's love."

One: Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed!

Descant

4. Soar we now where Christ has led, A - le - lu - ia!

1. Christ the Lord is risen to - day,
 2. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King,
 3. Love's re - deem - ing work is done,
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led,

Al - le - lu - ia!

Fol - low - ing our Head, A - le - lu - ia!

All cre - a - tion, join to say,
 Where, O death, is now your sting?
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won,
 Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head,

A - le - lu - ia! A - le - lu - ia! A - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high,
 Je - sus died, our souls to save,
 Death in vain for - bids him rise,
 Made like him, like him we rise,

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Al - le - lu - ia!

Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, A - le - lu - ia!

Sing, O heavens, and earth re - ply,
Where your vic - to - ry, O grave?
Christ has op - ened par - a - dise. Al - le - lu - ia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies,

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: Come all who are perplexed and all who are full of wonder. Let us rid ourselves of the ways of death, that we may embrace new life in Christ. God is ready to hear and answer and roll away stones.

All: **God, we confess to you that while we know well the story of your victory over the grave, it is not a story we always live. We are dragged down by all manner of death – fear may suffocate us: the loss of dreams and hopes for ourselves, our families, our communities and our nation. Sorrow may wall us off like a grave, isolating us with anger, frustration, and grief. Yet the smooth stones of our faith are inscribed not with the marks of death, but with the word, “Alleluia!” So on this Easter morning, we pray that you will fill us with “fear and great joy” so that, like those women who came to the tomb expecting death, we may instead find the radiant new life that is ever before us in your Resurrection! Amen.**

One: The goodness of God is the news of this day, for it brings to us a forgiveness not beyond belief but rather at the heart of belief. All thanks and glory be to God!

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 25:6-9
Mark 16:1-8

Kim Hendry

THE SERMON

Rev. Diane Bennekamper

EASTER AFFIRMATION

One: We believe when the stone rolls (roll stones together),

**All: life is set free,
love is reborn,
and alleluias dance.**

One: We believe when the stone rolls (roll stones together),

**All: the Word speaks again,
creation sighs once more,
and the land breathes deeply.**

One: We believe when the stone rolls (roll stones together),

**All: love conquers all,
grace wins through,
and peace can be held in both hands.**

One: We believe when the stone rolls (roll stones together),

**All: alleluias are spoken,
dancing is allowed in aisles,
noisy children disrupt quiet adults,
there is clapping in the pews,
and Easter eggs after everything.**

One: We believe when the stone rolls (roll stones together),

**All: the Spirit of Jesus is alive,
life is returned,
and death holds no final say.**

One: When the stone rolls,

All: We believe.

ANTHEM

PASTORAL PRAYER



THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

HYMN

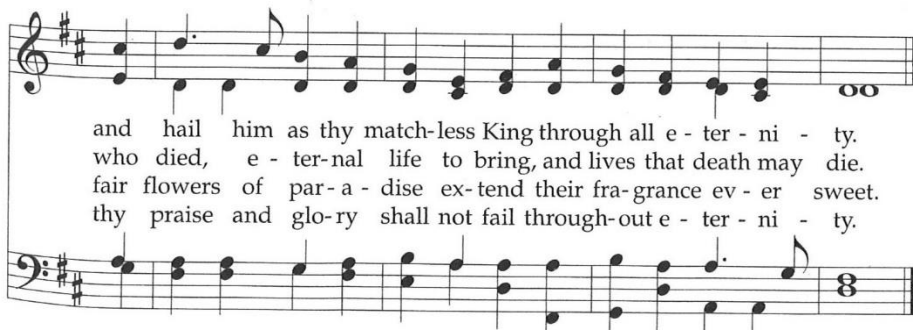
"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

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1. Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne.
2. Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave,
3. Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scep - ter sways
4. Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,

Hark! how the heaven-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save;
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise.
those wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
his glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on high,
His reign shall know no end, and round his pierc - ed feet
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 fair flowers of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.
 thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE “Go in Peace”

POSTLUDE “Toccata from Symphonie V” Charles Marie Widor

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Thank you to our worship participants:

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| Presiding: | Rev. Diane Bennekamper |
| Music Committee: | Marilee Beinema, Virginia Eddy, Beth Stouder |
| Music: | Ray Cornils |
| Ushers: | Larry & Susan Perry |
| Liturgist: | Kim Hendry |
| Online Worship: | Virginia Eddy, Tom Stegemann, Jack Gervais |



Next Sunday's Lectionary

Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 118:14-29; Rev 1:4-8; John 20:19-31



Kids' Church at FCC

Our Kids' Church program is led by Miss Kristen Tripp. All curriculums are created in-house and are interactive and hands-on. Lessons are based on an overarching theme of the year. Children play games, make art projects, bake, sing and dance, act and perform, and watch movies to understand the complex stories of the bible. Our program runs from 10:00-12:00.

Ms. Kristen will be on vacation next week, April 24th, so Kids' Church will be 1 hour from 10 to 11am with substitute teacher, Jane Stegemann.

Kids' Church resumes its two-hour schedule on May 1st and culminates with a school send-off on June 12th.

Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Closed on Friday

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