

THE EASTER LILIES ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD
BY IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Rev. Kate Carlisle	My father, Doug
Cathy & Barbara Collishaw	Our mother, Catherine H. Collishaw
Mark & Peggy Hellberg	Loved ones
Betty MacIver	Loved ones
Isabel and Frank MacKenzie	The youth of the church, and Noel Edwards in the choir.
Agnes MacPhail	Husband Leroy, family members, Harriet Laing, Wilma Strachan & Dolena Bontempo
Mark McCoy	Loved ones
Sue & Nancy McIlwrath	Loved ones
David & Carol Patey	Loved ones
Sally Pomeroy	Leland J. Burnett, Jr., Leona & Bob Imrie, Viola Hayward, George MacPhail, Leland Burnett, Dolena Bontempo, Harriet Laing
Doug & Sandy Robinson	Thelma & Jim Robinson
Ann Simmons	Loved ones
Anne Sommers	Loved ones
Bob & Sandie VanSickle	Al, Lena, & Billy Musgrave, and Earl & Evelyn VanSickle
Joanne, Brian, Conor, and Quinn Walsh	Leroy MacPhail, Claire & Pat Walsh

Many thanks and Happy Easter from the Board of Deacons!

GATHERING

PRELUDE	L. Mason
	<i>Nearer My God, to Thee</i>
	O. Holden
	<i>All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name</i>
	<i>Sebastian Patino Echeverri, trumpet</i>
	<i>Dr. JungSun Yoon, piano</i>

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleuia!

Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has
risen!

Alleluia!

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*HYMN #123

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Glory to you, O God: on this day you won victory over death,
raising Jesus from the grave and giving us eternal life.

Glory to you, O Christ: for us and for our salvation you overcame death
and opened the gate to everlasting life.

Glory to you O Holy Spirit: you lead us into the truth.

Glory to you, O Blessed Trinity, now and forever.

Amen.

WELCOME

*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ - he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 118: 1-2, 14-17, 21-24

Give thanks to the Lord, who is good;

God's steadfast love endures forever!

Let the people proclaim,

God's steadfast love endures forever!

The Lord is my strength and my song,

and God has become my salvation.

There is a sound of exultation and victory in the tents of the righteous:

The right hand of God has triumphed!

WORSHIP NOTES

Serving in this worship this morning:

Liturgist:	Peggy Hellberg
Preacher:	Rev. Kate Carlisle
Organist & Choir Director:	JungSun Yoon
Trumpeter:	Sebastian Patino Echeverri
Greeters/Fellowship:	Barbara Collishaw, Karen & Mike Mellett, Carl Wyatt
Counters:	Diana Linn

Welcome to worship at the Presbyterian Church in Needham!

When an asterisk (*) appears in the bulletin, you are invited to stand as you are comfortable.

All of God's people, including and especially children, are welcome here to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. We invite children to join us up front for the children's message as they are comfortable. Coloring sheets and other activities are available in the back of the church to bring to your pews. They are also welcome at any point in the service to color at the small table in the front of the sanctuary. We rejoice that we are able to worship God as a multigenerational family.

Anyone who wants to sing Handel's *Hallelujah* at the Postlude is enthusiastically encouraged to do so, no matter your experience or skill. Please get a copy of the score from the back of the church, and go forward to stand with the choir after we pass the Peace, before the final hymn.

If you are a visitor, we are so glad you are here! We hope you will fill out one of the yellow visitor cards in the in pews, and we encourage you to stay for fellowship, refreshments, and the Easter egg hunt!

We worship Sundays at 10:30 am. All are welcome!

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. We invite you to partake in Communion by intinction, that is, receiving the bread, dipping it in the cup, and eating. Anyone who does not wish to partake is invited to approach the table with hand(s) over their heart, signaling desire for a word of blessing.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Gracious God, we give you thanks that by the witness of your word and the sharing of this meal you have opened our hearts and eyes to the presence of Christ among us. Now send us forth from this place by the power of your Spirit to tell this good news to the world: The Lord has risen indeed! **Amen.**

*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

If you would like to sing "Hallelujah" with the choir, please bring your score and stand with the choir before the final hymn.

SENDING

*HYMN #122

Thine Is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Hallelujah

G.F. Handel

The right hand of God is exalted!

The right hand of God has triumphed!

I shall not die, but live,

and declare the works of the Lord.

I give thanks to you, for you answered me,

and you have become my salvation.

The same stone the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

GOSPEL READING: Luke 24:1-12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

An Idle Tale

Rev. Kate Carlisle

*HYMN #113

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

LLANFAIR

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERING

Today we collect our gifts for One Great Hour of Sharing. Please place envelopes in the offering plates, and fish banks in the basket.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Alleluia! Give Thanks to the Risen Lord!

D. Fishel

*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above ye heavenly host,
Creator, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen!**

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise,

O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe...

...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

You are indeed holy, O God of Majesty,
and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord...

... Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts...

... Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

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.