

Easter Sunday

April 17, 2022

9:00 a.m.

Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. We extend a warm greeting of Christian Fellowship to you. If you are visiting with us, please introduce yourself to the pastor following the service.

*Congregation standing for those who are able

Our Approach to God

Prelude *I Know That My Redeemer Lives/Jesus Shall Reign* arr. S. Eithun
JuBELLation Choir

The Call to Worship

Today is the day mystery unfolds!

We glimpse it at the dawning of light.

We yearn to hear our Lord calling us:

sister, brother, sibling.

Today we recall again God's trustworthy promise:

The tomb is empty! The Lord is risen! The enemy of death is destroyed!

We delight, saying: alleluia!

We wonder, singing alleluia! We are witnesses shouting: alleluia! Amen!

*The Hymn of Praise *The Strife Is O'er* 119
Congregation sings verses 1 & 4

*The Call to Confession

God's power creates new heavens and a new earth, we confidently confess our sins, assured that we, too, are renewed through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

*The 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.

You rolled away the stone from the tomb,

Still we look for the living among the dead.

You sent messengers to proclaim the gospel,

Still we look for the living among the dead.

Hear us O Lord, as we approach you from the silence of our hearts with our individual intentions (Silence)
Restore us. Renew us. Revive us. In the name of the risen Christ we pray. Amen!

*The Assurance of Pardon

O, give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Through the risen Christ,

this day and every day

we are forgiven.

Alleluia! Amen.

*The Response

verse 4, hymn # 113

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as God's love; Alleluia!

Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia!

The Anthem *The Joyful Eastertide* arr. John Ferguson
Chancel Choir

The Word of God

The Time with the Children

The Psalm Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 page 675 OT

The Gospel Reading Luke 24:1-12 page 120 NT

The Sermon "Moving the Stone" Pastor Philomena

The Order of Confirmation – Commissioning

Our Response to Serve

*The Affirmation of Faith The Apostle's Creed (Traditional) Hymnal Page 14

*The Hymn *Take My Life* 391
Congregation sings verses 1 & 5

The Morning Prayers and the Lord's Prayer (using sins)

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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

The Offertory *Maccabaeus (Thine Is the Glory)* arr. A. D. Miller

*The Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*The Prayer of Dedication

The Closing Hymn

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today
Congregation sings verses 1, 2, & 4

113

*The Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

Toccata from Symphony #5(abr.)
Piano adapt. By Collin Whitfield

Widor

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Liturgist: Alexis Martinez

Greeters: Jim & MaryJo Mundell

Congratulations to the Confirmands: Yaw Poku, Gannon Sova, Isaiah Sova & Sophia Swope!

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Seeking and Serving Christ We are a Place for Growing Christians

Announcements and Upcoming Event

April Mission

The mission and stewardship focus for April is the First Presbyterian Church food pantry. Donations of non-perishable food items as well as monetary donations will be collected through April 24th.

Old Town Soup Kitchen

For those who are interested in volunteering at the Old Town Soup Kitchen, please see the signup sheet on the mission table. We will have a rotating schedule the first week of each month. Old Town Christian Outreach is a wonderful organization committed to helping those in need. It's a lot of fun, a little hard work, great fellowship, and the spirit of helping others!

Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers for the following tasks:

- Greeters
- Liturgist
- Ushers

We also need volunteers to mow the lawn. We work in teams of 2 and the more teams we have, the fewer weeks you will have to mow. Please call the office if you are interested.

SERRV Sale



The SERRV merchandise is displayed in the gathering area. We have many new items and wonderful gift ideas. Please consider shopping and supporting the artisans. 25 % of the proceeds will go to support the Mission projects we as a congregation contribute to throughout the year. Cash or check only.

New email addresses for the church staff:

secretary@spcsaginaw.org - Sonia Hoepfner – for all church business except financial

finance@spcsaginaw.org – Ken Morris & Adam Engel - for all financial business and questions (i.e. statements)

The Order for Confirmation – Commissioning

The Introduction of the Mentors & Confirmands

Mentors: Christy Higley, Natalie Martinez, & Pam Moran

Confirmands: Yaw Poku, Gannon Sova, Isaiah Sova, & Sophia Swope

The Questions to the Confirmands

Pastor Philomena

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

I renounce them.

Who is your Lord and Savior?

Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love?

I will, with God's help.

Will you devote yourself to the church's teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers?

I will, with God's help.

Prayer

Litany of Recognition

Leader: Brothers and Sisters, I commend to your love and care these youth whom we this day welcome into the membership of this congregation. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

People: **Friends, as members of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church, you do not come to us today as strangers, but as brothers and sisters in the Lord.**

Leader: There is one body and one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all, and through all, and in all.

People: **We rejoice to recognize you as members of Christ's church, and welcome you into this congregation. With you, we renew our vows to uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service.**

All: **O God, we praise you for calling us to be a servant people, and for gathering us into the body of Christ. Together may we live in your Spirit, and so love one another, that we may have the mind of Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom we give honor and glory forever. Amen.**

Charge and Welcome



Easter Flowers

In Honor of

Arlene Besner
Carole Fowler

In Memory of:

Dr. & Mrs. Reid Calcott Sr.
Ellis & Ann Ivey
Ken Moran
Parents USA & Japan, & Shannon
Jack & Lucy Specht
Phil Herter
Our Parents
William & Ella Alber
Kathy Hoepner
Jack & Kay McGarrity
Alice & Frank Briggs
Family & Friends (Memory & Honor)
Edward Ofori-Behome
Our Parents
Mrs. Roma Lee Campbell
Scott Winchester & Jack Winchester



Given By

The Engels
Dale Hoepner

Given By

Reid Calcott
Reid Calcott
Pam Moran
John & Taki LaDouce
Fred & Genie Herter
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Chuck & Diane Kemerer
Jody, Sonia, Lexi & Ethan Hoepner
Dale Hoepner
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Beverly Briggs
Betty Miller
Pastor Philomena
Mike & Deanna Patton
Pastor Philomena & Yaw
Alice Winchester



Easter Flowers

In Memory of:

Jim Wilson
Marilyn Salak
Ken Anderson
Loved Ones
Ken & Pauline Bartle
Our Parents
Our Parents



Given By

Arlene Wilson
Kathy Salak
Ruth Anderson
Lyle & Carol Cousins
Betty Leaym
Pete & Ginny Brucker
Alan & Linda Poplewski