

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD April 20, 2025

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Thank you for joining us for worship today. We welcome you into our fellowship as together we gather in the presence of God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

If you are a visitor, please take a moment to scan the QR code below and fill out the form. We want to acknowledge your presence today with a note of thanks. Please let us know if there is a way we may be of help or encouragement to you today.

If you have any prayer requests or concerns, questions about your faith or the Christian life, if you have updates to your contact information, or if there is anything you need to communicate, please note those remarks on the form.



On the front: Noli Me Tangere (Do not touch me) by Giotto. Fresco located in the Arena Chapel, Padua, Italy. 14th c.

WORSHIP MEDITATIONS

MOST glorious Lord of Lyfe! that, on this day, Didst make Thy triumph over death and sin; And, having harrowd hell, didst bring away Captivity thence captive, us to win: This joyous day, deare Lord, with joy begin; And grant that we, for whom thou diddest dye, Being with Thy deare blood clene washt from sin, May live for ever in felicity! And that Thy love we weighing worthily, May likewise love Thee for the same againe; And for Thy sake, that all lyke deare didst buy, With love may one another entertayne! So let us love, deare Love, lyke as we ought, —Love is the lesson which the Lord us taught.

-Edmund Spenser, 16th c.

Christ is Risen, and death is dead! Christ is Risen, and evil is defeated! Christ is Risen, and the angels rejoice! Christ is Risen, and life reigns!

-St. John Chrysostom, 4th c.

Is everything sad going to come untrue? What has happened to the world? -Samwise Gamgee to Gandalf the White (J. R. R. Tolkein, The Return of the King)

Advent + Christmas + Epiphany + Lent + EASTER + Pentecost +

Easter is the greatest festival season of the Christian year. It begins with the feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord (Easter Sunday) and lasts for 50 days. After the long preparation of Lent, and the cold dreary winter months that accompany it, and the somber preparation of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, Easter Sunday erupts into our hearts and souls as a joyous celebration filled with expectation of Christ's work among us. For 50 days we feast and celebrate Our Lord and his great victory. Easter themes are new life, joy, exuberance, resurrection, hope and love. The liturgical colors for Easter are white and gold.

THE WORSHIP OF ALMIGHTY GOD

GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

WOMEN: Christ is risen!MEN: The Lord is risen indeed!PASTOR: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let us pray.

Collect

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

COME, YE FAITHFUL, RAISE THE STRAIN

1. Come, ye faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness; God hath brought his Israel into joy from sadness; loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters; led them with unmoistened foot through the Red Sea waters.

2. 'Tis the spring of souls today; Christ hath burst his prison, and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath risen; all the winter of our sins, long and dark, is flying from his light, to whom we give laud and praise undying. 3. Now the queen of seasons, bright with the day of splendor, with the royal feast of feasts, comes its joy to render; comes to glad Jerusalem, who with true affection welcomes in unwearied strains Jesus' resurrection.

4. Neither might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark portal, nor the watchers, nor the seal hold thee as a mortal: but today amidst thine own thou didst stand, bestowing thine own peace, which evermore passeth human knowing.

Words: John of Damascus, 8th c. Translator: John Mason Neale, 19th c. Music: Piae Cantones, 1582

CALL TO CONGREGATIONAL WORSHIP

Alleluia! I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;

the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea. Alleluia! Alleluia!

The LORD is my strength and my song,

and he has become my salvation;

Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power,

your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.

You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed;

you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode.

You will bring them in and plant them on your own mountain,

the place, O LORD, which you have made for your abode,

the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have established.

The LORD will reign forever and ever.

- from Exodus 15

COME, PEOPLE OF THE RISEN KING

1. Come people of the Risen King Who delight to bring Him praise Come all and tune your hearts to sing To the Morning Star of grrace From the shifting shadows of the earth We will lift our eyes to Him Where steady arms of mercy reach To gather children in

Refrain

Rejoice, rejoice let ev'ry tongue rejoice One heart, one voice O Church of Christ rejoice 2. Come those whose joy is morning sun And those weeping through the night Come those who tell of battles won And those struggling in the fight For His perfect love will never change And His mercies never cease But follow us through all our days With the certain hope of peace *Refrain*

3. Come young and old from ev'ry land Men and women of the faith Come those with full or empty hands Find the riches of His grace Over all the world His people sing Shore to shore we hear them call The truth that cries through ev'ry age Our God is all in all *Refrain*

A READING OF THE LAW

Exodus 14:10-15:1

¹⁰ When Pharaoh drew near, the people of Israel lifted up their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them, and they feared greatly. And the people of Israel cried out to the Lord. ¹¹ They said to Moses, "Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us in bringing us out of Egypt? ¹² Is not this what we said to you in Egypt: 'Leave us alone that we may serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." ¹³ And Moses said to the people, "Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. ¹⁴ The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to be silent."

¹⁵ The Lord said to Moses, "Why do you cry to me? Tell the people of Israel to go forward. ¹⁶ Lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the people of Israel may go through the sea on dry ground. ¹⁷ And I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they shall go in after them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, his chariots, and his horsemen. ¹⁸ And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gotten glory over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen."

¹⁹ Then the angel of God who was going before the host of Israel moved and went behind them, and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them, ²⁰ coming between the host of Egypt and the host of Israel. And there was the cloud and the darkness. And it lit up the night without one coming near the other all night.

²¹ Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. ²² And the people of Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. ²³ The Egyptians pursued and went in after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. ²⁴ And in the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and of cloud looked down on the Egyptian forces and threw the Egyptian forces into a panic, ²⁵ clogging their chariot wheels so that they drove heavily. And the Egyptians said, "Let us flee from before Israel, for the Lord fights for them against the Egyptians."

²⁶ Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen." ²⁷ So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its normal course when the morning appeared. And as the Egyptians fled into it, the Lord threw the Egyptians into the midst of the sea. ²⁸ The waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen; of all the host of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea, not one of them remained. ²⁹ But the people of Israel walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

³⁰ Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. ³¹ Israel saw the great power that the Lord used against the Egyptians, so the people feared the Lord, and they believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

^{15:1} Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the Lord, saying,

"I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY

1. "Christ the Lord is ris'n today," Alleluia! sons of men and angels say; Alleluia! raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia! Sing ye heav'ns, and earth, reply. Alleluia!

2. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Alleluia! Christ has burst the gates of hell: Alleluia! death in vain forbids his rise; Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

3. Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia! where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia! Once he died, our souls to save; Alleluia! where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! foll'wing our exalted Head; Alleluia! made like him, like him we rise: Alleluia! ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!

5. Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n! Alleluia! Praise to thee by both be giv'n; Alleluia! thee we greet triumphant now; Alleluia! hail, the Resurrection, thou! Alleluia!

CONFESSING OUR SINS

Alleluia! Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us,

Therefore let us keep the feast,

not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil,

but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia!

-1 Corinthians 5:7-8

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Continue your confession of sins in silent prayer

RECEIVING ASSURANCE OF PARDON

For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

-1 Corinthians 15:21-22

Glory to God in the highest! And peace to his people on earth!

ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

1. Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise; sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise: he who on the cross a victim for the world's salvation bled. Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead.

2. Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits of the holy harvest field, which will all its full abundance at his second coming yield: then the golden ears of harvest will their heads before him wave, ripened by his glorious sunshine from the furrows of the grave.

3. Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high; alleluia to the Savior, who has won the victory; alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity; Alleluia! Alleluia! To the Triune Majesty.

> Words: Christopher Wordsworth, 1862 Music: Thomas John Williams, 1890

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Dear Jesus, you won a huge victory over the Devil and over all our hurt and sadness by being raised from the dead. Help us always to trust that your great victory is also our victory. Help us always to trust you and to follow you. Thank you for fighting for us! Amen.

PRAISES AND PETITIONS

Please see page 22 for the prayers this week.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

All children may come forward for a brief lesson and prayer by Pastor Tim.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

While the children are being dismissed, we will have a brief time of welcome and greeting. You are welcome to "pass the peace of Christ" to one another.

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you are visiting, or have a contact update, please scan the QR code below and fill out the form. Please see announcements on page 23.



THE LORD SPEAKS THROUGH HIS WORD NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: 1 CORINTHIANS 15:51-57

Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, ⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. ⁵³ For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. ⁵⁴ When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL LESSON: LUKE 24:1-12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ² And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. ⁵ And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? ⁶ He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord. People: Glory to you, O Lord! immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

"Death is swallowed up in victory." ⁵⁵ "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?"

⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." ⁸ And they remembered his words, ⁹ and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, ¹¹ but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹² But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

HEARING THE WORD PREACHED

Sermon Title: Sermon Text: Preacher: "He Is Not Here" Luke 24:1-12 Rev. Dr. Timothy R. LeCroy, Pastor

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, true God of true God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke through the prophets.

And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE OFFERING

New Life is supported by the generous gifts of our church members and friends. If you are visiting, you are not expected to give, but if the Lord has blessed you today and you would like to support our ministry, it would be most appreciated. If you don't have cash or check, you can also give on-line at www.newlifeithaca.org/giving/

Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

-2 Cor. 9:6-7

OFFERTORY

THE PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

EUCHARIST THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts! We lift them up to the Lord! Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. It is proper and right to do so.

Truly it is proper, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. But chiefly we are bound to praise You for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ; for He is the very Paschal Lamb that was offered for us and has taken away the sins of the world; who by His death has destroyed death and by His rising to life again has restored us to everlasting life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, and with the Church on earth, we praise and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PRAYER

THE ACCLAMATION

For as often as we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of Faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

The pastor prays a further prayer for the Holy Spirit to bless our communion meal.

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, For ever and ever. Amen.

THE INVITATION

New Life Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who trust in Jesus Christ to receive Holy Communion with us. -If this does not describe you, you are invited to come forward, crossing your arms in front of your chest when you reach the front, to receive a blessing from the pastor.

DISTRIBUTION

The congregation will come forward row-by-row, forming two lines in the center aisle. Cup your hands together to receive the bread, then proceed outwardly to the wine tray. There is juice in the very center and wine on the outside. Then use the outside aisle to return to your seat and wait until we eat and drink together.



2. Where the paschal blood is poured, death's dark angel sheathes his sword; Israel's hosts triumphant go through the wave that drowns the foe. Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, paschal victim, paschal bread; with sincerity and love eat we manna from above. 3. Mighty victim from the sky, pow'rs of hell beneath thee lie; death is conquered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light: hymns of glory and of praise, risen Lord, to thee we raise; holy Father, praise to thee, with the Spirit, ever be.

Words: 6th c. Latin Hymn Trans.: Robert Campbell, 1849 Music: George J. Elvey, 1859

Prayers for Those Not Communing

New Life Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who trust in Jesus to receive Holy Communion with us. If you are not able to receive Communion, please use the time to mediate on one of the following prayers:

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus Christ, I recognize that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

For Those Struggling with Sin

If you are a baptized believer in Christ who is struggling with sin, you should still come forward for communion. As it says in our Larger Catechism 172:

One who doubteth of his being in Christ, or of his due preparation to the sacrament of the Lord's supper, may have true interest in Christ, though he be not yet assured thereof; and in God's account hath it, if he be duly affected with the apprehension of the want of it, and unfeignedly desires to be found in Christ, and to depart from iniquity: in which case (because promises are made, and this sacrament is appointed, *for the relief even of weak and doubting Christians*) he is to bewail his unbelief, and labour to have his doubts resolved; and, so doing, he may and *ought to come to the Lord's supper, that he may be further strengthened*.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

We partake together of the most holy body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. After the communion the pastor prays a prayer of blessing.

BENEDICTION

The Pastor pronounces a blessing upon the congregation from Scripture.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow Praise Him all creatures here below O praise him, alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, three in one. O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

> Words: Thomas Ken Music: Geistliche Kirchengesang Cologne, 1623

DECLARATION OF PEACE

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Go in peace.

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE CHURCH AROUND THE WORLD

• **Pray** that **Christ's victory over death** will be made **known to the ends of the earth,** that every **tribe, language, and nation** will hear the **good news of His resurrection and rejoice in faith** before His throne.

PCA CHURCHES AND PASTORS IN THE NEW YORK STATE PRESBYTERY

O Church of the Redeemer, Cortland: Jared Hoyt, pastor

SISTER CHURCHES IN ITHACA

o Calvary Chapel; Scott Hathorn, pastor

NEW LIFE ALUMS IN VOCATIONAL MINISTRY

• Gary Villa, "interim teacher" at Refuge Church, Albuquerque, NM

OUTREACH IN LOCAL COMMUNITY

o Ithaca Pregnancy Center: Lynn Merchant, director

GOVERNMENT AND POLITICAL LEADERSHIP

 Ithaca Mayor Robert Cantelmo; the Common Council and the Administration Committee; City Manager Deb Mohlenhoff; and local governments in Tompkins County and surrounding villages and townships

NEW LIFE CHURCH

- **Pray** for all **New Life alums** working for the federal government, that they would retain their jobs and funding during this time. **Pray** also for those working at Cornell who may be affected by the related hiring freezes and budget cuts.
- **Pray** for all the **victims of abuse** in the worldwide **church**, that they will **receive justice and healing**.
- Praise that our church's financial footing has improved, and that people would continue to give.

If you do not wish to have praises and requests shared during the worship service printed in the bulletin for the next three weeks, please inform Angela Brodie in an email (angelabrodie@gmail.com).

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Easter Feast - TODAY

Please stick around after the service today to join us in an Easter Feast! The church is providing roast lamb and everyone else is bringing sides and desserts. The kids are invited to participate in an egg hunt, as well!

End of Year Reception - May 4th

We'll have cake and hors d'oeuvres with some festive beverages to celebrate the end of the semester. Graduating students please notify Pastor Tim of your status so we can honor you.

Ladies' Bible Study - THIS Saturday, April 26

Please join us at our next meeting on this Saturday, April 26 at 2:30pm, at Ann Williamson's (135 Lexington Drive.)

Morning Prayer & Pastor Tim's "Office Hours" - Tuesdays - NO PRAYER THIS WEEK

Join us on Tuesdays at 7:45AM for a short time of prayer. We will be using the traditional form for the Daily Office, which has confession of sin, psalms, scripture readings, and intercessory prayer; and our time together should last about 20 minutes. Immediately following Morning Prayer on Tuesdays, Pastor Tim will be available at the church for consultation or conversation. Please feel free to stop by.

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Please let us know you worshiped with us today!

We would like to acknowledge your presence with us today. You will not be added to any mailing lists without your permission and we will not share your information with anyone. Please fill this out and place it in the offering when it comes by.

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	I would like more information about New Life. Please have someone contact me.
	Please send me more information about:
	I would like to meet the pastor for coffee.
Other comments:	