

Our vocation is to live in the Spirit:
to be the sons and daughters—the companions of God—in eternity.

— adapted from Anthony Bloom



We Gather to Praise God

* indicates those who are able may stand



WELCOME AND SHARING NEWS



ORGAN PRELUDE *Arisen Is the Holy Christ*

J. S. Bach

* INTROIT *sung by everyone* (Tune #21)

Barb Bell *et al*, altered

Light and love abound today, alleluia!
Joyful hope is here to stay, alleluia!
Wisdom dwells in every heart, alleluia!
Outreach now must play a part, alleluia!



* CALL TO WORSHIP *responsively*

Gary Harris

Leader: Every Sunday is a little Easter.

**People: Every Sunday we gather
in the name of the Risen Christ
and in the power of the Resurrection.**

Leader: Every Sunday we remember Christ's love,
Christ's sacrifice, Christ's victory.

**People: Every Sunday we hear anew with joy the angel's words:
"He is not here, he is risen!"**

Leader: Come, let us worship the Easter God.



* OPENING HYMN #234 *Crown Him with Many Crowns*



* GREETING ONE ANOTHER *please stand and greet those around you!*

* RESPONSE *sung by everyone* (Tune #568) Marnie Deighton, adapted

**It's a time to be welcomed, it's a time to be free,
It's a time to join hands in community;
And when we feel released from all shame and fear,
We'll know that the love of God is here.**

INVOCATION *seated in unison*

Brian McInt

Mold your church, holy God, to reflect the contours of your kingdom, making it a foretaste of your new creation, when our time and your timelessness will meet. Hasten the dawning day, when all your people, of every language, race, class, and nation, will rise together to turn worship into witness, to live no longer afraid of death, to follow our waking dream of wholeness and home, and to feast at your promised festival of life. Amen.



PRAYER OF JESUS (using "sins")



We Listen for God's Word



ANTHEM

Because He Lives

W. Gailt

CHILDREN'S TIME
SCRIPTURE READING

God "forgives" Saul
Acts 9:1-20



HYMN #337

Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult



SERVICE OF PRAYER

SHARING PRAYER JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER — PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONSE

The Lord's Prayer

A. H. Mallo

Connie LaRosa, piano George Bozeman, organ

SCRIPTURE READING

John 21:1-19

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RESPONSE *sung by all*

Ye are Witnesses

Al Carmines, c

And you are witnesses, witnesses of these things.

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Good news and the purpose of life should be shared in his name

And you are witnesses, witnesses of these things.

SERMON

"Do You Love Me? Show It!"

We Respond to God's Word

THE OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

* DOXOLOGY (verse 1 of Hymn #382)

**We give thee but thine own, what e'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION *by the pastor*

* CLOSING HYMN (see insert) *The Time is Now* Tune #637

* BENEDICTION *by the pastor*

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Tune #231 (last system)
sung together while holding hands Heidi Koschreck

**Bless your people as we journey,
Living every day for You.**

* ORGAN POSTLUDE

We Depart to Serve God

*Please join us in the Parish Hall for fellowship and refreshments
hosted by World Service Committee.*

WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME to all who worship with us this morning. Visitors are encouraged to sign the guest book outside the center-aisle entrance of at the back of the Sanctuary. Nursery care is provided for infants and young children, and there are rocking chairs at the rear of the Sanctuary for those with a child who needs comforting. Please see an usher if you need assistance. Older children are excused for classroom work as indicated. Thank you to those assisting in our worship this morning. Connor Chown read the scripture. Tom & Allison Hardy and Kurt & Jodi Ehler served as ushers.

Gracious Thanks to our special musical guest: Connie LaRosa.

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United Church of Christ

Where Neighbors Meet



All are Welcome!

EASTERTIDE

April 18, 2010

The Time is Now

Brian McIntosh, 1989

Tune #637 *Sine Nomine*

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Are held together in our present task,
To sing great praise to God, the First and Last.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**The time is now! In worship and in song
We learn the faith by which we journey on.
To God in Christ thanksgiving does belong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**The time is now! God calls to us today.
We choose to walk upon life's narrow way.
Responding to the empty cross we say:
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**The time is now! Salvation is at hand!
In faith we feel the lure of love's command.
Now peace and joy will swell throughout the land.
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CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, April 18	9am Choir Rehearsal 10am Worship 10:20am Sunday School
Monday, April 19	6pm Girl Scouts – PH/DN 6:30pm Christian Education Comm.
Tuesday, April 20	6pm Girl Scouts – PH 6pm Cub Scouts – YR 7pm Trustees
Wed., April 21	6pm BSA 6pm Cub Scouts – YR 7-8:30pm Adult Study
Thursday, April 22	6pm “AA” Group - MR 6pm Cub Scouts – YR
Friday, April 23	6pm Girl Scouts Sleepover (out 9am)
Saturday, April 24	6:30pm Community Movie Night
Sunday, April 25	9am Choir Rehearsal 10am Worship 10:20am Sunday School
Monday, April 26	6pm Girl Scouts – PH/DN
Tuesday, April 27	6pm Girl Scouts - PH 6pm Cub Scouts – YR
Wed., April 28	6pm BSA – PH 6pm Cub Scouts – YR 7-8:30pm Adult Study
Thursday, April 29	6pm “AA” Group – MR 6pm Cub Scouts – YR

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Alyssa LeMay's grandfather in the hospital following heart attack.
Tom Miller (Tim's father) – recovering from heart surgery
Augustus Borghese (Steve's brother) recovering from strokes
Matt and Kelly Pearson, high-risk pregnancy
Sandie Barton – recovering from surgery
Laurie O'Neil (Jessica Hamel's co-worker's niece) - Stage 4 cancer.
The McLean Family – medical concerns with newborn
Duff Chickering – medical concerns
Robbe MacKenzie & family – multiple issues
Letha's mother – treatable cancer
Lynda Putnam's father – recovering from a stroke
Russ Putnam's mother – medical concerns
Carissa Williams – various concerns
Military personnel overseas & their families

FROM THE FLOWER COMMITTEE ...

As always, donations of flowers are welcomed for our altar each Sunday morning. To contribute all you have to do is sign up on the Flower Shee in the Parish Hall or let the flower committee member know. Please contact Lynn Matava (**April**) 485-8352, Robbe MacKenzie 485-729: (**May**) and Doris Rowden 485-3664 (**June**).

SCHEDULE OF USHERS ...

April 25 Floyd and Dot Smith, Randy Shuey, Dean Hopps
May 2 Helen Chapman, Don & Laurie Hill and Marc Herring
9 Peter & Eric Chase, Don Hill and Luke Bonenfant
16 Harold Matava, Lynn Matava and Eric & Judy Pearson
23 Dave & Nancy Bibbins, Randy Shuey and Dean Hopps
30 Kurt & Jodi Ehler and Floyd & Dot Smith

If you are unable to usher on your given day, please contact Dean Hopps at 485-5509.