

Brook Hill United Methodist Church

Easter Sunday

April 20, 2025

Easter People: Why?

...Because He Lives!

John 20:1-18 NIV

PASTORAL TEAM:

Rev. Dr. Dana Werts, Lead Pastor
Rev. Kathy Altman, Associate Pastor

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Welcome, We Are Glad That You're Here!



Easter Sunday

Informal Service

(Gather in the Narthex)

* Lighting the Christ Candle

Holy and Living God, like a tomb's darkness that gives way to light, open us this day to newness of life. Give us hope for the future and a passion for life here and now. We pray in the name of the One who destroyed death, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

* Bringing in the Light

Leader: Alleluia! God is with us!

All: Even when we crucify all goodness, God raises goodness again.

Leader: Even when we crucify all hope, God raises hope again.

All: Even when we crucify all light, God raises light again.

Leader: Even when we crucify all love, God raises love again.

All: Christ is risen – Christ is risen indeed!

* **Song of Welcome**

(Please extinguish your candles after the altar candles are lit)

Welcome and Connection Points

Pastoral Greeting

Pastor Kathy Altman

Opening Prayer

*** Songs of Praise**

Children's Message

Pastor Dana Werts

Prayer Time

(The Altar Rail is open for Prayer)

Giving to God

Scripture

John 20:1-18 NIV

Kathleen Rogers

Message

“Because He Lives”

Pastor Dana Werts

Apostles' Creed

*** Song of Sending**

*** Blessing**

Our worship service has ended. Our service of worship begins.

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THE LILIES WERE PLACED ON THE ALTAR:

IN MEMORY OF...

Sandy Cannon

Grandpa & Grandmama Gardner,
Grandma Preston and
Grandad Unglesbee

Loved Ones

Bill Bruckart

Chris Young

David John and Joan Fromme
John MacPhee

My Mother,
Mrs. Adeline E. H. Horace

Robert F. Morra

Loving Parents & Grandparents
Bill and Ruby Drake and
Ray and Norma Sanino

Treva and Aaron Brian Keith Hane

David DeWitt

Richard Haddaway, Natalie Channell
Rozanne Hemphill and David Mulkey

Luz and Rafael Miranda
William and Lorraine Salter



GIVEN BY...

Karen Graham-Cannon &
John Cannon

The Long Family

Dottie Winter

Peg, Abby, Jeff, Will & Jack

Kathy Drew Jenkins

Thomas & Lisa MacPhee

Margaret Lawson

Richard Shutter, Jr.

The Mike Sanino Family

John Hane

Jackie DeWitt & Family

Sandra & Doug Chapin

Nelson & Bonnie Miranda

IN HONOR OF...

Jesus, My Savior

Robert F. Morra

The Drew and Jenkins Family's

My Children and
Grandchildren

Dave and Sue Chapin
Regina Haddaway

GIVEN BY...

Lois MacGillivray

Richard Shutter, Jr.

Kathy Drew Jenkins

Dottie Winter

Sandra & Doug Chapin



Easter Sunday

Traditional Service



*** *Stand as you are able***

Prelude “French Suite no. 4 Gigue” (*Bach*)

Welcome and Connection Points

Anthem “Empty Now” (*Joseph Martin*)

Chancel Choir

*** Call to Worship**

Rev. Kathy Altman

Leader: The tomb is still empty!

All: Christ is still risen!

Leader: Jesus is Lord! Our redeemer lives!

All: Because he lives, we can live new lives, with God and with each other!

Leader: Let us worship our living God!

*** Hymn #302 “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”**

Opening Prayer

Loving God, we celebrate this day of gladness and rejoicing, basking in the depth of your love revealed in an empty tomb. May we, like the disciples, make haste to share the news of the Resurrection with everyone we encounter. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Children's Message

Rev. Dr. Dana Werts

*Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong; they are weak, but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.*

Pastoral Prayer and **Lord's Prayer**

(The Altar Rail is open for 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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.

Offering Invitation

Offertory “French Suite no. 4 Allemande” (*Bach*) *Garret Harmon*

*** Doxology Hymn #95 “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

* Offering Prayer

*** Hymn #322 “Up from the Grave He Arose”**

Scripture John 20:1-18 NIV *Randy Werts*

The Empty Tomb

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!”

So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

"They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher").

Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

*** Apostles' Creed 881 UMH**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*** Hymn #364 "Because He Lives"**

*** Blessing**

*** Special Music "Hallelujah Chorus"**
Chancel Choir, Brass & Organ
(G. F. Handel, from The Messiah)

*** Postlude "Italian Concerto 3rd Mvt." (Bach) Garret Harmon**

Our worship service has ended. Our service of worship begins.

*"Because He lives, I can face tomorrow
Because He lives, all fear is gone
Because I know He holds the future
And life is worth the living
Just because He lives."
(hymn 364, "Because He Lives")*

Dear Brook Hill Church,

Because He lives...we can face tomorrow with hope, knowing God holds our future. We know that our Risen Savior promised us that in him, we have peace, even when trouble is all around us. When we are weary and weighted down by the cares of this world, Jesus invites us to come to him and find rest. Jesus understands our pain, is present with us in our suffering, and holds us in love. These are not just promises in the Bible, but truth we have experienced in our lives and bear witness to this truth.

Easter in our tradition is more than a day, but a season of remembering again the reason why we follow Jesus as our Lord and Savior. The Bible says that "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." (John 13:35) Let us be known as the church that really lives and loves like Jesus. Let us be Easter people who share the reason why we believe in Jesus Christ, why he came, why he loved, why he died and why he lives. Let this Easter season be full of sharing our God stories with each other and the hope we have because Christ lives.

Have a blessed Easter,

*Pastor Dana
Pastor Kathy*



Have a Blessed
and Happy Easter





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APRIL | 27 | 10 AM

Luncheon to follow