



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of MADISON



April 5, 2026
Easter Sunday

ORDER of WORSHIP

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Through God's miracle of grace, we have come through the night and arrived at this glorious dawn.

People: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Leader: All doors are open, all creation sings, all that was broken is made whole, and we have new life.

People: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Leader: Let all that has life and breath praise the Lord!

People: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Opening Hymn

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

(Music for the hymns is in the back of the bulletin.)

Sanctuary Singers

His Glories Now We Sing

Our Living Hope

The Glories of Christ

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

Living God, with joy we celebrate your presence among us. Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that we may proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

An asterisk(*) indicates that those who are able are invited to stand. Bold letters denote that we say the words in unison. Italic fonts direct us to sing.

Reading

John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him."

Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus's head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself.

Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus.

Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?"

Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!"

She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher).

Jesus said to her, "Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Sacrament of Baptism

Alexander Rahimi

Presentation

Profession of Faith

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Baptism

Welcome

Baptism Anthem

In Christ Alone (praise band)

The Gifts of Our Tithes and Offering

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ all people here below;

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God whom we adore.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Amen!

***Prayer of Dedication**

Closing Hymn

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

Charge and Blessing

WORSHIP LEADER

Ethan Gorsak

**We wish you a very blessed and
happy Easter!**

EASTER FLOWER DEDICATIONS

- In celebration of the Risen Christ as requested by John Schanck and Laura Hunt
- In celebration of the Risen Christ as requested by John and Louise Kacerek
- In memory of loved ones as requested by Tom and Pat Harris
- In memory of Andy Moody as requested by Becky Moody
- In honor of Sarah Moody - "Happy Birthday!" as requested by Becky Moody
- In celebration of the Risen Christ as requested by the Vlamis family
- In celebration of the Risen Christ as requested by the Boyar family
- In dedication to Marcia Weatherstone and June Talbot as requested by Toby and Nancy
- In dedication to the Glory of God as requested by the Keller family
- In memory of our loved ones - always here - never forgotten as requested by the Siciliano family
- In memory of Doris Weber, Fran Wagner and Scott Wagner as requested by Bill Wagner

PRAYER LIST

During the week, each one of us can make it a part of our daily spiritual practice to pray. You are invited to participate, as you are able, offering prayer in light of God's healing love.

If you have an update for the prayer list, please email Rev. Carol Howard at carolhoward@pcmadison.org or call the church office at 973-377-1600. Thank you for helping us maintain a more current prayer list.

- John and his wife, Kathy, as he starts a new clinical trial at Mayo Clinic for a rare form of Parkinson's
- Linda, Carol's mom, who is in a back brace. Prayers for healing.
- Tom, Rachel, and their beloved bird Max who is very sick
- Cooky for healing and recovery after a foot injury
- Stan recovering from a very painful spine condition and that his pain can be alleviated and managed
- Friend who is supporting her work team through big job changes
- Jordan for healing and relief from pain
- Wisdom and caring for a friend making a big decision
- Greg, a missionary in Uganda but back in North Carolina for treatment and rehabilitation
- Jackie and her children, as they grieve their husband and father
- Mike for healing and return to good health
- Doug, a friend of the Burnet family, who was recently diagnosed with a serious illness
- Thomas, as he recovers following hospitalization
- Immigrants
- Kathleen, caregiver for her parents
- Joe and his family for comfort and support during a very stressful time
- Susan, sister of Bob Landrigan, as she battles Parkinson's disease

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EASTER EGG HUNT

Please join us today for the annual Easter egg hunt and coffee hour fellowship immediately following worship.

SEEING EYE TOWEL COLLECTION FOR PUPPIES

Somehow it's in our genes to clean out when spring comes, and we have the perfect recipient for your unwanted used towels - Seeing Eye puppies!! From **March 22 - April 26**, please leave your clean, used-but-in-decent-shape bath towels and beach towels in the boxes located in the Narthex and by the church office. No hand towels or wash cloths, please! Each week we'll give the towels to the Seeing Eye's 4 Footed Leaders Group that uses our Fellowship Hall. Contact kathleenunderwood@verizon.net with questions.

SOUND HEALING - APRIL 7

Give yourself the best gift - a whole hour of peace and rest just for you. Join us in the sanctuary on April 7 (Tuesday) from 6:30-7:30 pm as Nichole Maldonado-Gorsak leads us through gentle stretching suitable for all levels and then a soothing, restful sound bath. Bring a non-perishable food donation for the Interfaith Food Pantry. Write Kathleen Underwood at kathleenunderwood@verizon.net for more information.

RAMP UPDATE

The quarter tube is almost empty, so please continue to save your quarters and help us fill it for the second time this year. RAMP is currently considering a request from Church World Service to accept a family of five currently in NJ in need of better services, as well as a request from one of the current families to help a friend who is struggling. Accepting a family means having enough money to meet their financial needs for at least a year, and enough volunteers to assist them with all the services that will guide them to independence. Aside from this, the chief concern of RAMP presently is ensuring the safety of current families; refugee entry into the US has nearly ceased. In addition to quarters, individual donations are always welcome – visit rampnj.org to learn more.

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1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day,
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing,
 3 But the pains which he en - dured,
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove,

Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,
 un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King,
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured.
 praise e - ter - nal as God's love.

Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross,
 who en - dured the cross and grave,
 Now a - bove the sky he's King,
 Praise our God, ye heaven - ly host,

Al - le - lu - ia!

JESUS CHRIST: RESURRECTION

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The treble staff contains a vocal melody with lyrics underneath. The bass staff contains a bass line. The lyrics are: "suf - fer to re - deem our loss. sin - ners to re - deem and save. where the an - gels ev - er sing. Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!". The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are aligned with the notes of the treble staff.

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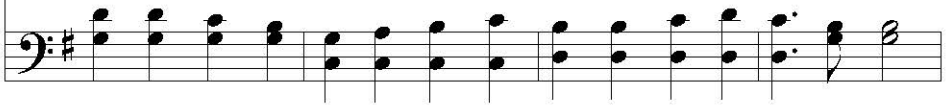
Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! 248



1 Christ is ris - en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!
 2 Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de - spair.
 3 Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en nev - er - more shall be the same.



Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.
 Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.
 Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.



In the des - ert all - sur - round - ing, see, a spread - ing tree has grown.
 Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, not a ser - vant, but a friend.
 Tell its grim, de - mon - ic cho - rus: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"



Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing bring a taste of love un - known.
 Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.
 God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na ev - ery - one!



THANK YOU!

We would like to extend a special thank you to the following singers and instrumentalists for helping us celebrate a joyous Easter service:

Guest Singers

Kirsten Prachthausen

Michael Prachthausen

Nichole Maldonado-Gorsak

Zack Frank

Guest Instrumentalists

Flute - Dana Nix

Oboe - Kathryn Keller

Violin - Emily Ho

CREDITS

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AS A LOVING COMMUNITY
CENTERED IN CHRIST,
GROWING IN FAITH,
SERVING IN JOY, AND
LIVING IN GRATITUDE**

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Director of Music**

WORSHIP

Sunday Service 10:15 am

SESSION

Rachel Currie	Susana Fonticoba
Ethan Gorsak	Stephanie Haedrich
Becky Moody - Clerk	John Schanck
Julie Siciliano	Giorgios Vlamis

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