

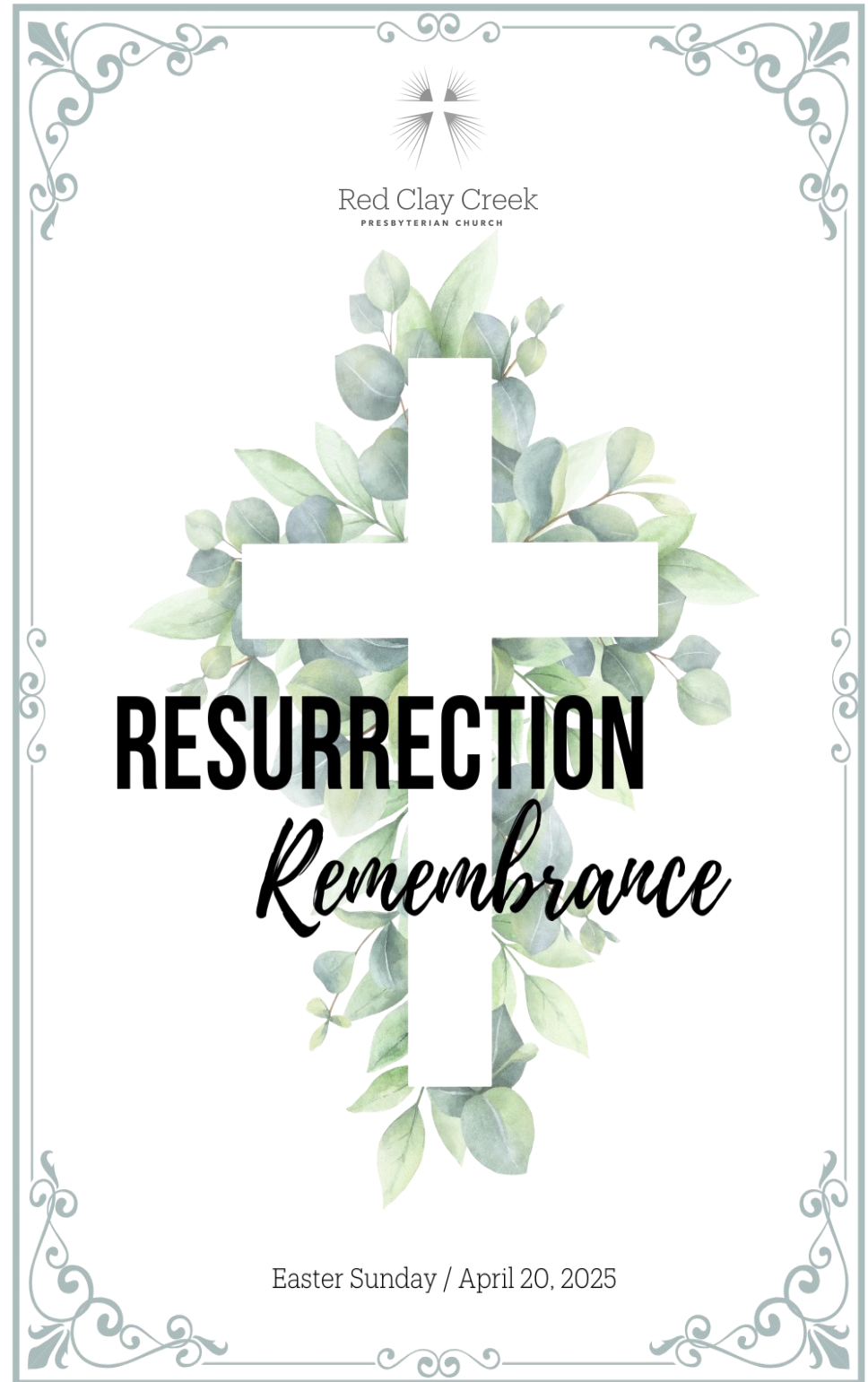


*We offer a special thanks to Thompson's Bird Farm!
Their white Rock Doves (also known as homing pigeons) have
been banded, raised and trained to return to
their home loft in Bear, DE.*

*Following this morning's outdoor service,
all are invited to join in fellowship
or proceed to the sanctuary for the **10:00 AM** service
to continue worship this Easter morning.*



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Parish Associate: The Rev. Emily Schwenker
Guitarist: Charlie Hannagan
Cantor: Rachele Gilmore



A Service of Resurrection Remembrance

Easter Sunday 2025

PRELUDE

OPENING SCRIPTURE

Romans 6:3-5

WELCOME

RESURRECTION READING

Mark 16:1-7

HYMN

In the Garden

*I come to the garden alone,
While the dew is still on the roses,
And the voice I hear falling on my ear,
The Son of God discloses.*

Refrain

*And He walks with me, and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own;
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.*

*He speaks, and the sound of His voice
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing,
And the melody that He gave to me
Within my heart is ringing. (refrain)*

REMEMBRANCE OF LOVED ONES

Fran Alt; Sallie S. Annett; Virginia S. (Simpson) Armstrong; Jim Byrnes; William "Chick" Paul Cicciaglione; Jack Curley; Linda M. Drew; Lawrence K. Elwood; Caroline Fedena; Carolyn M. Ferguson; Richard Bieber Friese; Andrew Michael "Andy" Geiger; Rodman I. Gregg; Carolyn Harris; Carol M. Hughes; Mary M. Hunter; Richard Bradley "Brad" Jeffers; Marlene Kreps; Pamela Leonbard; Mark Andrew Lyons; Captain Daryl Merganthaler, DSP; Jim Pando; Paul Parets; James C. Riblett; Lynn Rodden; Coby Ellen Ross; Leonora Hunt Ross; John J. Rufe; William Hart Rufe, III; Barbara Sanford; Helen Van-Shea Sedita; Cindy Senft; Jehangir "Jango" Vania; Betty Ruth Walters; Jennifer Morgan Way; Eliza Jane Wilkins

PRAYER OF HOPE AND RESURRECTION

RELEASING OF THE DOVES

Resurrection means that the worst thing is never the last thing. The death of Jesus was not the end of Jesus. Because of him, something new and unimaginable has broken into the world. It is not just his life that was raised, but the promise that our lives, too, will rise. Love is stronger than death. Light pierces the darkness. Hope soars beyond the grave.

—Frederick Buechner

The dove has long been a symbol of peace, of the Spirit, and of the promise that life is never lost to God. As we release these doves, let them be a sign to us—of resurrection, of reunion, of the unbreakable love that carries us all home.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

One: Christ is risen!

Many: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

HYMN

In the Garden

*I'd stay in the garden with Him,
Though the night around me be falling,
But He bids me go; through the voice of woe
His voice to me is calling. (refrain)*

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, forever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

