

As a covenant community we are committed to the belief that all people are created equal before God. In affirmation of the inclusive love of Christ Jesus, we welcome persons of any race, gender, age, sexual orientation, ability and economic circumstance to full participation in our community life and ministry. We strive to reflect these beliefs in the language and content of our worship and in our lives together.



EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, April 5, 2015

9:00am

All children are welcome to stay in worship. Coloring materials are available from the ushers. At the 9am service only, childcare is available for kids under age 6 in the preschool room downstairs. After the 9am service, join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. Toddlers and PreK meet in front of Fellowship Hall (and will hunt inside Fellowship Hall). K and 2nd graders meet in the room under the Chapel (and hunt in Stevenson Hall). 3rd-5th graders meet in front of Stevenson Hall (and will hunt in Noah's Ark.). The hunt will not begin until the rules are read to the children in their meeting areas.

PRELUDE

Trumpet Minuet
Alfred Hollins (1865-1942)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Barbara Livingston

Leader: Let us gather in God's house to rejoice.

People: **We come with joy and thanks.**

Leader: Let us lift our voices to praise God.

People: **God has made all things new.**

Leader: Let the heavens tell the good news.

People: **Jesus Christ is Risen.**

Leader: Let our voices sing out the news.

People: **Christ the Lord is Risen today!**

***OPENING HYMN #233** (*Black Hymnal*) **Christ the Lord Is Risen Today**

OPENING PRAYER

Call to Prayer

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us pray.

Unison Prayer

Holy One, as we enter your house today,

Help us to see the signs of new life all around us,

The blessings we never earned;

The grace we did not expect;

The people who have loved us, when we were hard to love;

The coincidences that proved to be great gifts.

This Easter, make us aware of Your imprint on our lives.

When we are cynical, help us to find faith.

When we are skeptical, remind us of the miracles we take for granted each day.

When we lose faith show us the examples of the resurrection around us, all the time...

Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Choral Response

This Joyful Eastertide
Charles Wood (1866-1926)

TIME FOR CHILDREN

(Children return to their seats)

ANTHEM

Antiphon from Five Mystical Songs
Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Valerie Becker, piano

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 16: 1-8

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SERMON

“The Best Surprises”

Susan Cartmell

HYMN (seated) #245 (Black Hymnal)
MORNING PRAYER

The Day of Resurrection
Barbara Livingston

Concerns and Celebrations

Call to Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Leader: O Lord, show your mercy upon us.

People: And grant us your salvation.

Leader: O God, make clean our hearts within us.

People: And take not your Holy Spirit from us.

Leader: Let us pray.

Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Response

Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

OFFERTORY

Anthem

Hallelujah Chorus from Messiah
George Friedrich Handel (1685-1759)
Stanley Normile, trumpet

**Doxology*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

Praise God, all creatures here below,

Praise God above, ye heavenly host,

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

***CLOSING HYMN #242** (*Black Hymnal*)

The Strife Is O'er

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

This Joyful Eastertide
Charles Wood

POSTLUDE

Hornpipe from Water Music
George Friedrich Handel

~~**You are invited to stand*~~

- Welcome to all who are here for the first time. Please fill out the blue “Welcome” card in the pews to receive weekly emails or newsletters.
- Please turn off your cell phone before attending the service.
- Please ask an usher if you would like a copy of the sermon, or need a hearing device. Copies of the sermons are also available on the sermon link at www.needhamucc.org, our church website.

Worship Leader: Barbara Livingston

Deacons: Chris Nyland, Susan Lively

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Easter Egg Hunt



Toddler - Pre-K

Easter Egg Hunt in
Fellowship Hall.

Meet in front of
Fellowship Hall.

K - 2nd Grade

Easter Egg Hunt in
Stevenson Hall.

Meet in the room
under the Chapel.



Grades 3 - 5

Easter Egg Hunt in Noah's Ark.
Meet in the hallway in

front of
Stevenson Hall.



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