

The people arrive and are seated in the dimly lit sanctuary. A single candle burns in the hearse.

Chiming of the Hour

Proclamation of the Resurrection

Reverend Neely Gaston

Prelude "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

arr. Mary Ellen Kerrick

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

The darkness is banished!

The brightness of God's love floods in on us!

Christ is risen from the dead!

Christ is alive forevermore!

Hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Amen!

*Hymn 277 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

EASTER HYMN

[Introduction - "Fanfare on EASTER HYMN arranged by Will Stockton]

Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

[When directed, all pray together] *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.*

Apostles' Creed

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; and the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*

*universal or world-wide

Gloria Patri "Glory Be to the Father"

MEINEKE

Children's Sermon

Silent Prayer

Prayer

Anthem "This Joyful Eastertide"

arr. John Ferguson

Scripture Matthew 28:1-10

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. ² There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. ⁴ The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. ⁵ The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you." ⁸ So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Sermon "Do Not Be Afraid"

Prayer

*Hymn 389 "This Is the Day the Lord Has Made"

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*Closing Prayer

*Benediction and Blessing of the Meal

*Postlude "Postlude on HERMAS"

arr. Gordon Young

[The text for this is found in the *Trinity Hymnal* in numbers 268 or 269.]

*Stand, if able

Announcements for April 17, 2022

Our celebration of the resurrection will continue at 11:00am in the Edgemoor ARP Church sanctuary.

The ARP Church is collecting an Easter Offering to support some of the ministries of our denomination. The Easter Season Special Offering is for the benefit of: ARP Foundation/Stewardship Ministries, Bonclarken Conference Center, Erskine College, and World Witness. Please consider giving to these special causes through the month of April.

The Session and WOC will meet Sunday, April 24th.

We are planning to partner with Dean Locke at Edgemoor ARP Church to provide a copy The Graduate Survival Guide by bestselling author Anthony O'Neal to each graduate in Chester County. Our goal is to purchase 350 books at \$10 each. Our Women's Ministry is planning to provide ten books. If you are willing to help, please make your check out to Nancy Bailey and on the memo line write senior book.

Special Offerings:

In Memory of Abbie Turner and Candace Gordon by Ginger Sharpe (Missions)

Wednesday, April 20, 2022

6:00 p.m. - Fellowship Meal, Bible Study, Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 21, 2022

6:00-8:00 p.m. – Girl Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall

Saturday, April 23, 2022

9:00- 1:00 p.m. Ladies of Catawba Presbytery Meet and Greet, Shiloh ARP Church, Lancaster

Sunday, April 24, 2022

10:00 a.m. - Adult Bible Study

11:00 a.m.- Worship

Session meets in the Conference Room

WOC meets in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, April 27, 2022

6:00 p.m. - Fellowship Meal, Bible Study, Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 28, 2022

6:00-8:00 p.m. – Girl Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall

Birthdays and Anniversaries

April 28 – Debbie Bennett

April 30 – Joe & Ann Simpson

ORDER OF WORSHIP SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 2022 EASTER SUNDAY



UNION ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome in the name of Christ to all who gather for worship at Union Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. As you join us for worship, we hope that you will sense God's presence, be caught up in joyful praise, be challenged by God's Word, and leave strengthened to live for Christ in the world. If you do not have a church home in this community, we encourage you to consider uniting with us in our work and worship.