## Easter Sunday April 17, 2022



Rev. Raygan Baker



## **WELCOME**

## Are you a guest with us, or interested in connecting with us?

Text "New" to 559-425-4050 and fill out the Connect Card.

Does your infant or toddler need a minute, a change, or a good cry? Don't worry, we've (literally) all been there.

The service is livestreaming in our Caring Room (Room 1) nearby, where there is space and supplies to help get what your child needs.

(\*Congregation may stand | Responses: Liturgist/Congregation/all)

**Prelude** "Heut triumphieret Gottes Sohn" - J.S. Bach

Scott Horton, organ Handbells

"Promised Land" -arr. T. Waldrop

John Morrice, violin

"Allegro in G" -J.H. Fiocco

Scott Horton, piano

"Crown Him with Many Crowns" -arr. S. Tucker

Handbells

Welcome Rev. Raygan Baker

Call to Worship Liturgist: Paul Martzen

One: Beloveds, take heart!

Many: Systems of evil cannot overcome hope; One: forces of oppression cannot destroy love.

Many: Alleluia! The Holy is alive within us!

One: Praise the God of new life, even amidst grief,

Praise the God of possibility even when all seems lost.

Many: The stone of despair has been rolled away!

One: Christ is risen!

Many: Christ is risen indeed!

## **Opening Prayer**

Holy God,

You show us the meaning of hope; that after tragedy, after death, there is more meaning to be lived. There is more beauty to witness, more intimacy to experience, more relationships to delight in, more liberation to embody. Embolden us to be a people who practice this hope. Amen.

**\*Hymn** "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

#233, pew hymnal

### **Prayer of Confession**

We confess, Loving One,

That Christ is risen indeed! We confess that we are still beholden to worldly notions of what is final and done, and do not yet understand the fullness of your Gospel. Forgive us, Lord, that we are so hesitant to live the resurrection life.

Guide us from the shadows of the tomb into the radiance of dawn. May we understand now that even if we see in a mirror dimly, one day we shall understand face to face and be blown away by your compassion, mercy, and grace. Draw us close. Open our eyes to the glory of the risen Christ, our hearts to the mystery of the Cross and our hands to the service of your kingdom, so that you might be glorified through our lives. Amen.

#### **Words of Assurance**

Scripture Reading Acts 10:34-43 Liturgist: Paul Martzen

**Choral Anthem** "Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed" Chancel Choir -Getty/Cash; arr. Koerts John Morrice, violin

#### **Time for Discovery**

Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still; let this be our song — no one stands alone, standing side by side. Draw the circle wide.

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## **Scripture Reading**

Luke 24:1-12 Liturgist: Paul Martzen

## **Response to the Good News**





**Homily** 

Can I Get a Witness?

\*Hymn

"This is the Day"

#84, pew hymnal

**Invitation to Prayer** 

**Sung Call to Prayer** 

Lord, listen to your children praying: Lord send your Spirit in this place. Lord, listen to your children praying: Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

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#### **Prayers of the Church**

#### **Invitation to Generosity**

Here at the Big Red Church, everyone counts, and every gift counts!



- ⇒ There are two donation boxes and giving envelopes for your gifts in the Narthex (the area where an usher handed you an Order of Worship).
- ⇒ You can also give through the Givelify App by scanning the QR code with your smartphone camera.
- ⇒ BigRedChurch.org/Giving/ has more instructions, links, and information about giving to the church. Thank you for supporting and joining in the ministry of this church.

**Offertory Music** 

"Gavotte en rondeau" -J.S. Bach from *Violin Partita No. 3 in E Major*, BWV 1006

John Morrice, violin

Liturgist: Paul Martzen

## \*Doxology

Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## **Invitation and Prayer of Thanksgiving**

One: The peace of Christ be with you,

Many: and also with you.

#### 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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## Breaking, Pouring, Feasting

**Communion Music** 

"A Communion Invitation"

-Martin/Sorenson

Chancel Choir John Morrice, violin

#### Thanksgiving After the Meal

Risen Christ,
We have glimpsed you here as we have shared bread and cup.
So help us to see you risen, present, and at work in our world
and to join you in making all things new
until you come again in glory
and we feast again with you for all eternity.
Alleluia! Amen.

\*Hymn

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

## \*Blessing and Sung Benediction

Go now in peace, never be afraid;
God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true;
know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world will see
God will be there, watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen. Amen.

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It is our tradition to be seated for the Postlude.

**Postlude** 

"Hallelujah" from the *Messiah - G.F. Handel*  Easter Celebration Singers



The unknown editor of Lyra Davidica wanted music with more movement and spirit than found in the grave, slow-paced psalm tunes, with one note to a syllable. Easter Hymn was among the first of a new popular style.

Tune: EASTER HYMN 7.7.7.7. with alleluias Arr. from Lyra Davidica, London, 1708

## This Is the Day

Ps. 118:24; Luke 24:1-7; Acts 2:1-4

St. 1 paraphr. by Les Garrett, 1967; alt. St. 2–3, traditional; alt.



The first stanza of this hymn was written by Leslie Garrett, who was born in New Zealand and served as pastor of a church in western Australia. The other two stanzas are anonymous.

Tune: THIS IS THE DAY Irr. Les Garrett, 1967

## CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS





## Today's flower arrangements have been generously donated

## In Memory of

Mark Householder

Herbert and Fern Ball

Vern & Lela Green

Haig & Grace Gostanian

Shirley & Harold Pfeninger

Charles & Evelyn Broadbent

Janel Toon Foote

Helen Stone

Richard Lowell

Forest Halk

Virginia Halk

Don & Emma Matthews

JoAnn (Lund) Greiner

Kay & Weber Lund

Mary Torres

Carlos Torres

David Ostergarrd

# And In Honor of Loved Ones



## This Week at Big Red

## Monday, April 18

• 5:00pm: Yoga (Nursery)

## Tuesday, April 19

 6:00pm: Church Council Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

## Wednesday, April 20

8:00am: Bible Study (Zoom)

• 5:00pm: Yoga (Nursery)

 6:00pm: Handbell Rehearsal (Music Room)

 7:00pm: Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

• Grapeleaf Submissions Due

## Thursday, April 21

 2:00pm: Ministry of Outreach Meeting (Parlor)

 6:00pm: Ministry of Worship Meeting (Zoom)

## Friday, April 22

 10:00am: Free Food Saturday Prep (Fellowship Hall)

• 5:00pm: Yoga (Nursery)

## Saturday, April 23

 8:00am: Free Food Saturday Volunteers (Fellowship Hall)

 10:00am: Free Food Saturday (Fellowship Hall)

## Sunday, April 24

• 9:00am: Exploration Hour (Various)

• 10:00am: Worship (Sanctuary)

11:30am: Pantry Meeting (Parlor)

 4:00pm: Jack Mitchener Organ Concert (Sanctuary) PHILIP LORENZ INTERNATIONAL

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## **FCCF Open and Affirming Statement**

We believe that all people are sacred creations of a loving God. We affirm the diversity that exists among us. We strive to answer the call of Christ by extending his love, compassion and acceptance to everyone. In this spirit, we open our family of faith to people of every religious background, sexual orientation, family composition, physical and mental ability, race, age and gender.

As Christians, we experience God's reconciling love. In response we stand with those who suffer discrimination, isolation and alienation. We welcome all people to participate fully in our church's life and ministry. We celebrate the variety of talents and perspectives which flow into our spiritual community, continuing to enrich us in ways we could not have predicted or envisioned.