



The Strife is O'er

Refrain: Alleluia alleluia alleluia!

**The strife is o'er, the battle done,
the victory of life is won;
the song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!**

**The powers of death have done their worst,
but Christ their legions has dispersed:
Let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!**

**The three sad days are quickly sped,
Christ rises glorious from the dead:
All glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!**

**Christ, by your wounds on Calvary
from death's dread sting your servants free,
That we may live eternally. Alleluia!**

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Tombs and Cocoons: Trusting in the Dark

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United Church of Christ
5 Summer Street, Lynnfield, Massachusetts

April 9, 2023

10:00 am

WE GATHER

Prelude

Festive Prelude

Williamson

Welcome

He is Risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Preparing for New Life

The Invitation

Laraine Wilson: In the dark of the womb we wondered...

People: ...what could be better than this warm and safe place?

Once we were birthed into this life, at times we wondered...

...could there be more than meets the eye?

In the dark of the tomb-times of our existence we wonder...

... is there life beyond these constraints?

When we hear the story of Jesus we wonder...

... is new life possible for me?

Then the love of God reminds us,

"You too are my child.

You can emerge to renewed life.

Again and again."

Amen.

Opening Hymn

**Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

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*stand as you are able

Worship Notes

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In the Bulb There is a Flower

**In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise; butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season something God alone can see.**

**There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
there's dawn for every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

**In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection, at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**



Christ the Lord is Risen Today

**Christ the Lord is Risen Today, Alleluia!
Mortal tongues and angels say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, glad heavens and earth reply: Alleluia!**

**Let the Victor's people sing, Alleluia!
Where O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
Dying once, Christ lives to save, Alleluia!
Where your victory oh grave? Alleluia!**

**Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids Christ rise, Alleluia!
God has opened paradise, Alleluia!**

**Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like Christ, like Christ we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!**

Mini Message

Laraine Wilson

**For tender hands that hold us,
For love that gives us wings.**

Song of Preparation

Are Ye Able

**"Are ye able?" Still the [Savior]
whispers down eternity,
and heroic spirits answer,
"Now, as then, in Galilee."**

**Lord, we are able!
Our spirits are Thine.
Remold them, make us,
like Thee, divine.
Thy guiding radiance
above us shall be
a beacon to God,
to love, and loyalty.**

Gospel Readings

Luke 1:26-38

Raden Sorli-Hawk

John 19:38 - 20:1

Michael Rottman

Anthem

We Will Remember

Vader, Rouse, Aspinall

Sermon

"Resurrection as Invitation"

Rev. Lori Anne Wyckoff

Sermon Hymn

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WE PRAY

The Easter Prayer

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.

THE EASTER OFFERING

Call to the Offering

Offertory

Doxology

What Is Your Passion/Upon This Rock

Choplin

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Prayer of Dedication

WE EMERGE INTO NEW LIFE

Closing Hymn

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Blessing and Benediction

Postlude

Symphonic Postlude

Brahms/Arr. Wilson

Our ushers this morning are Raden Sorli-Hawk, Kathi Martin, David Bjorkman, Dwight Decker.

We thank all who participated in ordering, arranging, and delivering our Easter flowers. That those in need might find an invitation to resurrection hope!





Easter Flowers Decorating Our Sanctuary

Given By:

Barbara and Jeff Langill

Chuck and Debbie Cotting

Jim & Lisa Wilkie

Linda Ladd

The Decker Family

Barbara, Scott & Brent Barke

Paul and Karen Harrington

Lauren Patriquin-Muise & Gary Muise

Jeff and Marcia Stevens

Marjorie Potter

The Martin Family

The Potter/ Furey Family

Margaret & Harvey Waugh

The Marshall Family

In Loving Memory Of:

Their Parents; Alfred & Lorena

McKinstry, Henry & Jean Langill

Ethel Leonard and Evelyn Round

Ethel Wilkie and Paul Shay

Loved Ones

Bert & Jean Decker and

John & Barbara Wishart

Our loved ones

Lincoln and Phyllis Harrington

Loved Ones

Our parents

Edward B Potter

Frank and Jean Spencer; Joe, John and

Kathleen Martin; Suzanne Meade

Woodrow & Carolyn Furey

and Edward Potter

Sam, Marjorie & Dick Waugh

Rev. James & Louise Marshall and

Sheila Marshall

Given By:

Stephen Riley

Dorsey and Dr. Lynn Holappa

Bill & Liz Seelig

Laural and Peter Caputo

The DiFillippo Family

Alex & Susan Crosbie

Dacre & Suzanne Hancock

David and Diane Bjorkman

The Doe/Russell Family

Bill and Janet Everson

George and Perry Hayden

In Loving Memory Of:

Marilyn Riley

Our family & friends with God

Family members

Rose Giuta

Loved Ones

Natasa Cecko

Billie Lawrence, Marjorie Hancock,

and Doris Savely

Our departed loved ones, family

and friends

Wilber & Emily Doe and

Harry & Ruth Russell

Cliff & Margaret Markham and

Leighton & Eleanor Everson

Loved Ones

In Honor of:

Rev Lori Wyckoff and Mike Rottman

Confirmands Frank Barbieri and

Kamden Mauser

Alex & Susan Crosbie

Mickal Cecko

The Becker & Biagioni Family

Ernest Becker

Linda Ladd

Emily & Tyler!

Stephen Riley

Etta English and Florence Russell

