

mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

One: ...Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:
All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
One: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

PASSING THE JOY OF CHRIST:

One: The joy of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you, for he is risen.
All: He is risen indeed!
One: Alleluia!

EASTER RESPONSE:

Peace be with you, peace be with you. Sing alle-luia,
sing to our God! Peace be with you, peace be with you.
Sing al-le-lu-ia, sing to our God!

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN’S TIME: D.C.E. Mylika Selah

Children who want to go to Sunday School can follow the teachers to their room for an Easter Egg hunt. Children 5 and older will be brought back to the sanctuary immediately following worship and return to their guardians. **Nursery** children ages 0-4 may be dropped off at the nursery on the second floor and should be picked up following the service.

* HYMN #240: “Alleluia, Alleluia” Alleluia No. 1

CALL TO MISSION: Earthquake Relief Pan Maw

THE PROPHETS: Isaiah 65: 17-19 p. 696 OT

THE EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 15: 19-26 p. 176-177 NT

ANTHEM: “An Easter Acclamation” G. F. Handel, arr. Gregory M. Pysh
Christ our Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus sing Alleluia!
Sing, you heavens, and earth reply,
Raise your joys and triumphs high!
Lives again our glorious King,
Where, O death, is now thy sting?

THE GOSPEL: Luke 24: 1-8

One: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON: “Why We Are Faithful.”
“Then they remembered his words.”
- Luke 24: 8

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

* RECEIVING TITHES AND OFFERINGS:

One: For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
All: That whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16

OFFERTORY: Concerto in E-Flat Major, Mymt 2 F. J. Haydn
Chris Coletti, trumpet

* DOXOLOGY: (to the tune of “All Creatures of our God and King”)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Christ, all creatures here below. Alleluia!
Praise Holy Spirit evermore.
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Alleluia!

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION.

* AN EASTER CONFESSION OF FAITH:

In Easter joy, we delight and proclaim:
That God’s life-giving Word and Spirit have conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation

and hatred; bitterness and envy; violence and subjugation; selfishness and pride. Because of the new life we have received in Christ, we are strengthened: to live in thankfulness and generosity; to serve with lightness and grace; to walk in humbleness and sincerity; and to love with openness and truth.
By receiving these gifts, we are able to follow Jesus, the Christ, into eternal hope and the promise of heaven, even as God’s kingdom of goodness grows in our own lives—to God’s glory alone. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FOLLOWED BY 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

* HYMN #248: “Christ Is Risen, Shout Hosanna!” Ode to Joy
Congregants who wish to sing the Hallelujah Chorus may come forward to join the choir, or may remain seated to sing. Copies are available in the front, and during the hymn ushers can bring music to anyone who would like to remain in their pew.

* BENEDICTION.

* POSTLUDE: “Hallelujah Chorus” G. F. Handel
...in which all are welcome to join!

Concerto in E–Flat Major, Mvmt 3 F. J. Haydn
Chris Coletti, Trumpet

Join us for fellowship and a bake “sale”
in the narthex, taking donations
for Earthquake Relief!



Happy Easter to all!

At Eastertide, we can have many visitors from out of town, and friends who come for this special celebration. We may not have time to meet everyone after church, but we would still love to get to know you! Please leave your information in the friendship pads at the end of each pew, or subscribe on our website, firstpresithaca.org.

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH:

- **Fellowship Time Today:** We are holding a baked goods fundraiser for our friends and family in Burma/Myanmar. The recent earthquake has left a wake of devastating need, and we need your help. If you brought something, put it on the tables in the narthex. If you want to pick something up, we have a place for donations.
- **Fundraiser Dinner: Thursday May 1 starting at 6pm!** Continue to join efforts to provide relief to Burma/Myanmar by coming to a dinner at Ha*Ka*Cha! Pan Maw and Saw Htoo will host us, and are gifting the dinner—so that all donations can go directly to those in need. Ha*Ka*Cha is located on third street near the DMV. All are welcome to join!
- **Livestream services** are currently available only during the live recording of the worship services; we apologize for any inconvenience and are working on a way for you to be able to watch services later.
- **Next Week in Adult Ed:** Creating an Ethical Will. Some people write memoirs to tell their life’s stories. But, for most of us, an *ethical will* can provide a more practical way to capture and pass along our unique perspective on life. Using examples from many sources, Jan Morgan will explain what an ethical will is, why you might want one, and ideas on how to create it.
- **Youth Choir** will meet again next week following worship! For

more information, contact Kirianne at kirianne.fpci@gmail.com.

- **A New Members Class** is beginning soon! Please let Kirianne know if you would like to join this group inquiring about membership in our church.
- **You can still bring in your One Great Hour of Sharing Fish Banks!** Starting next Sunday we will put everyone’s fish bank artwork on display. We’d love to have yours too—drop off One Great Hour of Sharing envelopes or fish banks at the office or in the offering plates anytime!

Our ushers this morning are:

Charlie Woodworth, head; with William Chen, Glen Dowell, and Shiloh Riehl

Our greeters are:

Marilyn Ewing, Beth Patton, and Linda McLean

The flower arrangements today are given from

Elizabeth, Satre, Theo, and Maeve Stuelke,
“in loving memory of Mom and Dad’s wedding anniversary”
(Mr. and Mrs. Harry R. Fisher).

The large display of lilies is given by Roy Park, Jr.: “in memory of Roy Park and Dorothy Park”; and “in memory of Tetlow.”

We hold in our prayers:

David Brown; Jennifer Carlson; Harris Faulkner; Will Lloyd; Jeff Lovell;
Vivian and Jim Russell; Marj Smart; and Tina Snead

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APRIL 20, 2025: EASTER SUNDAY!

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE: Concerto in E-Flat Major, Mvmt 1 F. J. Haydn
(Chris Coletti, trumpet)

WELCOME: Rev. Kirianne Weaver

* CALL TO WORSHIP: Liturgist: Sandra Greene

One: O sing to the Lord a new song;

All: sing to the Lord, all the earth!

One: Sing to the Lord, and bless God’s name;

All: tell of God’s salvation from day to day.

One: Declare God’s glory among the nations,

All: God’s marvelous works among all the peoples:

One: for great is the Lord, and worthy to be praised.

All: Let the heavens be glad—let the earth rejoice!

One: Let the sea roar, and all its creatures!

All: Let the field exult, and all its fruit!

One: Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy
before the Lord—

All: for Alleluia, the Lord is coming:

One: to judge the world with righteousness,

All: and the people with truth.

One: Friends, in gladness, let us repeat the old refrain:
CHRIST IS RISEN!

All: HE IS RISEN, INDEED! ALLELUIA!

* HYMN #232: “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today!” *Easter Hymn*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Rev. Cynthia Weaver

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of