

# Easter Sunday



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Sunday, April 20th 8:15am  
Southminster Presbyterian Church (USA)



## GATHERING

### CHIMING OF THE HOUR

### PRELUDE “We Know That Christ Is Raised and Dies No More”

### WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Tom Bryson

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

### INTROIT “Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!”

### LITANY FOR EASTER

Response: **Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**

### \*HYMN 232 “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

*1 Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!  
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!*

*2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!*

*3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!  
our salvation have procured. Alleluia!  
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!  
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!*

*4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!  
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!*



## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jonathan Cross

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 indifferent to the cries of the oppressed and to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of 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.

## SILENCE

## ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

## SUNG RESPONSE

*Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.*

*Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name!*

## WORD

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## FIRST READING

**1 Corinthians 15:20-26**

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



## ANTHEM

## **“I Know That My Redeemer Liveth”**

Madison Smith, soprano

## GOSPEL READING

**Luke 24:1-12**

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

Rev. Dr. Tom Bryson

## \*HYMN 246

## **“Christ Is Alive!”**

*1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.*

*2 Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine,  
but saving, healing, here and now, and touching every place and time.*

*3 In every insult, rift, and war where color, scorn, or wealth divide,  
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, where even hope has died.*



*4 Women and men, in age and youth, can feel the Spirit, hear the call,  
and find the way, the life, the truth, revealed in Jesus, freed for all.*

*5 Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age,  
till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.*

## **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

## **The 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;  
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.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Rev. Leanne Pearce Reed

**God in your mercy,  
hear our prayer.**

## **EUCCHARIST**

## **OFFERING**

## **COMMUNION SONG**

***All is ready, come attend, Alleluia!  
As the Lord's invited friend, Alleluia!  
Come from north, west, south, and east, Alleluia!  
Celebrate the joyful feast, Alleluia!***

## **THE LORD'S SUPPER**

*Invitation to the Table*



## *Great Thanksgiving*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.***

***Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.***

...that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

***Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.***

***Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.***

## *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 of the Bread*

## *Communion of the People*

## *Prayer after Communion*



## SENDING

### \*Hymn 248

### “Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

*1 Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!  
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.  
In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.  
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.*

*2 Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.  
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.  
Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.  
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.*

*3 Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.  
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.  
Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"  
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!*

### \*Charge and Benediction

### \*Postlude

### “The Strife is O’er”

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### Leading Today’s Worship

Rev. Dr. Tom Bryson, Co-Pastor

Rev. Leanne Pearce Reed, Co-Pastor

Kyle Henderson, Director of Worship Arts

Ty Thornton, Pianist and Interim Choir Director

Jonathan Cross, Liturgist

### Coming Up

Next Sunday we begin our new worship series, “The Surprising Acts of God,” exploring stories of the early church from the Acts of the Apostles. Our annual Bright Sunday services, led by our children and youth, will take place on May 11. We warmly welcome you to worship with us each Sunday at 8:15am or 10:30am.



## Welcome to Southminster

**Connect:** If you are new to Southminster, we are glad you are here! Fill out a connect card and visit us online at [southminsterpcusa.org](http://southminsterpcusa.org) to learn more about what's coming up.

**Children:** We welcome children of all ages in worship. Childcare is also available for infants through age three in our Nursery (Room 213), staffed by caring, experienced workers. Worship bags for children are available in the entryway.

**Communion:** All are welcome at the table as we celebrate the Lord's Supper each week. The bread and juice are alcohol-free and gluten-free. If you prefer to remain seated during communion, an elder will be glad to bring the elements to you.

**Prayer concerns:** Fill out a card to share prayer concerns with our pastoral staff. You can pick up a copy of prayer concerns at the entrances to the sanctuary each week.

**Offering:** Offerings may be placed in the offering boxes located at the sanctuary entrances, or you may give securely online by visiting [southminsterpcusa.org/give](http://southminsterpcusa.org/give).

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## This Week

### SUNDAY / APRIL 20

6:15am / Easter Sunrise Service  
8:15 & 10:30am / Worship Service  
9:15am / Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt

### MONDAY / APRIL 21

Church Office Closed

### WEDNESDAY / APRIL 23

12:00pm / Community Grief Support Adult Child Loss Grief Group  
5:30pm / Wednesday Night Supper: Hamburger Steak, Baked Potato Casserole, Salad, Peach Cobbler  
6:15pm / Program: Southminster Day School Chapel  
7:00pm / Chancel Choir Practice

### THURSDAY / APRIL 24

11:00am / Bible Study

### FRIDAY / APRIL 25

7:00am / Men's Breakfast and Bible Study

### SATURDAY / APRIL 26

9:00am / Community Grief Support Volunteer Training

### SUNDAY / APRIL 27

8:15 & 10:30am / Worship Service  
9:15 am / Sunday School