

April 12, 2009

Service of Word
Easter Sunday

10:00A.M.

Gathering Songs

Welcome

Rev. Ashton

Centering Music

Rosemary Valentine

Chalice Lighting

Alta Pratt, Deacon

*We light this candle to honor the inherent worth and
dignity of every person.*

Praise

"I Love You, Lord"

No. 20

Unison Opening Prayer

Alta Pratt, Deacon

Almighty God, this past week has been one of mixed emotions: of faith struggling to understand. We have joyfully greeted you with palm branches; we have heard you tell us that we can remain close to you in the washing of another's feet; we have screamed with you in your suffering and pain of death; we have felt the lonely silence of your tomb. This morning we come in your victory. You have raised Jesus from the dead. In your power, you have defeated death's hold on us. Thank you, for freeing us from our human defeats of fear, despair, hopeless and limited vision. We give you praise as we now come into your Presence, opening our hearts and minds and lives to the new life the Risen Jesus wills for us. Amen.

* Hymn

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

No. 196

* Unison Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, forgive us in our failure to trust that there is nothing in all creation that can separate us from Your love in Jesus our risen savior. Amen.

* Response

"Sanctuary"

No. 555

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true;
with thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for You.*

Scripture

Psalm 118:1-2, 15-24

No. 700

Choir sings choral response... Leader reads odd verses...

Congregation reads even verses

Pastoral Prayers

"Cares Chorus"

I cast all my cares upon you; I lay all my burdens down at your feet, and anytime that I don't know what to do; I cast all my cares upon you.

That we might be mindful of our connectedness to You and to all creation through the Holy Spirit... We pray with You for healing for those who are ill in mind, body, spirit and soul.

Bob, Don, Henry Bishop, Bill Ellison, Michele English, Helen Golder, Joan Green, Cathy Kelley, Hailey Marie Loughren, Jenna Rose Pratt, Ronald Reed, Susan Reilly, Eleanor Skippar, Ruth Snow, Chuck Tartaglia

We suffer with You and with those who are in pain from violence, injustice, and war. We pray with Jesus for those who have died.

We remember those who are absent from communities of faith on Your Sabbath days and for those who have no church home.

Anna Ames, Muriel and George Earle, Barbara Ginn, Marietta Kent, Phyllis Kierstead

We rejoice with You and with those who are celebrating Your good gifts and joyous moments of life.

We rejoice with You for the ministries of First Church. We ask You to bless us as we work together to do some earthly good.

We listen silently for Your Word to us...

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, forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

"Eagle's Wings"

God will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of God's hand.

Scripture

John 20:1-18

(Pew Bible Pg.1052)

Faith Affirmation "He's Alive and I'm Forgiven" Kim Anderson

* Hymn "I Come To The Garden Alone" No. 205

Sermon "Son-rise!" Rev. Ashton

Offertory

Invitation Alta Pratt, Deacon

In fulfillment of our covenant with one another to sustain the ministry of this church, let us receive our morning offering.

Anthem "Thine is the Glory" Choir

* Doxology
Verse 1: No. 562

Verse 2: Tune of No. 562

*O Jesus, risen now to bless,
do thou thyself our hearts possess,
That we may give you all our days
the willing tribute of our praise.*

* Hymn "Because He Lives" No. 204

* Benediction First Church President

L: *Because the tomb is empty your life can be full,*

P: **So go into every place and every day as people brimming with the love of God.**

L: *Be graceful in spirit, hopeful in word, faithful in deed.*

P: **Live for the risen Jesus as Christ lives in you. Alleluia and Amen.**

* Blessing Rev. Ashton

*The blessing of God Almighty:
Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit be with you all.*

* Response "Let There Be Peace on Earth" No. 308

* Postlude Rosemary Valentine

** Please stand as you are able*