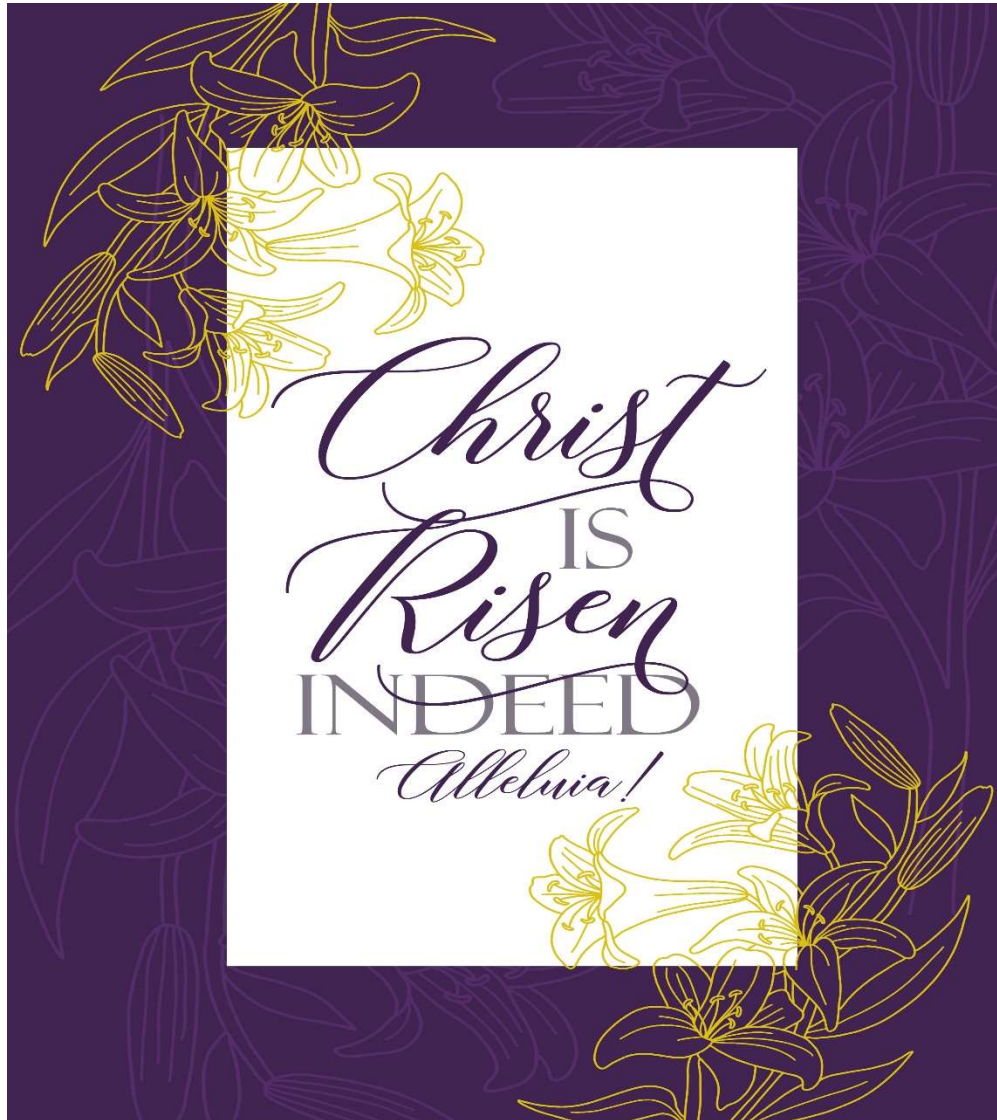


# TAKOMA PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*April 9, 2023*

## EASTER SUNDAY

*Live streamed at 11:00 a.m.*



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# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

(\*) Indicates those who are able, please stand.

*"Blessed are we who stretch out our hands to you in doubt and grief, in sickness of body and mind and spirit, our prayers not fully realized, rejoicing ... anyway. For that is what makes us Easter people: carrying forth the realized hope of the Resurrected One, singing our alleluias great and small, while it is still dark. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia."*  
-Kate Bowler and Jessica Richie, *The Lives We Actually Have*

## Preparation for Worship

### GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

*Let the Prelude's music open you to God's presence as we begin worship.*

**Prelude**                      Improvisation

#### **Welcome and Opening Prayer (unison)**

Glory to you, O God: on this day you won victory over death, raising Jesus from the grave and giving us eternal life.

Glory to you, O Christ: for us and for our salvation you overcame death and opened the gate to everlasting life.

Glory to you, O Holy Spirit: you lead us into the truth.

Glory to you, O Blessed Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

#### **Call to Worship**                      *Responsively*

Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels! Exult all creation around God's throne! Jesus Christ is risen! Sound the trumpet of salvation!

**Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendor, radiant in the brightness of your Creator! Christ has conquered! Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes forever!

**Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

Rejoice, O mother church! Exult in glory! The risen Savior shines upon you!  
Let this place resound with joy, echoing the mighty song of all God's  
people!

**Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

Let us worship God.

**\*Hymn 232**

**Jesus Christ is Risen Today**

### **Prayer of Confession**

It can seem too much to hope for, this promise of a stone rolled away, a borrowed tomb now empty, the specter of death wiped away. May God help us to squint through our doubt and strain to hear beyond our disbelief. May we trust the power of resurrection.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray:

**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 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 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.**

*Silent Prayer*

### **Assurance of Forgiveness**

Siblings in Christ, hear the good news: Christ is alive! The power of death and sin have been broken! We are free to live and love as those created in the image of the living God!

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**\*Praise 591**

**Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!**

### **\*Sharing the Peace of Christ**

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

*(Worshippers on Zoom may unmute themselves and share the peace.)*

# LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

## Prayer of Illumination 458

*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. (2x)*

## First Scripture Reading

**Isaiah 25:6-9**

## Anthem

### **Come, Ye Faithful**

Reginald Sparshatt Thatcher  
(1888 - 1957)

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain  
Of triumphant gladness;  
God hath brought forth Israel  
Into joy from sadness;  
'Tis the spring of souls today,  
Christ hath burst his prison,  
And the three day sleep in death  
As a sun hath risen.

Now the queen of seasons, bright  
With the day of splendour,  
With the royal feast of feasts,  
Comes its joy to render;  
Come to glad Jerusalem,  
Who with true affection  
Welcomes in unwearied strains  
Jesu's resurrection.

Neither might the gates of death,  
Nor the tomb's dark portal,  
Nor the watchers, nor the seal,  
Hold thee as a mortal;  
But today amidst the twelve  
Thou didst stand, bestowing  
That thy peace which evermore  
Passeth human knowing.

*John of Damascus (c.675 - c.750)  
tr. John Mason Neale (1818 - 1866)*

**Time with the Children**

Pastor Harper

**Second Scripture Reading**

**Matthew 28:1-15**

**Reflection on the Word**

**Sermon      We Interrupt This Broadcast      Rev. Mark Harper**

**\*Hymn 240      Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks**

## **RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**Prayers of the People**

**Rev. Carolyn Tilley**

*Prayers will be read from the Prayer Book  
and the Zoom "Chat Box"*

**Prayer Response:**    Glorious God, **hear our prayer.**

**The Lord's Prayer (Ecumenical) (Unison)**

Our God in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and glory are yours now  
and forever. Amen.

**The Offering Invitation**

*The offering plate reminds us of the many contributions we all  
Make to our church and God's realm. Please pass it to your  
neighbor and offer thanks for each other's gifts.*

## Offertory

### Lord of the Dance

Shaker Melody (adapted)

Arr. John Rutter (1945 -)

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth;  
at Bethlehem I had my birth.

#### *Refrain*

*Dance then wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.  
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

I danced for the scribes and the Pharisee,  
but they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me;  
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;  
they came with me and the dance went on.

#### *Refrain*

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame,  
the holy people said it was a shame;  
they whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,  
and they left me there on a cross to die.

#### *Refrain*

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;  
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back;  
they buried my body and they thought I'd gone,  
But I am the dance and I still go on.

#### *Refrain*

They cut me down and I leapt up high,  
I am the life that'll never, never die;  
I'll live in you if you'll live in me:  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

*Sydney Carter (1915 - 2004)*

**\*Doxology 609**

**LASST UNS ERFREUEUN**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ all people here below;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost;  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

**\*Prayer of Dedication (unison)**

The stone has been rolled away. May these offerings help to roll away everything that is keeping our siblings and neighbors from knowing the fullness and joy of life. We pray in the name of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

**WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD**

**Announcements of the Community's Life**

**\*Sending Hymn 233                      The Day of Resurrection**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude                      Toccata                      Flor Peeters (1903 - 1986)**

*Community worship ends; discipleship and service begin anew.*

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***Participants in this morning's service***

- Rev. Mark Harper, Pastor
- Carol Christensen, Liturgist
- Takoma Park Presbyterian Church Choir
- Dr. James Bingham, Music Director
- Gary Cardillo, Cinematographer
- Jay Clouse, Zoom Technician
- Erol, Kalayoglu Zoom Technician

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Schedule for upcoming events

#### \*\* Zoom events

Monday, April 10, 7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, April 11, 12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour**
Tuesday, April 11, 7:00 p.m.	Session Meeting ( <i>hybrid</i> )
Wednesday, April 12, 8:15 p.m.	Presbyterians for Police Transformation**
Thursday, April 13, 7:30 p.m.	Committed Racial Mindfulness Meeting
Sunday, Apr. 16, 11:00 a.m.	Worship Service ( <i>hybrid</i> )

+Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey, **you are welcome to our worship.** We are pleased you are with us today.

+**Committed Racial Mindfulness (CRM)** is now a ministry of TPPC. Everyone is invited to participate in this exciting new step. Please join us so we may learn together how each of us can make a difference. The meetings are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month, at 7:30 p.m. A zoom link will be provided. The next meeting will be April 13.

+**One Great Hour of Sharing:** Every time we set a table where all hungry hearts can eat; every time we welcome neighbors and we add an extra seat; and every time we live as servants, free to wash each other's feet - *In our living, in our giving, we are there.*

This is the largest way Presbyterians come together to work for a better world by advancing the causes of justice, resilience, and sustainability. Please give generously.

+Please Sign-up to host **Sunday Coffee Hour** after worship. Hosting Sunday Coffee Hour is easy and fun! We need volunteers! Please signup today using this signupgenius link - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094BAFAD23A0FDC61-tppc> or contact Darryl McPherson ([thisisdarryl@gmail.com](mailto:thisisdarryl@gmail.com)) for signup or more information. Contact Roger Griffis, 301-980-4694 or [rogergriffis61@gmail.com](mailto:rogergriffis61@gmail.com). Thank you.



+It is Spring!! The **TPPC Green Team** has scheduled Saturday, April 22, from 9:00 a.m. to noon, as our **annual church yard clean-up day**, with help from Boy Scout Troop 33. Your help is needed to weed, clip and mulch to beautify our church grounds for the spring and summer season. Bring your trowel, clippers and garden gloves. If you don't have them, come anyway!

For more information please contact Diane Curran at **[dcurran@harmoncurran.com](mailto:dcurran@harmoncurran.com)**.

**+EAD: Ecumenical Advocacy Days 2023** (Virtual) Tue, Apr 25 - Thu, Apr 27 : 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM (EDT) Registration is \$50 - \$75.

+Donations are needed to help send Takoma kids to summer camps. Last year we raised \$3,255 which was used to register over 60 kids to summer camps, fall clinics and sports leagues.

This year, we have only raised \$1,215 which will allow us to be ~1/3 as helpful. Please consider a not-for-profit donation at:

**<https://www.gofundme.com/f/send-takoma-kids-to-basketball-camp>**.

All donations are received directly by the Takoma Park Presbyterian Church and distributed directly by them.

As many of you know, the time for summer camp registration is upon us. Please have anyone who needs a summer camp scholarship email **[radman.thomas@gmail.com](mailto:radman.thomas@gmail.com)**.

**+Thank you for your continued support of TPPC.** As a reminder, there are several ways to give to TPPC.

Information on giving, including giving on line, can be found at **<https://www.takomaparkpc.org/give>**.

Checks may be mailed to

Takoma Park Presbyterian Church,  
310 Tulip Avenue,  
Takoma Park, MD 20912.

If you have any questions, please contact **[finance@takomaparkpc.org](mailto:finance@takomaparkpc.org)**.

**+Please continually pray for peace** - - in our homes, neighborhoods, the nation and the world.

## Easter Lilies decorating the Sanctuary

### In Loving Memory

Alan Dengiz

*By Madeline Radman*

Johnny Alderson

*By Carolyn Alderson*

Andrew E. Lange

William Andrew Lange

Alfred H. Lange

Mary Gagnon

*By Karen Lange*

Colleen DiPaul

*By Pat Rumbaugh*

Anna Mae Rumbaugh

*By Pat Rumbaugh*

### In Honor

Jania Booker

*Nursery Care*

*By Jo Hoge*

Mili Rodas Cruz

*Nursery Care*

*by Jo Hoge*

David & Laurie Tinker

*by Anna Tinker*

Art & Ann Edgerton

*by Anna Tinker*

## STAFF

“Ministers: all the people of the church.”

Rev. Mark Harper - *Pastor*  
Dr. James Bingham - *Music Director*  
Joanna Tipton - *Bookkeeper*  
Gary Cardillo - *Buildings Manager*  
Jania Booker - *Nursery Assistant*  
Miliadi Rodas-Cruz - *Nursery Assistant*

Parish Associates Rev. John Seaman  
Rev. Carolyn Tilley  
Parish Assistant Rev. Eugene Olu Eastman

Treasurer Aggie Patti

## SESSION

### **Class of 2023**

Kathy Belyeu  
Roger Griffis  
Diane Curran  
Kurt Lawson

### **Class of 2024**

Phil Boyer  
Jean Dickey  
Alphonso Williams  
Rebecca Woodings

### **Class of 2025**

Juliana Chenue  
Samuel Kalibala  
Karol Keane  
Thomas Showalter

## **DEACONS**

Cynthia Baron Karen Boyer Ethan Bailey  
Neel Hunter Elias Howard Martha Kiger  
Madline Morsha-Taylor Lisa Kiley