

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
EASTER SUNDAY
April 12, 2009

*Rise, heart; thy Lord is risen; sing his praise
Without delays,
Who takes thee by the hand, that thou likewise
With him mayst rise.*

- George Herbert, 1633

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Paul Simpson Duke

Leader: Dear friends, I bring you the best of news. Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen!

ALL: Christ is risen. He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Fantasy on "The Strife is O'er"

- Derek Holman

***INVOCATION**

Katherine Becker

***HYMN 302 (stanzas 1-4)**

Christ the Lord is risen today

EASTER HYMN

The receiving of Prayer Concern cards

***THE PSALM**

Psalm 118:19-20, 22-24

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

People: **The Lord is my strength and my might; the Lord has become my salvation.**

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

People: **I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord .**

All: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

*** GLORIA**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen

BAPTISM of Julien Heidt

Congregational Response: **We rejoice with you, we will pray for you,
we will walk with you in the way of Jesus
until the day he leads us all home.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

I know that my Redeemer liveth

- G. F. Handel
Bonnie Kidd, soprano

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.
And though worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God.
For now is Christ risen from the dead, the first fruits of them that sleep.

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 15:3-8

Katherine Becker

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

O, clap your hands

- Ralph Vaughan Williams

O, clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph.
For the Lord most high is terrible; He is a great King over all the earth.
God is gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.
Sing praises to God, sing praises unto our King, sing praises.
For God is the King of all the earth; sing ye praises, everyone that hath understanding.
God reigneth over the heathen, God sitteth upon the throne of His holiness.
Sing praises unto our King, sing praises.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (*Lord's Prayer – "debts"*)

Stacey Simpson Duke

*** GOSPEL READING**

John 20:1-3, 10-18

Paul Simpson Duke

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

TIME AS CHILDREN

(Children older than first grade should return to worship with their families.
Childcare is provided for infants through first grade upstairs.)

Sue Ellen Glover

*** HYMN 306**

The strife is o'er, the battle done

VICTORY

SERMON

Strange Question in a Cemetery

Paul Simpson Duke

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING OF GIFTS

My Master from a garden rose

- Eleanor Daley

My Master in a garden lay, perfumed with spices rare, for tender hands had laid Him there
to rest amid the roses.
'Twas on a cross they laid Him bare, and pierced His hands with nails, that we poor men
might live again and be with Him in glory. Alleluia.
My Master from a garden rose to go for us to heav'n, and He will come and take us there,
to be with Him forever. Amen

* DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* HYMN 318 (stanzas 1,2,5) Christ is alive! TRURO

* BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Hallelujah Chorus (See handout)

ORGAN VOLUNTARY Toccata from Symphony V - C. M. Widor

* If you are able, please stand.

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God
by Marlene and Arthur Francis and the family of the late Marilyn Crandell Schleg
in memory of Marlene and Marilyn's parents, Bertha and Richard Crandell,
who were married on Easter Sunday, 1934.

The Prayer Concern Cards are for your use. If you have a prayer concern in
addition to those listed here, please fill out a card and pass it to the end of the aisle
during the first hymn. We pray for June Ludwig, Astrid Beck, Ruth Kerr, Bill Kerr,
Iris Martin, Elizabeth Lee, Conrad Juchartz, Bonnie Jensen, Ruth Kitchen, Brian
Darwin, Mildred MacGregor, Marjorie Shannon and John Caddell.

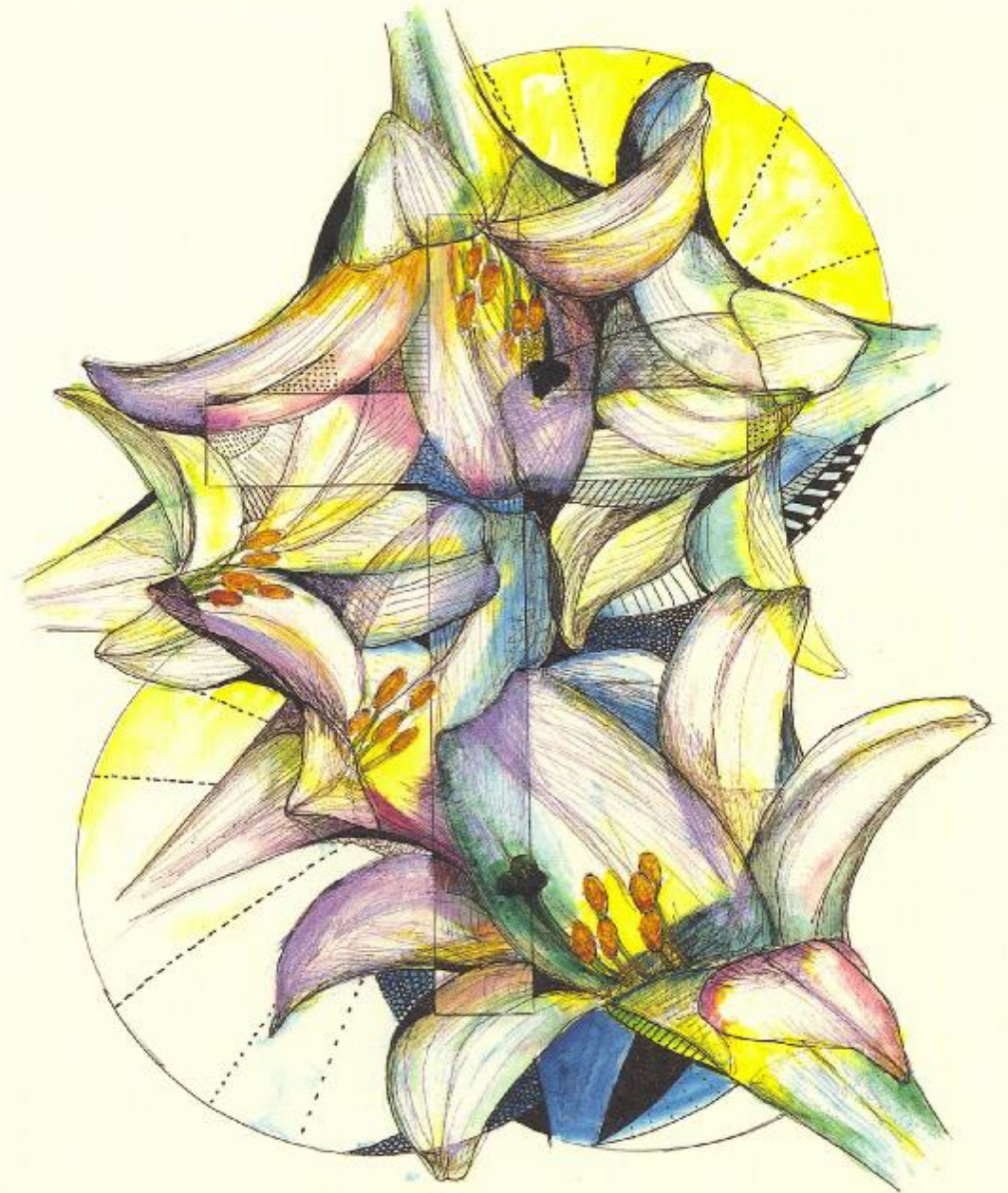
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Alleluia

Telephone Directory Update Along with the pictorial directory project, we are also updating the church telephone directory. There are copies of the directory in the Fellowship Hall and at the Information Counter on Sunday and in the office during the week. Please check to see if your data is correct or, if you don't see your name and want to be included in the directory, add your information.

Annual Program Meeting The church's annual meeting will be held at 12:30, April 26 beginning with a potluck lunch. Lunch is an official agenda item, so don't miss this part of the meeting! As this is our annual program meeting it will include the election of board members and church officers for the next year. We will also consider a proposal for the structured use of the various Trust funds given for the ministries of the church and review the activities of our boards and ministries. Visitors are welcome.

Waterman Lectures As part of the ongoing series of lectures held in honor of Dr. Leroy Waterman, longtime member and teacher in this congregation, Dr. Miroslav Volf will present two lectures on April 25. The lectures with discussion following will be given at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. and are entitled "The God of Jesus, The God of Mohammed". Dr. Volf is a theologian on the faculty of the Yale Divinity School and has authored award winning books on theology and reconciliation and given leadership to expanded Christian-Muslim dialogue in America.

First Quarter Personal Financial Statements are available near the Information Desk on the remaining Sundays in April or in the church office on Mon-Fri.

ABWM supporting Burmese Refugees The Battle Creek churches are supporting 800 Burmese refugees to Michigan. To help in their resettlement, American Baptist Women's Ministry will be collecting new and slightly-used household goods, such as towels, sheets, pots/pans, etc., at the information desk on Sundays. The ABWM will be taking the collection to our annual gathering in Alma, Michigan in June. If you have any questions, please contact Joan Blunt, ABWM Mission Chairperson.

The MacGregor-Stitt Circle will meet on Thursday, April 16th, at 11:45 at Weber's Restaurant for "lunch with Betty." Please note different location this year.

The FBC Ladies Book Club will meet to discuss The Shack by William P. Young on Tuesday, April 14th at 7 pm. This month's meeting will be at Mary Gregg's house. If you like lively conversation and excellent food, please plan to join us! Questions may be directed to Janice Stumpf, 663-4871 or jlstumpf@umich.edu.

Announcements

We warmly welcome all those who have come to worship with us today! Everyone is invited to join the events listed in this insert. Immediately following the service, please join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments.

TODAY, April 12	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Monday, April 13	7:30 p.m. - Board of Mission Action (Conference Room)
Tuesday, Apr 14	5:30 p.m. - Vespers (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday, Apr 15	1:30 p.m. - Bible Study (Lounge) 5:30 p.m. - The Gathering (Campus Center)
Thursday, Apr 16	6:30 p.m. - Handbell Practice (Sanctuary) 7:30 p.m. - Choir Practice (102B)
Friday, Apr 17	3 – 9:20 p.m. - Photography Appointments (201B, 202A&B)
Saturday, Apr 18	10 – 5:00 p.m. - Photography Appointments (201B, 202A&B)
Sunday, Apr 19	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Childcare For Infants Through First Grade is available on the 3rd floor from 9:30 – 11:30. All children are welcome to join their families for worship. Children may also go up to childcare after the Time as Children portion of the worship service.

There are no Church School classes or children's choir rehearsals today. Our regular schedule resumes next week, April 12th.

Adult Christian Education (11:30 – 12:30)

TODAY: there will be no second hour classes.

April 19 - *Achieving Peace in Israel and Palestine: How Christian Support for Progressive Jews Can Make the Difference* - Presented by Aaron Ahuvia

Many Christians care deeply about resolving the wars that rage over the Holy Land. But given what can seem like the constant stream of bad news from that region, it's easy to feel pessimistic about the chance for peace. Fortunately, there is also good news to be heard, although the good news doesn't make the headlines the way

violence from this region does. This presentation introduces Christian audiences to the rapidly growing movement in mainstream Jewish communities which is based in compassion for both Jews and Arabs who suffer in this conflict, and recognizes that the best way to support Israel is to support a viable peace agreement. Furthermore, as Americans this means organizing support for an US foreign policy which recognizes the legitimate needs of all parties to the conflict, and effectively moves the Israelis, Palestinians, and Arab States towards compromise. Past American successes, such as the peace agreement between Israel and Egypt, show that this approach can work. This talk will focus in particular on Brit Tzedek v'Shalom, which is the largest grassroots Jewish organization taking this approach.

Aaron Ahuvia, Ph.D., is a Professor of Marketing at the University of Michigan-Dearborn School of Management, and teaches *Social Marketing* at the University of Michigan Ross School of Business. He is a member of the National Board and Executive Committee, as well as a designated National Spokesperson for *Brit Tzedek v'Shalom*. With over 40,000 supporters and 38 chapters across the country, Brit Tzedek is America's largest grass roots Jewish organization dedicated to a viable negotiated two-state resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Aaron Ahuvia lives in Ann Arbor with his two sons, Isaac and Jonah, and his wife Aura who is currently studying to become a Rabbi.

Other Adult Learning Opportunities

Wednesday Bible Study (Memorial Lounge, 1:30 – 2:30)

Paul Duke leads a study of selected Psalms. Join us each Wednesday for fellowship, snacks and study.

Small Groups (ChristCare) – Centered on Bible study, fellowship, mission, prayer and worship, we currently have two groups: one which meets monthly and the other which meets every other week. See Stacey, Paul or Sue Ellen for more information about joining a group.

Texts for next Sunday, April 19th

Acts 4:32-35 · Psalm 133 · 1 John 1:1-2:2 · John 20:19-31

Easter Lilies have been given by: _____ in honor of:

The Alaniz Family
Conrad & Mervyn Juchartz

David & Candee Lee
David Robbins
Jim & Jerry Suits
Lynn Suits Lamkin
Ethan & Emily Wright

Our Church Family
Our grandchildren: Elizabeth,
Charlotte & Madeleine
Elizabeth Lee
Joyce Arnn
Lynn Suits Lamkin
My parents, Jim & Jerry Suits
James & Margarite Wright

Easter Lilies have been given by: _____ in memory of:

Richard & Bonnie Bates

Lois Crabtree
The Doman Family
Leslie & Doris George

Mary Lou Hallock & Family
The Heidt Family

Bev Inbody
Johanna Johnson
The Kidd Family

David & Candee Lee
Iris Martin
Dot & John Reed
Dot & John Reed
Nancy Rhodes, Ethan & Emily Wright
Omer Robbins, Jr.
Nancy Rushton
Thomas Scott
Patty Simmons
Lynn Suits Lamkin
Phyl & Bud White
The Willis Family

including Shane, Matt & Jack Willis (great grandchildren),
Tracy Willis (grandchild), and Frank Willis (son)

Mr. & Mrs. Cyril Bates and
Mr. & Mrs. Russell Vance
Lloyd Crabtree
Christine and Carl Doman
Rev. & Mrs. O. Carroll Arnold and
Rev. & Mrs. Jitsuo Morikawa
Harry Hallock
Fred & Vera Heidt and
Ed & Anna Graham
Orrin & Doris Inbody
Bob Johnson
Robert R. Kidd, Helen Powers and
Alice Silverton
Harry Lee, Pearl Hsu and Lilia Jallorina
All My Loved Ones
John C. Floyd, Jr.
Randy and Mark Reed
Mary West Stroh
Elsie I. Robbins
George & Velda Sanders
Marie Johnson Scott & Robert P. Scott
Orrin Inbody & Velda Sanders
Flossie Feiner
Chet & Vi Loucks
Zella Willis

~ Please take your Easter Lilies home after the service today ~