

Easter Sunday

March 31, 2013

Rev. Dr. Charles A. Wiessner, Pastor
Dr. Lonieta Cornwall, Music Director

The Approach to God

PRELUDE *“Crown Him with Many Crowns”* Hand Bell Choir

VOTUM

CHORAL INTROIT *“I’m Gonna Rise”* Doug Sonderfan, Tenor

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Jesus our Lord is alive! He has risen from the dead!

Jesus is alive and has risen from the dead!

A remarkable event has taken place, an event unique in history. Jesus, whom once was dead, is now alive!

Jesus is alive and present here – today – right now – as we celebrate his resurrection!

He is in our midst! Let us rejoice! Christ the Lord has risen!

Christ our Lord has risen indeed!

***HYMN OF PRAISE #204**

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

***SALUTATION**

EASTER PRAYER

(unison)

Our Father, we thank you for the beauty of this day, for the glorious message that all nature proclaims: the Easter lilies with their waxen throats eloquently singing the good news; the birds so impatient to begin their song; every flowering tree and shrub a living proclamation of your greatness.

Lead us, we ask you, to the grave that is empty, into the garden of the resurrection where we may meet the risen Lord. May we never again live as if we were dead.

In your resurrected presence restore our faith, our hope, and our joy. Grant to our spirits refreshment, rest and peace. O Living Christ, we ask that you go with us wherever we go; be our companion in all that we do. And for this great gift of salvation and eternal life with you we offer ourselves as living sacrifices to your glory and honor. Amen.

UNISON READING #60 **I Corinthians 15** Page 531 Hymnal

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

The Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE **Luke 24:1-12** (Page 135 New Testament)

MOMENT FOR CHILDREN

***HYMN #208** *"The Day of Resurrection!"*

SERMON **"You've Got to See It Yourself"**

Our Response to God

***CONFESSION OF FAITH** Chancel Choir
"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" Messiah

RECEPTION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

***CLOSING HYMN #209** *"Thine Is the Glory"*

***BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE**

***POSTLUDE**

*The congregation may stand.

TODAY'S STEWARDS

Greeters: Pete & Barbara Nickel

Ushers: John Boezeman & sons John & Matt, John Ferris

Nursery: Andy & Katharine Hoyt

Fellowship: Nancy Dey & Barbara Nickel

Next week's stewards (**April 7**):

Greeters: Annette & Nathaniel DeVries

Ushers: Clair Coddington, Bill & Sabra Leadbitter, Liz White

Nursery: Nancy Dey & Barbara Nickel

Fellowship: Ron & Gayle Dellinger

EMPTY NESTERS

Plan to join the Empty Nesters for their monthly dinner outing this Tuesday, April 2, at 6:30 p.m. at Lucky 32 on Tryon Road in Cary. The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

OPEN ART WORKSHOP

Please join us for our free Open Art Workshop which meets every Friday from 1 – 3. We meet in the Fellowship Hall and it is open to anyone, both inside and outside the church. Participants should bring any creative project in any medium and all their own supplies. Donations are optional.

FOOD PANTRY

Needed items are: cereal, sugar, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, canned milk, jelly, ramen noodles, beef stew, chili, condiments like ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, hot sauce. They could also use laundry detergent, dish detergent, paper towels and toilet paper.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

There is a need for volunteers who can provide snacks on Sunday mornings following worship. Please see the sign-up sheet and sign up for the Sunday of your choice. Your help is greatly appreciated!