



# FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)

April 12, 2020  
Easter Sunday  
Online Worship at 10:00 am

**PRELUDE** The Strife Is O'er arr. Don Hustad (1918-2013)

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Helen Hempfling and Bruce Ervin

## GREETING

**OPENING HYMN 216                    Christ the Lord Is Risen Today                    EASTER HYMN**

1. Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!  
All creation, join to say, Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

2. Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!  
Where, O Death, is now your sting? Alleluia!  
Jesus dies, our souls to save, Alleluia! Where  
your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

3. Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!  
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!  
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

## EASTER PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*)

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, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

## SCRIPTURE John 20:1-18 Jennifer Fettchenhauer

INTRODUCTION Rev. Teresa "Terri" Hord Owens  
General Minister and President, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

PROCLAMATION Rev. Teresa "Terri" Hord Owens

INVITATION TO GIVING Easter Special Offering  
Response of Praise Doxology

*You are invited to offer your gift online, by mail, through your bank, or by text to give (see back page). The method of giving does not matter. It's the mission that makes a difference!*

Prayer of Dedication for the Offering

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution and Prayer of Consecration for the Bread and Cup

*Please hold the communion elements in your hands during the communion solo.  
We will partake of them in unison following the solo.*

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Communion Solo Easter (from *Five Mystical Songs*) Ralph Vaughan Williams  
Joseph Andreola, baritone Jihye Choi, piano (1872-1958)

Rise heart; thy Lord is risen. Sing his praise  
Without delays,  
Who takes thee by the hand, that thou likewise  
With him may'st rise;  
That, as his death calcined thee to dust,  
His life may make thee gold, and much more, Just.

Awake, my lute, and struggle for thy part  
With all thy art.  
The cross taught all wood to resound his name  
Who bore the same.  
His stretched sinews taught all strings, what key  
Is best to celebrate this most high day.

Consort both heart and lute, and twist a song  
Pleasant and long:  
Or since all music is but three parts vied,  
And multiplied;  
O let thy blessed Spirit bear a part,  
And make up our defects with his sweet art.

-George Herbert (1593-1633)

Partaking of the Bread and Cup (*unison*)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

## INVITATION TO COMMUNITY

HYMN 218

Thine Is the Glory

MACCABEUS

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded graveclothes where thy body lay.  
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
let the church with gladness hymns of triumph  
sing, for our Lord now liveth; death hath lost its  
sting. Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!  
Life is nought without thee; aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love.  
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.  
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

-Edmond L Budry, 1904; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1923

## BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata

Théodore Dubois (1837-1924)

*This service was pre-recorded in various segments to allow the worship leaders  
to strictly follow guidelines regarding social distancing.*

*Special thank you to Ashlyn Reynolds, Jono Palmer and Jennifer Fettchenhauer  
for assistance in producing and posting our worship services online.*

2020 Easter Offering

# REJOICE

A special day offering of  
Disciples Mission Fund

*"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."* – Psalm 118:24 NRSV  
Across the United States, Canada, and beyond, Disciples are rejoicing in all that the Lord has made.

We rejoice with the **Central Pastoral Office for Hispanic Ministries (Obra Hispana)**, **National Convocation**, and **North American/Pacific Asian Disciples (NAPAD)**, who will be holding their biennial gatherings *together* this summer for the first time.

We rejoice with the growing number of congregations who, with support from **Green Chalice** and **Disciples Home Missions**, find new ways to care for all that the Lord has made – developing recycling programs, installing solar panels, planting community gardens, and more.

We rejoice in all the stories and voices preserved by the **Disciples of Christ Historical Society**, who work every day to document and share our Church's heritage.

We rejoice that lives are restored through the work done by the **National Benevolent Association's** Prison and Jail Ministry. This collaborative group develops and shares resources to help Disciples serve and minister to those currently and formerly incarcerated.

We rejoice in the work **Disciples Women** do together to combat human trafficking, working together with **Global Ministries**, to partner with organizations supporting vulnerable communities around the world.

This Easter, we rejoice together as one Church, as the One Body of Christ. We rejoice in all that we accomplish together, and the work God accomplishes through us.

**Let us rejoice that the Easter offering, through Disciples Mission Fund, makes this ministry – and so much more – possible.** Through the general ministries of our Church, lives are changed and our world is transformed. **Will you rejoice with us and give to this special day offering?**

This Easter season, let us rejoice in all the ways our wider Church embodies the Spirit of Resurrection, through life-giving ministry.

Find more stories from our general ministries and give online at [disciplesmissionfund.org](http://disciplesmissionfund.org).

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**We are Disciples of Christ.**

**A movement for wholeness in a fragmented world.  
As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to  
the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us.**

**\*Disciples of Christ Statement of Identity**

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**CUSTODIAN'S HOURS:**

**Monday - Friday:**

**8:00 am - 12:00 pm**

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