

Hiram Christian Church  
Easter  
Sunday, March 31, 2024



*Mary at the Tomb by Frank Wesley*

*Instructions for Living a Life*

Pay attention.  
Be astonished.  
Tell about it.

~ *Mary Oliver*

# A Service for the Worship of God

March 31, 2024

May this time of worship be nurturing to your Spirit,  
further encouraging you to be who God has created you to be.

Prelude	<i>Day of Victory</i>	Gary Davidson
Welcome		
Peace		
One:	God's Grace and Peace be with you.	
<b>Many:</b>	<b>And also with you.</b>	
*Call to Worship:		
One:	O Prince of Peace, from peace that is no peace, from the grip of all that is evil, from a violent righteousness . . .	
<b>Many:</b>	<b>deliver us.</b>	
One:	From paralysis of will, from lies and misnaming, from terror of truth . . .	
<b>Many:</b>	<b>deliver us.</b>	
One:	From hardness of heart, from trading in slaughter, from the worship of death . . .	
<b>Many:</b>	<b>deliver us.</b>	
One:	By the folly of your gospel, by your choosing our flesh, by your nakedness and pain . . .	
<b>Many:</b>	<b>heal us.</b>	
One:	By your weeping over the city, by your refusal of the sword, by your facing of horror . . .	
<b>Many:</b>	<b>heal us.</b>	
One:	By your bursting from the tomb, by your coming in judgement, by your longing for peace . . .	
<b>Many:</b>	<b>heal us. Grant us peace. Amen.</b>	
*Hymn	<i>Christ the Lord Is Risen Today</i>	#216
Prayers of the People		
Stillness		
The Lord's Prayer	<i>(The language of "debts" and "debtors" is often used. The prayer may begin with the image of parent, "Our Father" or "Our Mother." Use the language that draws you close to our God.)</i>	
Invitation to the Table	This is the Lord's Table. This is an Open Table. All are welcome. All are worthy.	Lucy Etling
Communion Hymn	<i>An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare</i>	#385
Celebration of Communion		
Prayer of Gratitude		Lucy Etling
Response	<i>Amen, Amen, Amen</i>	#312
Children's Sermon		
Special Music	<i>The Gift of Love Arr. Hal Hopson</i>	Nancy Schauer
Scripture Reading	Mark 16: 1 – 8	p. NT 42
Sermon	<b>"Behold."</b>	Rev. Chris McCreight
*Hymn	<i>Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!</i>	#222
Invitation to Stewardship ++		Lucy Etling
Offertory		
Doxology	Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below, Praise God above, ye Heavenly hosts, Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.	#46
*Prayer of Gratitude		Lucy Etling
*Benediction		Rev. Chris McCreight
*Hymn of Going Forth	<i>Weave</i>	#495
Postlude	<i>I Know That My Redeemer Lives</i>	George Shearing

## 216 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

*Descant*

4. Soar we now where Christ has led, A - le - lu - ia!

1. Christ the Lord is risen to - day,  
2. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King,  
3. Love's re - deem - ing work is done,  
4. Soar we now where Christ has led,

Al - le - lu - ia!

Fol - low - ing our Head, A - le - lu - ia!

All cre - a - tion, join to say,  
Where, O death, is now your sting?  
Fought the fight, the bat - tle won,  
Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head,

Al - le - lu - ia!

A - le - lu - ia! A - le - lu - ia! A - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high,  
Je - sus died, our souls to save,  
Death in vain for - bids him rise,  
Made like him, like him we rise,

Al - le - lu - ia!

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1739, alt.  
MUSIC: *Lyra Davidica*, 1708; desc. Charles H. Webb

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Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, A - le - lu - ia!

Sing, O heavens, and earth re - ply,  
Where your vic - to - ry, O grave?  
Christ has op - ened par - a - dise.  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies,

Al - le - lu - ia!

## 385 An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare

1. An up - per room did our Lord pre - pare for those he  
 2. A last - ing gift Je - sus gave his own: to share his  
 3. And af - ter sup - per he washed their feet, for ser - vice,  
 4. No end there is! We de - part in peace, he loves be -

loved un - til the end: and his dis - ci - ples still  
 bread, his lov - ing cup. What - ev - er bur - dens may  
 too, is sac - ra - ment. In Christ our joy shall be  
 yond the ut - ter - most: in ev - ery room in our

gath - er there to cel - e - brate their ris - en friend.  
 bow us down, he by his cross shall lift us up.  
 made com - plete: sent out to serve, as he was sent.  
 Fa - ther's house Christ will be there, as Lord and Host.

WORDS: Fred Pratt Green, 1973  
 MUSIC: English folk melody; harm. John Weaver, 1988

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♩=56-60

## 222 Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

*Unison*

1. Christ is ris - en! Shout ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days.  
 2. Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of des - pair.  
 3. Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en nev - er - more shall be the same.

Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der; all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.  
 Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.  
 Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.

In the des - ert all - sur - round - ing, see, a spread - ing tree has grown.  
 Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, not a ser - vant, but a friend;  
 Tell its grim, de - mon - ic cho - rus: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"

Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing bring a taste of love un - known.  
 Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.  
 God the first and last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na ev - ery - one!

WORDS: Brian Wren, 1984

MUSIC: Polish carol; arr. Edith M. G. Reed, 1926; harm. Austin C. Lovelace, 1964

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♩=88-96

# Weave

495

$E\flat$   $Gm$   $Fm$   $E\flat$   $Fm$   $E\flat$   
 Weave, weave, weave us to- geth- er. Weave us to- geth - er in

$Fm$   $B\flat$   $E\flat$   $Gm$   $Fm$   $E\flat$   
 u- ni- ty and love. Weave, weave, weave us to - geth- er.

$Fm$   $E\flat$   $B\flat$   $E\flat$   $A\flat$   $E\flat$   
 Weave us to - geth - er, to - geth- er in love.

WORDS and MUSIC: Rosemary Crow, 1979

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WEAVE  
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<b>Ministers:</b>	All Friends and Members of Hiram Christian Church
<b>Special Musician:</b>	Nancy Schauer
<b>Organist:</b>	Drew Hinkle
<b>Reverend:</b>	Chris McCreight

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**4C's Needs:** For April—canned Sloppy Joes, instant mashed potatoes, pancake syrup. Please remember to check any expiration dates before donating! Monetary donations can be sent to: The 4C's, P.O. Box 227, Mantua, OH 44255

**Nelson Garrettsville Comm. Cupboard:** 8233 Park Ave, Garrettsville, OH 44231

**++ Stewardship:** If you would like to make a gift to the church via credit/debit card, you can follow the link to our

### **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**

Sun. Mar. 31: ~ *Happy Easter* ~

**6:45am Sunrise Service at Derthick's Farm**

**11:00am Worship**

Tue. Apr. 2: **9:00am Bible Study in Rev. Chris' office**

**8:00pm AA**

Sun. Apr. 7: **10am Live the Resurrection Sunday, potluck at noon**

Fri. Apr. 12: **7:00pm Storytelling event**

### **STAFF CONTACT & AVAILABILITY:**

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Key: **in Admin. bldg.;** **in the Hall;** **an in-person event;** **hybrid event.**

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