

# *Easter Sunrise Service*

*April 20, 2014*



*The First Congregational Church  
of Greenwich*

*The First Congregational Church of Greenwich declares itself to be open and affirming; open to all for participation, membership, leadership and employment, and affirming of all who wish to join us as children of God. We continue to give thanks for God's guidance in our journey of faith.*



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20 April 2014

6:00 o'clock in the morning at Greenwich Point

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## CALL TO COMMUNITY

*Donald Haviland*

## EASTER PROCLAMATION

*Drew Mohn*

*Leader: Praise the Lord! Christ is risen!*

*People: He is risen indeed!*

*Leader: For us the stone has been rolled away.*

*People: Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

*Leader: Christ has been raised from death to new life.*

*People: Christ is risen indeed!*

## OPENING HYMN

*Christ The Lord Is Risen Today (words and music on next page)*

## PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*Yevgeniya Golodinskii*

In the beauty of this morning, we come together to say thank you, to awaken our senses to your presence among us, to celebrate life overcoming death, to claim our place in the Christ story.

As the sun begins to peek over the horizon, remind us that each day is a new possibility, a time for new life, a time to begin again, a time to say thank you once more, a time to cherish.

## LORD'S PRAYER

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.

# Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Charles Wesley, 1707-1788 alt.

EASTER HYMN 7.7.7.7. with Alleluias  
Arr. from "Lyra Davidica," 1708




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



Sons of men and an - gels say:  
Where, O death, is now thy sting?  
Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - - le - lu - ia!  
Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head,



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high,  
Dy - ing once, he all doth save,  
Death in vain for - bids him rise, Al - - le - lu - ia!  
Made like him, like him we rise,



Sing, ye heavens, and earth re - ply:  
Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave?  
Christ has o - pened Par - a - dise, Al - - le - lu - ia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies,

A-men.



A descant may be found at No. 582  
Alternative tune, LLANFAIR, No. 187

RESURRECTION

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM  
Charlotte Tillson Lorthioir  
Charles Robert Teeters

Rev. Mark D. Montgomery

HYMN

*Seek Ye First*

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in the key of D major and 2/2 time. It consists of three systems of music. The first system begins with the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, Al -' and includes two numbered verses: '1. Seek ye first the king - dom of God and his' and '2. Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek and'. The second system continues with 'le - lu - ia, Al - le -' and the lyrics 'righ - teous - ness, ye shall find; and all these things shall be knock, and the door shall be'. The third system concludes with 'lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!' and 'add - ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!' and 'o - pened un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!'. Chord symbols are placed above the notes: D, F#m, G, D, G, D, Em7, A7, D, F#m, G, D, G, D, A7sus, A7, D.

D F#m G D G  
Al - le - lu - ia, Al -

1. Seek ye first the king - dom of God and his  
2. Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek and

D Em7 A7 D F#m  
le - lu - ia, Al - le -

righ - teous - ness, and all these things shall be  
ye shall find; knock, and the door shall be

G D G D A7sus A7 D  
lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

add - ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!  
o - pened un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

## THE PSALM

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing. Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name. For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

*Psalm 100*

## ANTHEM

*O Sons and Daughters*

*The Youth Choir*

Michael Larkin

*Carolyn Paulus, director*

*Jon Hunt, accompanist*

## THE GOSPEL

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightening, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

*Matthew 28:1-10*

## SERMON

*Olivia Hartwell, Daniel Lepoutre, Charlotte Lorthioir,  
Melanie Pfetsch, and Stephanie and Gillian Woodman*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Rev. John W. Collins*

CLOSING HYMN

*Thine is the Glory* (words and music on next page)

CLOSING WORDS AND BENEDICTION

*Donald Haviland, Youth Ministry Assistant*

CHORAL RESPONSE

“Finale” from *Godspell*

Stephen Schwartz

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**Youth Choir of  
The First Congregational Church of Greenwich**

*Carolyn Paulus, director*

*Vance Briceland, pianist*

*Matthew Baptist*

*Alex Mair*

*Amy Cass*

*Drew Mohn*

*Parker Freeman*

*Sarah Morris*

*Ellie Garnett*

*Melanie Pfetsch*

*Yevgeniya Golodinskii*

*Olivia Pfetsch*

*Ivan Golodinskii*

*Shaw Speer*

*Olivia Hartwell*

*Hans VanRhyn*

*Daniel Lepoutre*

*Gillian Woodman*

*Charlotte Lorthioir*

*Stephanie Woodman*

**Our ushers this morning are members of our  
2014 Confirmation Class**

*Sloan Jacoby*

*Alison Tedford*

*Sam Jenkins*

*Megan Tedford*

*Charlie Teeters*

*Daniel Lepoutre*

*Ellie Garnett*

*Tyler Shaver*

*Ebee Grellier*

*Caroline Keller*

## Thine is the Glory

1 Thine is the glo - ry, Ris - en, con - quering Son; End - less is the  
2 Lo! Je - sus meets thee, Ris - en from the tomb; Lov - ing - ly he  
3 No more we doubt thee, Glo - rious Prince of life! Life is nought with-

vic - tory Thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai - ment  
greet thee, Scat - ters fear and gloom; Let his church with glad - ness  
out thee; Aid us in our strife; Make us more than con - quers,

Rolled the stone a way, Kept the fold - ed grave - clothes  
Hymns of tri - umph sing, For her Lord now liv - eth;  
Through thy death - less love; Bring us safe through Jor - dan

REFRAIN

Where thy bod - y lay.  
Death hath lost its sting. Thine is the glo - ry, Ris - en, con - quering Son;  
To thy home a - bove.

End - less is the vic - tory Thou o'er death hast won.



**Our offering this morning** will be received at the close of the service. All undesignated contributions will go to support Youth Ministries in the church. This year's **Lenten Offering** of our church will allow us to live *Our Church's Wider Mission* and support programs that extend our outreach to those in our community and beyond and to be a light in the world. Our contributions this year will be used for the following programs:

- To support the **Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM)** of the **CT Conference** which helps the wider ministries of the UCC including: programs to help feed the hungry and the homeless in Connecticut; to help foster the development of new Church leaders by giving youth life-changing experiences at Silver Lake Conference Center; disaster relief for those impacted by events like Hurricane Sandy.



- To support **HomeFront** and their mission to keep low-income neighbors in their homes with an improved quality of life through the completion of repairs at no cost to them. We are working with HomeFront to find a couple of light construction/repair projects in the local area and pull together a group of mission volunteers to work on the project. Our contributions will help defray costs for materials that may be needed for these projects as well as support larger repair projects HomeFront has underway. Mark your calendars for *Saturday, May 3* and join our First Church HomeFront Mission Group to work on the selected projects.



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**At the conclusion of the service this morning,** you will receive a daffodil. These flowers are a gift from the Speer Family for this Easter Sunday.

**This Sunrise Service is sponsored and supported by The First Congregational Church of Greenwich,** United Church of Christ, and has been a project of the Youth Ministry Program of this church for over 60 years.

**Please join us as our Easter Sunday Celebration continues** in the Meetinghouse at 9:00 and 11:00 am with Festival Services, including choirs, brass and timpani. Child care is available.

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