



A warm welcome to those who are guests with us today. Please join us after worship in the front yard of the church as the children send off their balloons--a symbol and a message to our neighborhood--and to those who find the balloons—that Jesus truly rose and destroyed death!

If you would like to know more about Old Orchard Church, please call us at 314-962-3795. We'd be happy to talk with you.

CREDITS

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HE IS RISEN!

On the third day the friends of Christ, coming at day-break to the place, found the grave empty and the stone rolled away. In varying ways they realized the new wonder; but even they hardly realized that the world had died in the night. What they were looking at was the first day of a new creation, with a new heaven and a new earth; and in a likeness of the gardener God walked again in the garden, in the cool not of the evening but the dawn.

—G.K. Chesterton (1874-1936)

COMMUNION IN THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

SONG OF HOPE

“Alleluia, The Great Storm Is Over” Bob Franke (1982)

The thunder and lightning gave voice to the night.
The little, small child cried aloud in her fright.
“Hush, Little Babe, a story I will tell
Of a love that has vanquished the powers of Hell.”

Chorus:

Alleluia! The Great Storm is over!
Lift up your wings and fly!
Alleluia! The Great Storm is over!
Lift up your wings and fly!

Sweetness in the air and justice on the wind.
Laughter in the house where the mourners have been.
The deaf shall have music; the blind have new eyes.
The standards of death taken down by surprise.

Release for the captives, an end to the wars,
Streams in the desert, new hope for the poor.
Little, small children shall dance as they sing
And play with the bears and the lions in the spring.

“Hush, Little Babe, let go of your fears.
The Lord loves his own and your mother is here.”
The babe fell asleep as the lantern did burn
The mother sang on till her Bridegroom’s return.

BLESSING ON THE PEOPLE OF GOD



*Christ is not weak in dealing with you,
but is powerful among you.
For he was crucified in weakness,
But he lives by the power of God.
—2 Corinthians 13:3-34*

GLORIA PATRI

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. Amen.

SONG OF HOPE

“The Tree of Life”

Pécseleyi Király Imre von (1961)
Paraphrased by Erik Routley (1974)
K. Lee Scott (music—1987)

We celebrate the Lord’s Supper weekly—and in a circle, at the end of worship. A word of direction is given, and with this everyone stands and moves to the walls. The cup is passed in two forms: in a chalice and then in small individual cups. You are free to choose.

And as this is the Supper of the Lord Christ, please listen to the instructions we give as to what qualifies a visitor to participate. **But whether you intend to take communion or not, please join us in the circle.**

THE FESTIVAL OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

OLD ORCHARD CHURCH
EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 12, 2009

PRELUDE “Roll Away the Stone”

Greg Roig (2001)

The heart is deceitful above all things, desperately wicked.
Who can know it? The Lord alone searches mind and heart.
Now through the prophet the Lord declares this unto his people:
 “I will give you a heart of flesh and put my spirit in you.
 I’ll remove your heart of stone.
 I’ll remove your heart of stone.
 I’ll remove the stone and give you hearts of flesh.”

Roll away the stone. Roll away the stone.

As evening approached Joseph carried Jesus where rock was hewn.
Wrapped him in linen and placed him there deep inside the tomb.
 Then he rolled a great stone,
 Then he rolled a great stone,
 Then he rolled a stone to cover up the grave.

Roll away the stone. Roll away the stone.

The Law of old was written only outside, etched on tablets of stone. But
now his broken heart (by thorns, by nails, by sword)
inscribes my own.

Behold! I stand at the door and knock, can you hear my voice?
Open the door, I’ll come in and eat with you, what’s your choice?
 I open what no one can close.
 I close what none can open.
 I am the Key of David, let me in.

Roll away the stone. Roll away the stone.

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 22 and I Corinthians 15

Leader: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!

CONFESSION OF FAITH *(adapted from various orthodox creeds)*

I believe that the man Jesus:

was crucified, was dead, and was buried;
that the third day he rose again from the dead;
that he ascended into heaven,
and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there in due time, he shall come to judge the living
and the dead.

I believe that this same Jesus:

was promised beforehand in the sacred Scriptures;
was born son of Mary, of the seed of David
according to the flesh;
was declared with power to be the Son of God
by his resurrection from the dead,
according to the Spirit of holiness.

I believe that this man Jesus:

is Christ, Israel’s Messiah, our Lord and God.
And I confess that you Lord Jesus—
not despising the womb of a virgin, to become human—
overcame death,
and opened the kingdom of heaven to the faithful.

I believe that this same man Jesus,

the one Lord Christ, is both God and man.
I believe that he now rules the universe,
and he will come again in glory
to judge both the living and the dead,
and that his kingdom will have no end.

O Lord with all eagerness now,
I look for the resurrection of the dead—
for myself, and for all who love you—
and I look for everything promised in the world to come,

so that what is mortal in me
may be swallowed up by Life.
Lord I believe; help my unbelief.
Praise God in the highest! Amen.

SONG OF CONFIDENCE

“Christ the Lord Is Risn’ Today” Charles Wesley (1789)

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“Christ the Lord is risen today,” Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!
Sing, ye heav’n and earth reply; Alleluia!

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Vain the stone, the watch, the seal: Alleluia!
Christ has burst the gates of hell: Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids His rise ;Alleluia!
Christ hath opened paradise. Alleluia!

③

Lives again our glorious King: Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once He died, our souls to save: Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

④

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!

⑤

Hail, the Lord of earth and heav’n! Alleluia!
Praise to Thee by both be giv’n; Alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now; Alleluia!
Hail, the Resurrection Thou! Alleluia!

PREACHING OF THE WORD OF GOD

“Christ Is Risen! The Human Predicament and
the Decline of Religious Truth Claims”

John 20:1-18

Ron Lutjens, senior pastor, preaching

GREETING OF PEACE

Greet one another in the name of Christ:

“The peace of the Lord be with you.”

“And also with you.”

SONG OF PRAISE

“Thine Is the Glory”

(See insert.)

Edmond Budry (1884)

PROCLAMATION OF THE GOOD NEWS

John 20:1-18

SONG OF CHRIST'S TRIUMPH

“See What a Morning”

(See insert.)

K Getty/S. Townend (2003)

LITANY OF DELIVERANCE

The Lesser and the Greater Exodus

(adapted from Exodus 15 & 1 Corinthians 15)

L1: Jesus is alive!

P: **For the Lord of hosts was not willing
to cast His exiled children out of His presence forever.**

L1: I will sing to the Lord, for He is highly exalted.

P: **The horse and its rider He has hurled into the sea.**

L2: The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my
salvation.

P: **He is my God and I will praise Him; my father’s God, and I will
exalt Him; my mother’s God, and I will love Him; my God, and
I will worship Him.**

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L1: The Lord is a warrior; the Lord is His name.

P: **Pharaoh’s chariots and his army, He has hurled into the sea.**

L2: The best of Pharaoh’s officers, are drowned in the Red Sea!

P: **The deep waters have covered them; they sank to the depths like a stone.**

L1: Your right hand O Lord, was majestic in power.
You made Egypt—the enemy of your people—a type and figure of that last and great enemy, Death itself.

P: **But your right hand O Lord, shattered the enemy!
By your resurrected Son, You bring us through the pangs of death, into the Promised Land of Life.
You are the One making all things new.**

L1: But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

L2: Therefore my heart is glad, and my tongue rejoices; my body also rests secure,

P: **because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay!**

L1: Listen to this mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet.

P: **For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.**

L1: For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true:

P: **“DEATH HAS BEEN SWALLOWED UP IN VICTORY!”
“O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY?
O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING?”**

ALL: **The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.
But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory,
through our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia! Praise the Lord!**

REFLECTION ON LOVE AND DEATH IN THE GOSPEL

“Now the Green Blade Rises”
(choir)

John Crum (1872-1958)
French Carol

In the grave they laid him, love whom hate had slain,
Thinking that he never would awake again.
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen,
Love comes again.



Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
Wheat that in the dark and barren earth has lain;
Love lives again, that lost in death has been;
Love is come again like wheat arising green.

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain.
So our Lord will call us back to life again;
Love lives gain to free us from our sin;
Love is come again like wheat arising green.

CHILDREN'S LESSON

OFFERTORY

“I Am the Resurrection”

Gregory Roig
(1988 revised 2009)

I am the resurrection
and the life.
Come to me and live.

—John 11:25

—Matthew 11:28

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 24:21-23; 25:6-9