



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

Thanks to all the musicians for helping us to worship this morning and to our Music Director, Greg Roig, for bringing them together.

Art. On page 8, *Goats in a Forest*. 16th century woodcut.

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He is risen!

*But for you who revere my name,
the Sun of righteousness will rise
with healing in its wings.
And you will go out and leap like
calves released from the stall.*

— Malachi 4:2 —

Christ's Victory

*Christ when he died
Deceived the cross,
And on death's side
Threw all the loss;
The captive world awaked and found
The prisoners loose, the Jailor bound.*

Richard Crashaw (1613-1649)

Adam's & Eve's Expulsion from Eden.
Woodcut by Hans Holbein the Younger. Nuremberg (1540)

Songs of Confidence

“See What a Morning” Keith Getty/Stuart Townend (2003)
(See insert.)

“The Tree of Life” Pécselyi Király Imre von (1961)
(See insert.) Paraphrased by Erik Routley (1974)
K. Lee Scott (music-1987)

Communion in the Body and Blood of Christ

Song of Hope

Alleluia, He Is Coming! Martha Butler (1979)

See print copy for song.

Blessing on the People of God

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.**

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 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.

The Festival of the Resurrection Of Our Lord Jesus Christ



Old Orchard Church
Easter Sunday
April 4, 2010

Prelude

“Sicut Cervus”

Palestrina (1525-1594)

Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontem aquarum
Ita desiderat anima mea ad te Deus.

As the deer thirsts for water
So my soul thirsts for God.

Proclamation of the Good News

John 20:1-18, 30-31

Response

Leader: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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)

Prayer

The Gospel in the Old Testament

Isaiah 25:6-9

John 20:1-18, 30-31

¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. ²So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

³So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. ⁴Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter, who was behind him, arrived and went into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, ⁷as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus' head. The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the linen. ⁸Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. ⁹(They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.)

¹⁰Then the disciples went back to their homes, ¹¹but Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb ¹²and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

¹³They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

"They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." ¹⁴At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

¹⁵"Woman," he said, "why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher).

¹⁷Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet returned to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

¹⁸Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her....

³⁰Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Tithes and Offerings

“Ezekiel Saw de Wheel”

American Spiritual
arr. Dawson (1942)

Ezekiel saw de wheel, ‘way up in de middle of the air.
The big wheel run by faith and de little wheel
Run by de grace of God, a little wheel in a wheel,
‘way in de middle of de air.

Better mind, my brother, how you walk on the cross.
Your foot might slip an’ yer soul get lost.
Ole Satan wears a club foot shoe.
If you don’ mind he’ll slip it on you.
Some go to church fo’ to sing an’ shout: Halleluyah!
Befo’ six months dey’s all turn’d out
’Way in de middle of de air.

Song of Christ's Triumph

“In the Tomb So Cold”

Graham Kendrick (1986)
Piano Arr. Christopher Norton

Proclaiming the Word of God

“What If the Resurrection Is True?”

John 20:1-18, 30-31

Ron Lutjens, senior pastor, preaching

Litany of Deliverance

The Lesser and the Greater Exodus

(adapted from Exodus 15, Isaiah 19, and 1 Corinthians 15)

Leader: Jesus is alive!

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

L: I will sing to the Lord, for He is highly exalted!

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

L: 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.

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

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

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

P: And by the arm of your power you shattered the enemy: By your resurrected Son, You bring us through the pangs of death, into the Promised Land of Life.

L: But Israel's eyes were too dim to see the wideness of God's mercy; she forgot Isaiah's great prophecy concerning the healing of the nations:

P: "The Lord will make himself known to Egypt...The Lord will strike Egypt—striking but healing; so the Egyptians will return to the Lord and He will heal them. In that day Israel will be the third partner with Egypt and Assyria, a blessing in the midst of the earth, whom the Lord of hosts has blessed, saying:

L: Blessed is Egypt, my people; and Assyria, the work of my hands; and Israel, my inheritance."

P: Glory and praise to the One who is restoring a broken world, making all things new!

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

L: 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.

L: 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!**

Song of Joy

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"
(See insert.)

Charles Wesley (1740)
Arnold's *Compleat*
Psalmist (1740)

Children's Lesson