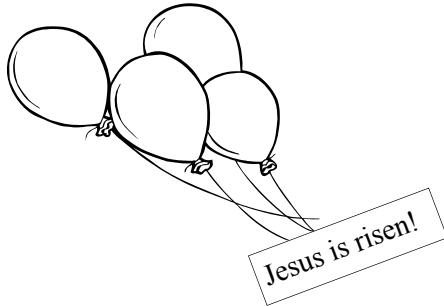


Easter Sunday



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.

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Jesus Is Laid In the Tomb

If Christ has not been raised, our preaching is worthless and your faith is worthless....If the dead are not raised, “Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.”

(1 Corinthians 15:14, 32)

Old Orchard Church

April 24, 2011—10:15 to 11:50 a.m.

The Festival of the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ

from
Christ
a poem by Cynewulf
(early 9th century)

So to Zion's Hill there come up together
a host, great, mighty, true to their Maker,
bright and blithe; blessedness is their share.
Then from the four far corners of earth,
the uttermost ends of the world's kingdom,
angels all-shining, together blow
their clamorous trumpets; mid-earth trembles
beneath men's feet. They sound together
strongly, gloriously, in the star's pathway;
they sing and run out from the south and the north,
from the east and west over all creation.

They wake from the dead the sons of men,
all mankind to the grim judgment,
aghast from the old earth; they bid them stand up
straightway from their fast sleep.
There the sorrowing folk
are heard: sad-hearted, hard-beset,
lamenting their grief for deeds while living,
sore afraid. This is the great fore-sign
of all the portents which ever yet
were shown to men. For there, mingling,
is the mighty host of angels and devils,
the brightest and darkest; both are there,
the fair and the dark, and a home is shaped for them,
But far unlike for angels and devils.

Song of Victory
“Christ Is Risen”

Matt Maher (2004)

See words in print copy.



Proclaiming the Word of God

“Four Gardens, Five Questions, a Plea and an Invitation”

From: Genesis 2 & 3; Matthew 26:36-40; John 20; Revelation 22

Ron Lutjens, senior pastor, preaching

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 Victory

“Christ Is Risen” Matt Maher (2004)
(see next page)

Blessing on the People of God

How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)
(*Choir sings during Tithes & Offerings; see page 8.*)

How lovely is Thy dwelling-place, O Lord of Hosts!

For my soul, it longeth, yea, fainteth for the courts of the Lord
My soul and body crieth out, yea, for the living God.

How lovely is Thy dwelling-place, O Lord of Hosts!

O Blest are they that dwell within Thy house;
They praise Thy name evermore.

How lovely is Thy dwelling-place, O Lord of Hosts!

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.**

Then swiftly on Zion’s hill
from the south-east a gleam of sunlight
comes from the Creator, shining more radiantly
than any man may dream in his heart,
bright-gleaming. Then God’s Son
through the arches of heaven comes ever onward,
and Christ’s face is gloriously seen,
the King’s presence from the eastern sky.
He is sweet to hearts of His own folk,
bitter to the wicked; varied wondrously,
far unlike to the happy and wretched.
The deep places din. Before Him there sweeps down
a great fire whelming over the wide ground.
Strong and bright are the stars falling.
Then will the sun be changed to darkness,
to blood’s hue, which before shone bright
over the old world of the children of men;
and the moon herself who once in the night
gave light to mankind shall fall low.
And all the stars shall be shaken through heaven
on strong winds, storm-beaten....

Then a mighty army, forever young,
fares onward before the All-Wielder.
They, called by name, must needs obey,
bear their breast-secrets before God’s Son,
their spirit’s treasure.



To the one who is victorious,
I will give the right to eat
from the tree of life,
which is in
the paradise of God.
Revelation 2:7b

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.

Proclamation of the Good News

John 20:1-18, 30-31

Response

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 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.

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.

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 Ris’n Today”
(See insert.)

Charles Wesley (1740)

Progress in the Kingdom

Midtown Church Update

Mark Tucker

Tithes and Offerings

“How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place”
(see page 11)

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

Song of Christ's Triumph
"In the Tomb So Cold"

Graham Kendrick (1986)
Piano Arr. Christopher Norton

See print copy for words and music.

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!**