

**Easter Sunday**

**March 31, 2024**

*Nursery care is available for children up to age 3  
in the Nursery on the first floor of the Center for Christian Studies*

**Prelude**

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

“Exsultate, jubilate”

*Kyaunnee Richardson*

*Translation of Latin text:*

“Rejoice, resound with joy, o you blessed souls, singing sweet songs,  
In response to your singing let the heavens sing forth with me.”

Tom Trenney

“Let Your Faith Be Stronger Than Your Fear”

*Mario Arevalo*

“In the deserts of your life, I’ll not desert you.  
I will make a way beside a flowing stream.  
Through the valley, do not fear, for I am with you;  
My rod and staff to comfort and redeem.

In the darkness of your life, I will not leave you.  
In the shadow, I’m your light, your lamp, your sun.  
I will be the star that shines above to guide you,  
A light unto your path to lead you on.

Do not be afraid, I go before you, do not be afraid, I am by your side.  
Be still, and know that I am with you.  
Let your faith be stronger than your fear.

When you’re weary, when you’re faint, I will be with you.  
I will raise you up to soar on eagle’s wings.  
I will be the joy that seeks you through your sorrow.  
Unending hope my resurrection brings.

When the storms of life assail, I will uphold you.  
I will strengthen you; I'll be the help you need.  
Though the waters rage and foam, fear not, I'm with you.  
I am the way, the truth, the life, indeed!

Do not be afraid, I go before you, do not be afraid, I am by your side.  
Be still, and know that I am with you.  
Let your faith be stronger than your fear."

Dottie Rambo

"We Shall Behold Him"

*Julia Duca*

Andreas Hammerschmidt

"Who Rolls Away the Stone?"

"Who rolls away the stone from the sepulcher?  
For it is so large, so large, it is so large.  
Be not affrighted, for you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified;  
Be not affrighted; he is now arisen, he is not here.

The Lord have they taken from the dark grave where death bound him;  
And we do not know where they have laid him.  
Be not affrighted; he is now arisen, he is not here.

Woman, why weepest thou?  
The Lord have they taken from the dark grave;  
And we do not know where they have laid him.  
He is not here, he is now arisen.

This is where they laid him, where he first was taken.  
Therefore go your way and say to the disciples and Peter  
That he will go before you into Galilee;  
There shall ye surely see him as he hath foretold to you.

Christ is arisen from all pain and torment,  
Therefore shall we all forever joyful be.  
Christ our redeemer will be.  
Therefore shall we all forever joyful be.”

## **Welcome**

## **Opening Prayer**

### **First Scripture Reading (p. 1321)**

John 20:11-18

“Mary stood outside near the tomb, crying. As she cried, she bent down to look into the tomb. She saw two angels dressed in white, seated where the body of Jesus had been, one at the head and one at the foot. The angels asked her, ‘Woman, why are you crying?’

She replied, ‘They have taken away my Lord, and I don’t know where they’ve put him.’ As soon as she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she didn’t know it was Jesus.

Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, why are you crying? Who are you looking for?’

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

Jesus said to her, ‘Mary.’

She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabbouni” (which means *Teacher*).

Jesus said to her, ‘Don’t hold on to me, for I haven’t yet gone up to my Father. Go to my brothers and sisters and tell them, “I’m going up to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.”’

Mary Magdalene left and announced to the disciples, ‘I’ve seen the Lord.’ Then she told them what he said to her.”

## **Easter Fanfare**

arr. Birgit Fioravante

*First Delray Ringers*

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

“Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!  
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!  
Now above the sky he’s King, Alleluia!  
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
Praise eternal as God’s love; Alleluia!  
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!”

## **Prayers of the People**

### **The 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.”

### **Special Music (11 a.m.)**

Alana Therrell

“God Bless You”

*Alana Therrell*

## **Time with the Children**

### **Gathering Song: “Jesus Loves Me”**

“Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so;  
Little ones to him belong; they are weak but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.”

*Children up to 3 years old may go to the Nursery (Nursery Rm)*

### **Special Music (11 a.m.)**

Lyrics by Kelley Mooney

Music by Leonard Cohen

“An Easter Hallelujah”

*Chloé-Anne Cauldwell and Lilika Cauldwell*

**Offering** . . . *“Freely we have received, freely let us give.”*

### **Offertory Anthem**

Randall Thompson

“Alleluia”

### **Ministry of the Church**

### **Special Music**

arr. Craig Courtney

“I Will Rise”

“There’s a peace I’ve come to know though my heart and flesh may fail.  
There’s an anchor for my soul. I can say, ‘It is well.’

Jesus has overcome and the grave is overwhelmed.

The victory is won, he is risen from the dead.

And I will rise when he calls my name, no more sorrow, no more pain,  
I will rise on eagle’s wings. Before my God fall on my knees and rise.

I will rise.

There's a day that's drawing near when this darkness breaks to light.  
And the shadows disappear and my faith shall be my eyes.

Jesus has overcome and the grave is overwhelmed.

The victory is won, he is risen from the dead.

And I will rise when he calls my name, no more sorrow, no more pain,  
I will rise on eagle's wings. Before my God fall on my knees and rise.  
I will rise.

And I hear the voice of many angels sing, 'Worthy is the Lamb!'  
And I hear the cry of every longing heart, 'Worthy is the Lamb!'

And I will rise when he calls my name, no more sorrow, no more pain.  
I will rise on eagle's wings. Before my God fall on my knees and rise.  
I will rise, I will rise!"

## **Second Scripture** (p. 1322)

John 21:1-8

"Later, Jesus himself appeared again to his disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. This is how it happened: Simon Peter, Thomas (called Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, Zebedee's sons, and two other disciples were together. Simon Peter told them, 'I'm going fishing.'

They said, 'We'll go with you.' They set out in a boat, but throughout the night they caught nothing. Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples didn't realize it was Jesus.

Jesus called to them, 'Children, have you caught anything to eat?'

They answered him, 'No.'

He said, 'Cast your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.'

So they did, and there were so many fish that they couldn't haul in the net. Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It's the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard it was the Lord, he wrapped his coat around himself (for he was naked) and jumped into the water. The other disciples followed in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they weren't far from shore, only about one hundred yards."

“Spiritual Eyes”

**\*Benediction**

George Frederic Handel

“Hallelujah” from *The Messiah*

“Hallelujah: for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.  
The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord,  
And of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.  
King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.  
Hallelujah!”

**Postlude**

Charles-Marie Widor

“Toccata” from *Symphony for Organ No. 5*

\*The congregation is invited to stand, in mind or in body.

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For more information about **connecting with our church**, please complete the card in the pews.

Our **condolences** are extended to the family of Lucy Drake, upon her death on March 25<sup>th</sup>.

Our **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering** this year is designated to purchase gift cards for food for the victims of the Lahaina Wildfire in August 2023. Pastor Rev. Dr. Kimberly Fond, from Po’okela Church, will distribute the gift cards. You can send the love of Christ across the miles, giving those who lost everything the strength to walk with him as they rebuild their lives. Make sure to mark “OGHS” on the memo/notes line.

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What will your legacy be? Please remember the church in your will and beneficiary donations and become a **Legacy Partner**. Contact Christine Davis ([christinedavis@firstdelray.com](mailto:christinedavis@firstdelray.com)) for more information.

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During the month of **March**, we are collecting NEW pajamas and age-appropriate, non-religious NEW books for children at The Milagro Center. We need pajamas in children sizes 6-16 and adults S, M, L, and XL. If you would like to order from Amazon, we have a “Wish List” available at <https://a.co/eWGoNjw>.

Stop by the Welcome Center to purchase **tickets for First Delray Concert Series concerts**. Upcoming concerts are **April 21<sup>st</sup>**, The Magic of Mozart, \$30 each; and **November 10<sup>th</sup>**, This Land is Your Land, \$20 each. All concerts are on Sunday afternoons at 4 p.m.

The First Delray Concert Planning team is seeking **volunteers** to help with **upcoming concerts**. Contact Penny Johnson (412-737-1929) to volunteer.



**Hometown Nazareth, Where Jesus was a Kid**

is this summer’s **VBS** theme! Join us from 9 a.m. to noon from **June 10<sup>th</sup> to June 14<sup>th</sup>**. Kathy Baldwin and Grace Hood are our co-directors. We are inviting you to prayerfully consider being part of our leadership team. As we take the children on a trip to Nazareth in the time of Jesus, we need actors, musicians, Bible teachers, game players, decorators, snack makers, and artisans for the marketplace. Contact Grace Hood ([gracehood@firstdelray.com](mailto:gracehood@firstdelray.com)) to see how you can help!

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**Nursery Care** for children up to age 3 is available in the Nursery on the first floor of the Center for Christian Studies.

**Bible Bunch for Children** 3 years old through Kindergarten meets **after the Time with the Children** in the Bible Bunch Room on the first floor of the Center for Christian Studies. *There is no Bible Bunch today.*



**Primary Sunday School for Children** in 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> grade meets **after the Time with the Children** in the Sunday School Room on the first floor of the Center for Christian Studies. *There is no Sunday School today.*

**God Squad** for grades 5 and up meets **after the Time with the Children** in the Youth Room on the second floor of the Center for Christian Studies. *There is no God Squad today.*

**Youth Chimes** meets during Sunday School in the Bell Room on the second floor of the Center for Christian Studies. *There is no Youth Chimes today.*

The **Children's Choir** for kindergarten through 5th grade meets **Sunday mornings from 10:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.** in the Children's Music Room on the first floor of the Center for Christian Studies. *There is no Children's Choir today.*

The **Youth Group** meets **Sundays at 12 p.m.** in the Youth Room on the second floor of the Center for Christian Studies. *There is no Youth Group today.*

**Monday Morning Women's Bible Study** meets Monday mornings at **10 a.m.** via Zoom. Contact Maria Graham (mmg2352@gmail.com) for more information.

The **Women's Book Group** next meets **Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m.** via Zoom, and in the Meeting Room on the second floor of the Center for Christian Studies, to discuss *The Paper Garden: Mrs. Delany Begins Her Life's Work at 72* by Molly Peacock. Contact Martha Smith (marthaksmith44@gmail.com) for more information.

**Holly House Workshops** meet **Tuesday and Thursday mornings** at 9:30 a.m. in the Holly House.

**Men's Fellowship** meets **Thursday mornings at 8:30 a.m.** at local area restaurants for breakfast and discussion. Contact Fred McNaboe (561-350-4294) for this week's location.

**Women's Discipleship Group** next meets **Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.** in the Meeting Room on the second floor of the Center for Christian Studies. Contact Pamela Kent-Balasco (561-414-7552) for more information.

**First Delray Ringers** meets **Thursdays at 6 p.m.** in the Bell Room on the second floor of the Center for Christian Studies.

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Read Dr. Doug Hood's [weekly Nurture Faith meditation](#) on our website under Resources.

Pick up a copy of *Nurture Faith: Five Minute Meditations to Strengthen Your Walk with Christ*, a spiritual resource by Dr. Doug Hood and his son, Nathanael. You may purchase it at the Welcome Center in the Lobby or from your favorite online retailer. Any royalties received support the mission and ministry of the church.

Dr. Doug Hood's new book, *A Month of Prayer: Five-Minute Meditations for a Deeper Experience of Prayer*, is here. With the foreword by Rev. Greg Rapier and prayers by Leo S. Thorne, this spiritual resource will provide a pathway to a deeper prayer experience. You can purchase this book at the Welcome Center in the Lobby for \$5 or from your favorite online retailer. Any royalties received from book sales support the mission and ministry of the church.

ABC affiliates nationwide and US territories showed a television special taped in our church, *Every Day Is Easter*, on Easter Sunday 2023. DVD copies of the program are available for a donation of \$15. See Nancy Fine at the Welcome Center in the Lobby if you would like one.

Visit our website ([www.firstdelray.com](http://www.firstdelray.com)) for more information about our ministries.

*HAPPY EASTER!*

# Easter Memorials

Easter Memorials were given this year to beautify the Sanctuary with lilies and help feed the hungry in our community. Contributions to the Easter Memorial Fund for local hunger totaled \$2,830.

| Given by                         | In Loving Memory of                                                                          | In Honor of         |
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| Susan Ambrecht                   | My Husband,<br>Kenneth C. Ambrecht                                                           |                     |
| Steve and Holly<br>Anderson      | Mary Jane Hayes<br>Phyllis Anderson                                                          |                     |
| The Bagwell Family               | Dorinda's Father,<br>Donald R. Claus                                                         |                     |
| The Bagwell Family               | Kurt's Brother,<br>Kenneth Bagwell, Jr.<br>Kurt's Parents,<br>Kenneth and Maurine<br>Bagwell |                     |
| Cathy Balbach and<br>Ted Strange | John Balbach<br>Margy Strange                                                                |                     |
| Alice Barrett                    | Ron Barrett                                                                                  |                     |
| Her Mother,<br>Mary Bergquist    | Beth Bergquist                                                                               |                     |
| Marsha Bird                      | James Bird                                                                                   |                     |
| Ron and Lynn<br>Blubaugh         |                                                                                              | Our Church Families |
| Jennifer Buce                    |                                                                                              | All of My Family    |
| Your Family                      | Abigail                                                                                      |                     |
| Alan and Diana Bush              | Our Loved Ones                                                                               |                     |
| Jim and Kay Cook                 | Our Parents                                                                                  |                     |

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| Donna Curran                                 | My Parents,<br>Bob and Jean Greaves                                |                                                     |
| Bert and Josette Evans                       | Joseph and Genevieve<br>Eubanks<br>Albert and Emma Louise<br>Evans |                                                     |
| Dick and DoAnn Falk                          | Our Parents                                                        |                                                     |
| David and Lucille<br>Fannin                  | Family Members<br>Deceased                                         |                                                     |
| Nancy Fine                                   | Parents and Sister                                                 |                                                     |
| Sandy and Marianne<br>Galt                   | Our Parents                                                        | Our Grandchildren,<br>Margot, Marianne,<br>and Penn |
| Bert and Ann Gordon                          | Robert Gordon, III<br>Andrew S. Gordon                             |                                                     |
| Her Daughters,<br>Julie Guss and<br>Amy King | Judy Rhode                                                         |                                                     |
| Henry and Sims<br>Hagan                      | Margaret Scarcille                                                 |                                                     |
| Leslie and Ann<br>Heilakka                   | Our Mothers,<br>Mary Ellsberg Pollard<br>Mary Jean Heilakka        |                                                     |
| Vernita and Katherine<br>Hettrich            | Laird Hettrich                                                     |                                                     |
| Gail Richter Jessell                         | Todd Anthony Richter                                               |                                                     |
| Jones Family                                 | Peter Jones                                                        |                                                     |
| Daughter Judith                              | Jean E. Irving                                                     | My Loving Mother                                    |

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| His Sister, Cuppy Kraft             | Jim Henry                                                   |                    |
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| Marge Lanthier                      | Jack Lanthier                                               |                    |
| Tom and Suzy Lyman                  | Our Parents,<br>Bud and Suzanne Guyot<br>Tom and June Lyman |                    |
| Tom and Suzy Lyman and Our Families | Our Beloved Daughter and Sister,<br>Katherine Jeanne        |                    |
| Joan Leonard McGrath                | McGrath and Leonard Family                                  |                    |
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| Lou and MaryLou Molnar              | Diane Fastuca                                               |                    |
| Lou Molnar                          | Christine Molnar                                            |                    |
| Tom, Cindy, and Kate Pemberton      | Family and Friends                                          |                    |
| Charles and Betsy Phillips          | Ellen Kelly Dickson                                         |                    |
| Leo and Pat Phillips                | Family and Friends                                          | Nancy Fine         |

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| Gary Schiegner                                            | Beth Bergquist                                                                                                                                   | Mary Bergquist     |
| The Schmidt Family                                        | Poppop and<br>Grandpa Mark                                                                                                                       |                    |
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| Sharon J. Thompson                                        | Judith Hall Thompson                                                                                                                             |                    |
| Sandra Tuccillo                                           | Loved Ones                                                                                                                                       |                    |
| Michael and Holly<br>Watts                                | Darcy Boyd Austin                                                                                                                                |                    |
| Julie, Craig, Courtney,<br>Pierce, and Jackson<br>Whiting | Roland and Beverly<br>Hendrickson<br>Lawson and Marion<br>Whiting                                                                                |                    |