

# Easter Sunday

9 & 11 a.m. | March 31, 2024

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Iowa City

READ John 3:14-21

FROM THE ARTIST | Rev. Lisle Gwynn Garrity

My first memory of this passage is from writing “John 3:16” on my basketball shoes when I was in seventh grade, joining many of my teammates in blending our sport with our faith. I don’t remember knowing what the verse really meant, but my display of it was to make a statement about who I was—or at least who I desperately wanted to be. Like the branded clothes I wore, or the way I styled my hair, this was just another way to curate my middle school self-image. I wanted to show that I was good, that I fit in, that I believed in God. Later that basketball season, I added another Sharpie pen tattoo to my basketball shoes: my mother’s initials and the dates of her birth and death, marking the 44 years she lived. After her funeral, my teammates added her initials and the dates of her life to their sneakers in solidarity.

Now I know that Jesus originally spoke these famous words to Nicodemus, perhaps whispering them amidst the hushed noises of the night. I wonder why Nicodemus came to Jesus in the first place? Had Jesus’ teachings uprooted his religious self-image, one carefully curated to project propriety and adherence to the law? Or had death recently left a sharp sting, unraveling his tidy beliefs, creating in him a well of desperate questions about eternal life?

Jesus speaks to him with poetry of promise: God didn’t send his son to judge the world, but so the world might be restored through him. For God so loved. For God so loves, that like light, God keeps traveling to reach us with that redeeming love. In this abstract painting, the gold leaf marks become like a wave gliding through the cosmos, moving endlessly until it reaches everything.

As I think back to those Sharpie pen inscriptions on my basketball shoes, perhaps “For God so loved... so that everyone... will have eternal life” was the perfect companion to my mom’s initials.

PRAY

Breathe deeply as you gaze upon the image on the left. Imagine placing yourself in this scene. What do you see? How do you feel? Get quiet and still, offering a silent or spoken prayer to God.



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**Hymns + Songs** | Pages are listed for the printed bulletin  
Numbers (#) are listed for music in the *Lift Up Your Hearts* (red) hymnal  
**Bold Print** | Speak or sing together in unison.  
✕ Please rise in body or in spirit.

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## Thoughts for Reflection

“No tabloid will ever print the startling news that the mummified body of Jesus of Nazareth has been discovered in old Jerusalem. Christians have no carefully embalmed body enclosed in a glass case to worship. Thank God, we have an empty tomb. The glorious fact that the empty tomb proclaims to us is that life for us does not stop when death comes. Death is not a wall, but a door.”

— Peter Marshall

“Only after a disaster can we be resurrected.”

— Chuck Palahniuk, *Fight Club*

## Welcome + Announcements

**Prelude** | *Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals*, arr. by Sondra K. Tucker

## ✠ Call to Gather

The fragile babe who was born in a back-woods cattle cave;

**Today, he is free from a tomb of despair and death!**

The tiny child who was wrapped in tattered bands of cloth;

**Today, he is free from his constrictive shroud of linen!**

The lowly infant born among the last and the lost and the least;

**Today, he has been raised up in glory to the right hand of God!**

The tomb is empty!

**Deep grace has triumphed over a dead-end grave.**

The tomb is vacant!

**True life breaks forth through the bond and balm of love!**

The tomb is bare!

**For Christ goes ahead of us into Galilee— in promise, in hope, and in us—for we are.**

We are his risen and resilient body—

**Called to bear all things, believe all things, hope all things, and endure all things—  
on this good and glorious day!**

✠ **Gathering Hymn** | “Christ the Lord is Risen Today,” versus 1-4, pg. 7 (*hymnal*, #182)

## ✠ Prayer of Confession and Promise of Ever-Present Grace

Gracious and Ever-Guiding God,  
you have walked patiently with us throughout our Lenten journey.  
**You have celebrated our successes and our growing understanding of your love;  
and you have mourned our failures and rejections of your hope-filled and healing mercies.**  
This day, as we gather to celebrate the joy of Easter,  
let us remember that we are called to become “Easter People,”  
people of the Resurrection,  
people who know that what once was thought to be impossible  
has now been fully conquered.

Forgive our stubbornness and fears.  
**Fill us with your healing love  
and help us to become the people  
that you need to serve in the need-full places of the world.**  
For we ask this in the name of the Risen One,  
who goes ahead of us into Galilee, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

*A time for personal confession*

Hold your heads high, for Christ has risen,  
**He has risen up before our very eyes!**  
Christ is calling us forward—  
to a world where darkness and despair are defeated  
**and truth and justice will hold sway;**  
to a place where scarcity is forever banished  
**and abundance can freely expand;**  
to a community where the withholding of grace is no more  
**and the law of love becomes the norm!**  
Hold your heads high—  
**for Christ’s deep love for the world flows like a fountain of forgiveness!**

✠ Hymn | “The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done,” pg. 8 (*hymnal*, #185)

## ✕ **Sharing of Christ's Peace & Compassion**

And now, as a visible sign  
of what it means to live together  
in the care and context  
of Christ's community,  
let us extend Christ's  
peace and compassion  
to those around us!  
The peace of Christ be with you all!  
**And also with you!**

### **Old Testament Reading** | Isaiah 25:6-9 (*Bible*, pg. 568)

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Time for Young Disciples**

### **Gospel Reading** | Mark 16:1-8 (*Bible*, pg. 829-830)

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### **The Prompting** | *Will You Go and Tell?* | The Rev. W. Robert Martin III

## ✕ **Hymn of Response** | *Before Us Now in Galilee* | words by W. Robert Martin III

*Sung to the tune "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"*

**1. Before us now in Galilee, Christ goes where few have ventured;  
and calls us forth that we might see the strife of justice censured.  
For still the power of hate its own world can create;  
The poor are tossed aside, then filled with cruel pride  
the mighty reap the bounty.**

**2. Before us now in Galilee, Christ walks with those discarded—  
The doomed, the damned, the detainee, the hurt and broken-hearted.  
For leaders may declare their practices are fair,  
Yet still the privileged reign, ignoring human pain.  
Their hearts bear no compassion.**

**3. Before us now in Galilee, Christ calls for true conviction  
For from the tomb he is now free, beyond Rome's crucifixion.  
He moves and dares to speak for those whose words are weak  
Among the least and last, Christ's presence now holds fast!  
It's here that we shall find him!**

### **Offering Our Time, Treasure, and Talents**

**Offertory** | *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*, arr. by Cathy Moglebust

✕ **Response to Our Offerings** | "Doxology"

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.**

**Praise God, all creatures high and low.**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Praise God, in Jesus fully known:**

**Creator, Word, and Spirit one.**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

### **Easter Prayer**

**Choral Anthem** | "Hallelujah Chorus," from *Messiah* by G. F. Handel

### **Benediction**

**Postlude** | *Toccata from symphony No. 5*, by Charles-Marie Widor

## **Today's Worship Participants**

Rev. W. Robert Martin III and Rev. Kyle Otterbein, *pastors*

(9 a.m.) Scott Fisher | (11 a.m.) Laurel Crusinberry, *worship leaders*

Austen Wilson, *director of music ministries*

Resound! | Laura Kastens, *assistant director of handbell ministries*

Brass Ensemble

## Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

C F C F C/G G7 C

1 Christ the Lord is risen to - day! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King; Al - le - lu - ia!

F Dm7 G C F C/G G7 C

All cre - a - tion, join to say: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Where, O death, is now your sting? Al - le - lu - ia!

G C G Am G/D D7 G

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Death in vain for - bids him rise; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Once he died, our souls to save; Al - le - lu - ia!

C F C F C/G G7 C

Sing, O heavens, and earth, re - ply: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Where your vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!

- 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 heaven! Alleluia!  
 Praise to you by both be given; Alleluia!  
 Risen Christ, triumphant now; Alleluia!  
 Every knee to you shall bow. Alleluia!

# THE STRIFE IS O'ER

An Alleluia introduction and coda is sung by the choir.  
All join immediately on the hymn.

1. The strife is o'er, the bat - tle  
2. Death's might - iest pow'rs have done their  
3. He closed the yaw - ing gates of  
4. Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed

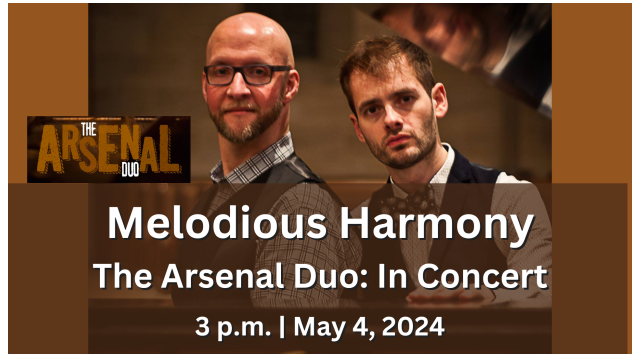
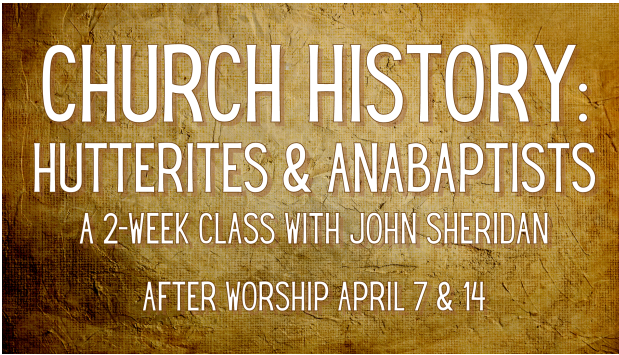
done; Now is the Vic - tor's tri - umph  
worst, And Je - sus has his foes dis -  
hell; The bars from heav'n's high por - tals  
you, From death's sting free your ser - vants

won; Now be the song of praise be -  
persed; Let shouts of praise and joy out -  
fell; Let hymns of praise his tri - umph  
too, That we may live and sing to

gun: Al - le - lu - ia!  
burst: Al - le - lu - ia!  
tell: Al - le - lu - ia!  
you: Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: *Finita iam sunt praelia*; Latin, 12th C.; tr. by Francis Pott, 1832-1909, alt.  
Tune: VICTORY, 888 with alleluias; Giovanni da Palestrina, 1525-1594; adapt. by William H. Monk, 1823-1889





## Reminder of Upcoming Events

- **At the Table** | April 4
- **Big Table** | April 5
- **Sunday Solace** | April 7
- **Spaghetti Lunch** | April 7
- **Handbell Choir Festival** | April 12-13
- **Senior Moments Coffee** | April 16
- **Coffee with Leaders** | April 21
- **Earth Sunday** | April 21 | with guest speaker, the Rev. Dr. Robert Traer
- **25Live Walk-a-Thon** | April 25
- **ETC Trivia Night** | April 26
- **Child-Led Worship Service** | April 28
- **At the Table** | May 2
- **ETC Night Games** | May 3
- **Melodious Harmony: Arsenal Duo** | May 4
- **Sunday Solace** | May 5
- **Guatemala Fundraiser** | May 5
- **Final Week of Sunday Classes** | May 12
- **Affirmation Milestones** | May 19
- **Coffee with Leaders** | May 19
- **Pancake Breakfast & Sensory Fair** | May 19
- **Humanize My Hoodie Screening** | May 19
- **Senior Moments Coffee** | May 21
- **Sunday Solace** | June 2
- **Flamy Grant Concert** | June 4
- **Congregational Meeting** | June 9
- **Stronghold** | June 9-14
- **Coffee with Leaders** | June 16
- **VBS** | June 17-21

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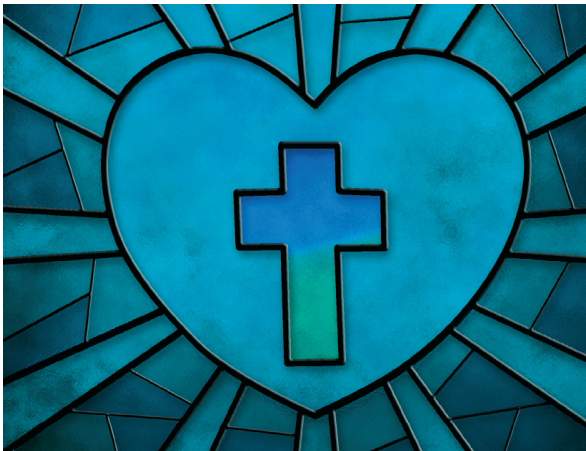
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**Class of 2024:** Kyle Bernard, Nichole Hoffman, Lori Hudson & Emily Neddermeyer

# Questions about Worship @ St. Andrew?

- **Welcome!** We are happy to have you join us today. If you would like more information about St. Andrew, please email [office@saintandrew-ic.org](mailto:office@saintandrew-ic.org).
- Our worship services begin **in-person and online at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings**, followed by Sunday School and Adult Christian Education offerings from September to April and a variety of After Worship activities from May to August. *The service usually begins with Welcome & Announcements a few minutes before 9:30 a.m.*
- All ages are welcome in our worship services. Worship materials for all ages are available in **The Maker's Toolbox** outside the north entrance to the Sanctuary.
- **Nursery care** (up to age 2) is provided in the Lower Level throughout the morning. Programming for children (through Kindergarten age) begins in the Lower Level after the **Time for Young Disciples** on most Sundays and after the **Sharing of Christ's Peace and Compassion** on Communion Sundays.
- Large print hymnals, bibles, and bulletins also are available outside the Sanctuary doors. A T-Coil hearing assist loop is also available for those with this feature on their hearing aids.
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SPECIAL OFFERINGS  
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FEBRUARY 14 – MARCH 31, 2024

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FOR WHEN WE ALL DO A LITTLE,  
IT ADDS UP TO A LOT.

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