

**Rangeley Congregational Church,
United Church of Christ
An Open and Affirming Church
*Easter Sunday***

April 21, 2019

10:00 AM

Meditation:

Resurrection is a word I like.

Resurrection is a disturbing word,
which says we're never safe

from God

from the new

from life

from love.

A disturbing, hopeful, shattering word—

Resurrection is a word I like.

- Anthony Robinson

ORDER OF WORSHIP

COMING INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

"Crown Him With Many Crowns"

George Elvey/Arr. Lloyd Larson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

INVOCATION (**Unison**)

Easter God, you have risen among us. Open our eyes and hearts; dispel our doubts; enrich our faith; empower our

hope. Scarcely believing for joy, we behold your presence, your gracious power, your fulfilling peace. All praise, glory, and honor be to you, risen, healing, liberating, and blessed One, Christ our Lord. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP (*adapted from Psalm 118*)

Liturgist

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good.

His steadfast love endures forever.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the LORD has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

*HYMNS OF PRAISE

#233 (NCH) "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

#230 (NCH) "Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"

#245 (NCH) "The Day of Resurrection"

As we sing these first hymns, each one here is invited to come forward and add a flower to the cross, symbolizing our participation in the new life that God offers.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God of good news, we confess to you and each other that we have clutched at things that wither and decay and let go of your eternal certainties; we have surrendered our peace to fractious worries; we have diluted love with a thousand excuses; we have buried true joy under doubts and fears.

God of resurrection, by that love which brings life out of death, please pity our weaknesses and forgive our blatant sins. God of resurrection, please lift us out of whatever grave we have dug for ourselves and set our feet once more on the path that leads to unlimited life...

TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF HOPE AND ASSURANCE

TIME WITH THE YOUNG AT HEART

SERVICE OF THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Acts 10:34-43

John 20:1-18

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #237 (NCH)

"I Come to the Garden Alone"

MORNING MESSAGE: *"The Real Last Temptation of Jesus"*

A conversation between Satan and Jesus in the tomb

SERVICE OF PRAYER

PRAYER FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

(As you name a joy or concern later in the prayer, please finish by saying "This is my prayer." The church family responds by saying "This is our prayer.")

We pray for: Victor Somma (Corinne's Sorenson's brother-in-law); Family and friends of Maxine Sargent and Ina Booker; Eva McMillan (medical tests); Sarah Brouse (fiancé of Dubay's son Steven); Zeb Wentzell (Terri Wentzell's grandson); Becky Walker; Kris Nozal (Marcia Baker's niece); Karen Lantz; Haelyn Vorous; our law enforcement personnel, first responders and the communities they serve; our military personnel worldwide; and all those who serve our country. And we hold in prayer those friends and members of our church family who are unable to join us in worship today.

OUR LORD'S PRAYER ("forgive us our sins")

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.

CHORAL AMEN #236 (NCH)

"Haleluja"

SERVICE OF GIVING

INVITATION

OFFERTORY

"Because You Live, O Christ"

TUNE: VRUECHTEN/Words by Shirley Erena Murray

*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)**

Generous God, we offer these gifts as our testimony to your glory and as our commitment to live as your disciples. Bless our gifts to your work in the world and to your everlasting reign of love, justice, and peace on earth. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN #193 (PH)**

“Thine Is the Glory”

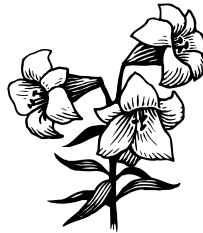
***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE AND EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

(please remain seated for the Postlude)

“All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

TUNE: CORONATION/Arr. Mark Hayes



~Special Thanks to:

- + Rev. Stephen Carnaham, Pastor of the Auburn High Street UCC Church, for giving us permission to perform the play that he wrote.**
- + Scott Hatfield, for his playing the role of Jesus**
- + Liturgist – Mary Richards**
- + Ushers – Anne, Adam and Lyla Crump**
- + Coffee Hour – Kathy Brittain, Zenna Inness, Annette Mott, Sandy Moore, Diane Van Amburg, DerekWendelken, Linda Wendelken**

- ✦ Special Music for this Easter Celebration – Anne Crump, Kelsey Mehan, Sam Meehan, Derek Wendelken

~ This Week:

- ✦ Deacons – Monday, 4/22, 4pm, East Room
- ✦ Pastor Annette's "walk-in" hours – Tuesday 4/23, 1-3 pm in her office,

~ Next Week:

- ✦ Pastor Annette's "walk-in" hours – Monday 4/29, 1-3 pm in her office

~Announcements:

- ✦ We will not have "The Commandments" Bible study on April 21 and 28. (The next session will be May 5)
- ✦ Rick Baker, Church Council President, will review the Bylaws updates on April 28, May 19, and June (date to be determined), for any who are interested in the East Room after the Service. These will be voted upon at our July Annual Meeting.
- ✦ Scholarship applications will be available next week in the Barn and in the Narthex. The deadline is June 1, 2019. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Mary Richard, 864-2645.
- ✦ We are looking for someone interested in a very-part-time job as Church Secretary. For more information please contact Rick Baker, Linda Wendelken or Kathy Brittain.
- ✦ This week, the Church Secretary will be in the office on Monday, from 11 am – 1 pm, and will be available other times by appointment.



Easter Flowers
and Deacon Relief Fund Donations

Given by Kathy Brittain in honor of Dawne Hayman.

Given by Kathy Brittain in memory of Virginia
Scheel.

Given by Kathy Brittain in honor of the Church
Council and Committee members and volunteers of
our Church.

Given by AC, Heidi, Teagan and Grady in memory of
Barb Hill and Jack Gagne.

Given by Sue Downes-Borko in memory of
Marilyn Downes.

Given by Lourrie Chandler in memory of Eli Morrill.

Given by Zenna Inness to celebrate the Inness family.

Given in memory of Marilyn Lee.

Given by Sam and Kelsey Meehan in memory of
Aloys and Christine Schuler,
and Lucille and Hubert Johnson.

Given by Dick & Sandy Moore in memory of
Kevin Grover.

Given by Annette Mott in memory of Don and
Shirley Engler, and Bill and Fay Marie Mott.

Given by Mary Richards in memory of John Bicknell

Given in honor of Diane Van Amburg

Given by Judy Wicken in honor of
Gregg and Chirs Wicken

Given by Derek and Linda Wendelken in memory of
Joe and Wynne Wendelken, Matilda Troutmann,
Bud Haralson, and Inez Parks.



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