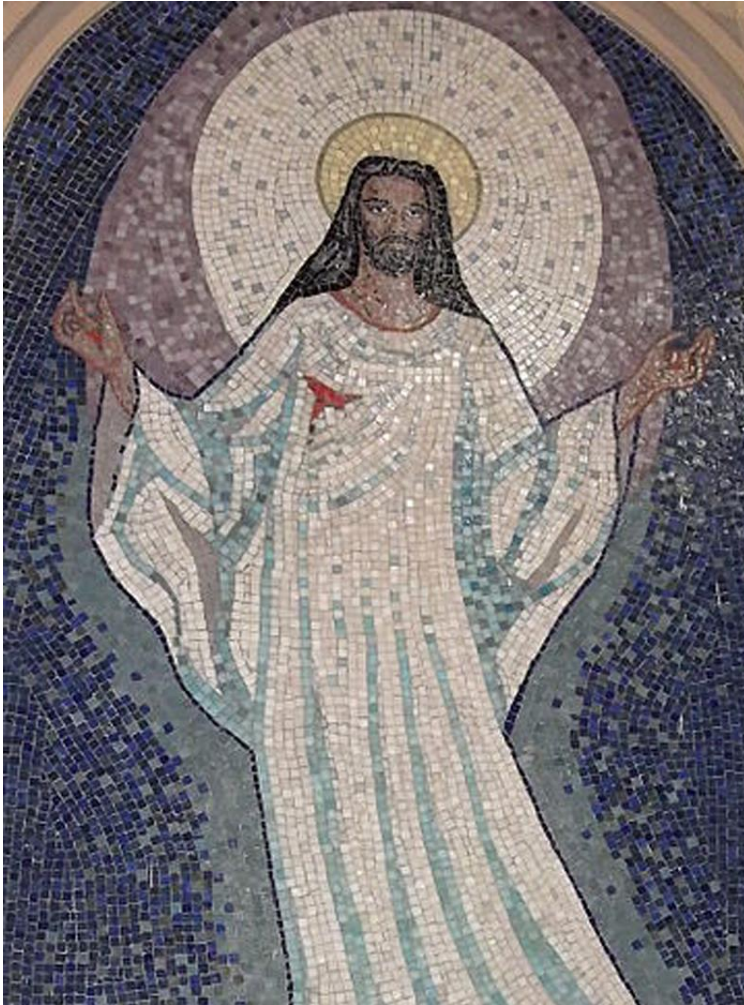


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## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 31, 2024 10:00 a.m.

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*In order to maintain our worship environment, please turn off your cell phones. Thank you.*

**PRE SERVICE MUSIC** "Now the Green Blade Riseth" arr James Mansfield

"Thine Is the Glory" arr James Mansfield, Brass Quintet: Chris Pike, Katie Pike, Gwen Botting, Mike Emerson, Darin Showalter

**PRELUDE** "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" arr James Mansfield Brass Quintet

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Lydia Bradford

Look! A sliver of light across the horizon—the miracle of a new day.  
**See! The stone is rolled away, and the angel calls from within.**

**HORN CALL** Gwen Botting, French Horn

Feel! The freedom of our souls and the wonder of the Messiah's gift of new life.  
**Hear! The hallelujahs as we declare to the world, "He has risen!"**

**++HYMN #232 [GTG]** Jesus Christ is Risen Today

*It seems likely that this beloved Easter text began in Latin and moved through German before reaching English, where it combined with the present tune in the emerging English evangelical style, a reaction to the restrained one-note-per-syllable psalmody that preceded it.*

### SERVICE OF RENEWAL

Call to Confession Lydia Bradford

Unison Prayer of Confession

**O God, you raised Christ from the tomb  
and shattered the powers of sin and evil.  
Raise us from the tombs of our sin, O Lord,**

++indicates to stand in body or spirit

**and bring us to new life in you.  
You bring us good news of Easter joy.  
Forgive us when we cannot hear it.  
You send us out to share your love.  
Forgive us when we cannot carry it.  
You cast a vision for peace and justice.  
Forgive us when we cannot imagine it.  
Forgive us when we stand in its way.  
For you are the God of the empty tomb,  
the one who makes all things new.**

Assurance of Pardon

Lydia Bradford

Hear the good news of God's promise:  
I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh.  
Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord  
will be saved.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!  
**Thanks be to God.**

++Response to Forgiveness #544 [GTG] Bless the Lord

***Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.  
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.***

**++PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Lydia Bradford

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

**#414 [GTG] Be Still and Know**

***Be still and know that I am God (four times).***

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

Ms. Megan

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Lydia Bradford

Living God, with joy we celebrate  
the presence of your risen Word.  
Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit

so that we may proclaim the good news  
of eternal and abundant life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24

Lydia Bradford

- <sup>1</sup>O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!  
<sup>2</sup>Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."  
<sup>14</sup>The LORD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.  
<sup>15</sup>There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;  
<sup>16</sup>the right hand of the LORD is exalted; the right hand of the LORD does valiantly."  
<sup>17</sup>I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.  
<sup>18</sup>The LORD has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.  
<sup>19</sup>Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.  
<sup>20</sup>This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.  
<sup>21</sup>I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.  
<sup>22</sup>The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.  
<sup>23</sup>This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.  
<sup>24</sup>This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**CHORAL ANTHEM** "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" arr Jeremy J. Banks  
With brass quintet and  
Congregation

***Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!  
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing, ye heavens and earth reply, Alleluia!***

*Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
Fought the fight the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!  
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!*

***Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!  
Foll'wing our exalted Head, Alleluia!***

**Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL LESSON**

Mark 16:1-8

Rev. Stanley Jenkins

16When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" <sup>4</sup>When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. <sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." <sup>8</sup>So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

**SERMON**

Rev. Stanley Jenkins

**++HYMN #231 [GTG] Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers**

*Beginning with rather conventional Easter imagery, this text moves into unexpected territory by declaring that Christ's Resurrection is for "all whose lives are messed or mangled, all who find religion strange." The name of this traditional Welsh melody, SUO GAN, simply means "lullaby."*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Prince Solace

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**  
(Prayers continue)

Lord's Prayer (**unison**)

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

**Amen #568[GTG]**

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Amen

Capo 3: (Em) (D) (G) (Am) (Em) (B) (C) (D) (A)  
 Gm F B<sup>b</sup> Cm Gm D E<sup>b</sup> F C

A - men, a - men, a - men!  
 A - men, a - men, a - men!

(Em) (D) (G) (Am) (Em) (B) (C) (Bm7) (E)  
 Gm F B<sup>b</sup> Cm Gm D E<sup>b</sup> Dm7 G

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text  
 MUSIC: Marty Haugen, 1984  
 Music © 1984 GIA Publications, Inc.

AMEN (Haugen)

**PRESENTING OUR GIFTS**

**Offertory Music** “Rise, Shine!” Arr Marques L.A. Garrett and Tom Trenney

*Oh, rise, shine! For the light is a-comin': Oh, rise, shine! For the light is a-comin': Oh, rise, shine! For the light is a-comin, my Lord says he's comin' by an' by. This is the year of jubilee, my Lord says he's comin' by an' by. My Lord has set his people free, my Lord says he's comin' by an' by. Wet or dry, I intend to try, my Lord says he's comin' by an' by. To serve the Lord until I die, my Lord says he's comin' by an' by.*

*I intend to shout an' never stop, my Lord says he's comin' by an' by. Until I reach that mountain top, my Lord says he's comin' by an' by.*

*Oh, rise, shine! For the light is a-comin': Oh, rise, shine! For the light is a-comin': Oh, rise, shine! For the light is a-comin, my Lord says he's comin' by an' by.*

**Offering**

**++Doxology #607 [GTG]**

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.***

**Prayer of Dedication**

**++HYMN #239 [GTG] Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!**

*This 20th-century Easter text is both a song of encouragement (stanzas 1-3 directed to the congregation) and a song of praise (stanza 4 addressed to the risen Christ), all ending with joyous alleluias. It was written specifically for the dancelike 17th-century tune here.*

**BENEDICTION**

**BLEST BE THE TIE 306[GTG]**

***Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love:  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.***

**POSTLUDE "Hallelujah Chorus" from *Messiah* by G.F. Handel with Brass Quintet**

All of the Congregation is invited to sing with us!

***Hallelujah....***

***For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth, Hallelujah...***

***The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and of his Christ;***

***And he shall reign forever and ever.***

***King of Kings and Lord of Lords...hallelujah...***

***And he shall reign forever and ever....***

***Hallelujah!***

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**MORE LIGHT**  
PRESBYTERIANS

## INFORMATION FOR THE DAY

Participants in this morning's service:

Liturgist  
Organist/Pianist  
Director of Music  
Dir. Church Life/Comm. Outreach  
Pastor  
Bell Choir Director

Lydia Bradford  
Sergei Kvitko  
Megan Higle  
Prince Solace  
Rev. Stanley Jenkins  
Darin Showalter

Concerns of the congregation:

In care facilities: Jean Dietrich (Story Point of Grand Ledge)  
Dianne Rector (Rosewood Adult Foster Care- DeWitt)

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AND HYMNS** are available.

**Lilies for today are donated by Janet Metzelaar and also, in honor of the Collins family.**

**FLOWER CHART** There are many dates available on the chart to celebrate special days in our church family. The price is \$50. Simply sign up on the chart (in the office hall), indicate the occasion that you would like celebrated or honored (birthday, anniversary or memorial), write a check to the church and give it to Betsy, and we will order for you. If you would like to purchase or provide a silk arrangement, please see Judy Whitman. Thank you! ~ Worship Committee.

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# THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

## Sunday, Mach 31

10:00 a.m. EASTER SUNDAY Worship - Sanctuary  
12:30 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries Worship – Chapel

## Monday, April 1

9:00 a.m. GIL classes  
9:00 a.m.-2 AARP Tax assist – Litten Hall  
6:00 p.m. Assembly of Lansing Pastors – Library  
10:00 a.m. Church staff meeting - Library  
5:30 p.m. Yoga – Yoga room  
6:30 p.m. Bells of First rehearsal – Sanctuary  
7:00 p.m. Membership Committee

## Tuesday, April 2

9:00 a.m. GIL Classes  
11:00 a.m. GIL interview – Library  
9:00 a.m.-4 AARP Tax assist – Litten Hall  
6:30 p.m. Glen Erin Pipe Band rehearsal – Litten Hall  
7:00 p.m. Book Group – Library  
7:00 p.m. Capital City Chordsmen rehearsal – Chapel

## Wednesday, April 3

9:00 a.m. GIL Class  
4:30 p.m. Lansing Children’s Choir – Chapel  
4:30 p.m. Lectionary Bible Study – Zoom  
6:00 p.m. Mid-MI Photo Club – Litten Hall  
6:30 p.m. Mission Committee meeting  
5:30 p.m. Yoga – Yoga Room

## Thursday, April 4

9:00 a.m. GIL Class  
10:00 a.m. Library Committee – Library  
7:00 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries– Library

## Friday, April 5

5:30 p.m. Yoga – Yoga Room

## Saturday, April 6

## Sunday, April 7

10:00 a.m. Sunday worship service – Sanctuary  
11:30 a.m. Adult Forum – Litten Hall  
11:30 a.m. Children’s Faith Formation  
12:30 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries Worship – Chapel  
1:00 p.m. Glen Erin Pipe Band – Litten Hall

# CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

## Concert to Raise Funds for the Food Pantry

St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 218 West Ottawa has been offering annual concerts to raise funds for our food pantry. Their congregation has also provided food and additional funds to support our pantry during the year. On Saturday, April 13 at 7 pm, MSU students will perform the concert: "If Music Be the Food". No admission will be charged but a free will offering will be collected for our pantry. The April First Epistle has more details on this special event.

**Reminder:** The annual per capita payment to the Lake Michigan Presbytery this year is \$40.05. That means every member should pay that amount. The check can go to the church with a note of per capita.

**YOU HAVE TALENT** and we want to know about it. When you have a performance, a game, or an exhibit, please tell your church family, so if we are available, we can come cheer you on and be wowed by your abilities. There is a Talent Calendar on the long table in the elevator lobby, so share the when and where and your name so we can come see you in action or talk to you afterwards about it. We also would love to have photos of any events you participate in. Please submit any photos to Prince Solace, [psolace@lansingfirstpres.org](mailto:psolace@lansingfirstpres.org)

Hello Supporting Congregations of ACT Uganda – 2023 was an amazing year for ACT. Among all of the other great accomplishments, we also celebrated our 20th Anniversary. Please take some time to read our 2023 Annual Report to learn about all these accomplishments. You can access the report on our website ([actuganda.org](http://actuganda.org)) in the "nonprofit data" section under the **About ACT** pulldown, or check your church lobby for a printed copy. While you're on our website, enjoy shopping at our online store! Thank you.

## ADULT FORUM

11:30-12:30 in Litten Hall downstairs or on zoom  
Childcare is available through this time

**MARCH 31 – EASTER SUNDAY TODAY**  
**Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!**  
**HAPPY EASTER TO ALL!**  
No Adult Forum today



**APRIL 7**  
**Discussion of the all-church book read *Poverty, By America***  
**by Author Matthew Desmond.**

**If you have read the book or not, JOIN US as we try to answer questions** such as *Why does the United States, have more poverty than any other advanced democracy? Why does this land of plenty allow one in every eight of its children to go without basic necessities, permit scores of its citizens to live and die on the streets, and authorize its corporations to pay poverty wages?*

Discussion led by **George Bennett**

**APRIL 14**  
**Waterwise Landscaping: Protecting the Grand River and Beyond**

Mike Bryan and Carol Wallace, leading

**Paige Filice**, MSU Extension, will be discussing how to best manage and protect water resources in our lakes, streams, and even our backyards. Her presentation will include managing storm water issues through the use of rain barrels and rain gardens. In addition she will also discuss invasive species that sometimes plague water gardens, backyard ponds and Michigan's lakes and streams.

Paige Filice is a natural resources educator with MSU Extension. Her responsibilities include coordinating the aquatic invasive species education programs RIPPLE (Reduce Invasive Pet and Plant Escapes), assisting with the Clean Boats and Clean Waters program and serving as Associate Director of the MSU Extension Center for Lakes and Streams.