



*This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

Psalm 118:24

*First Presbyterian Church
Sodus, New York
April 4, 2021
Easter Sunday*

*Reverend Gail Heimberger, Pastor
Douglas Blackall, Organist
Anne L'Hommedieu, Handbell Choir Director
Tracey Fox Allen, Joyful Singers Director*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Greetings and Announcements

Rev. Gail Heimberger

Alleluia!

Christ Is Risen!

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Alleluia!

Prelude:

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

Handbell Choir

Anne L'Hommedieu, Handbell Choir Director

**Hymn:*

"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!

2 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!

3 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!

4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!

Praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!

Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Call to Worship:

Hallelujah! Christ is risen from the dead.

Hallelujah! The tomb is empty! The stone has been rolled away.

Hallelujah! The light shines in darkness and darkness will never put it out. Christ is the light of the world.

Hallelujah! Christ is risen! Hallelujah! We are the people of Pentecost; the spirit of death will not destroy us! God is our refuge and our strength. We gather in the power and sure promise of resurrection.

Prayer of Invocation

This is the morning of Resurrection, Glad Easter Day and so we gather to give thanks and raise our voices high, singing Alleluia, Christ is Risen. Our hearts are full of amazement, astonishment and we are astounded at your love and goodness, at your mystery and your power. Transform us by your Spirit, that we may live a life of good news.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

We serve a risen Savior, yet live as if in chains. Forgive us, Lord that we are so hesitant to live the resurrection life. Forgive us that we fail to show through word and action the truth that you loved us into your kingdom through the glorious mystery of the Cross. Forgive us that there is still fear in our lives that prevents us from achieving our full potential. Draw us close. Open our eyes to the glory of the risen Christ, our hearts to the wonder of the Cross and our hands to the service of your kingdom where you have placed us. That your name might be glorified through our lives. Amen. (Time of Silence)

Assurance of Pardon:

Friends, believe in the good news of the gospel!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Let God's people say,

"Amen and amen!"

Special Music:

Handbell Choir

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Responsive Reading:

Psalms 118, 1-2, 14-24

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

² Let Israel say: "His love endures forever." The LORD is my strength and my defense^[a]; he has become my salvation.

¹⁵ Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous: "The LORD's right hand has done mighty things!"

¹⁶ The LORD's right hand is lifted high; the LORD's right hand has done mighty things!"

¹⁷ I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the LORD has done.

¹⁸ The LORD has chastened me severely, but he has not given me over to death.

¹⁹ Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD through which the righteous may enter.

²¹ I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.

²² The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;

²³ the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴ The LORD has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.

Prayer for Illumination

As we hear your word, may we be filled with your peace, your joy, your love and with hope. May we work for justice, peace and reconciliation of the world.

Scripture Reading Scripture Reading:

John 20: 1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. ² So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"³ So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. ⁴ Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, ⁷ as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. ⁸ Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. ⁹ (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.)¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.¹¹ Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb ¹² and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.¹³ They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him."¹⁴ At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.¹⁵ He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher").¹⁷ Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them what he had said to her.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Sermon:

"Looking at Life with a New Set of Eyes"

Reverend Gail Heimberger

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Offertory:

"At The Cross"

Edward Broughton

Prayer of Dedication

Call to Prayer:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

*In the joy and hope of this Easter morning, we sing Alleluia with the fullness of hearts. Christ is Risen!
Love is stronger than Death! Alleluia!*

In the joy and hope of this Easter morning, in the midst of our singing and shouting, we know there are those who are bewildered and sad. We pray for those that have no hope, for those who suffer from depression, loneliness, and fear.

We pray for those places and peoples in our world where death and domination rule, where imperial powers ignore the poor, where war never ends, where children are hungry, where parents grieve because they cannot provide, where accidents happen and death abounds senselessly. We pray for those held hostage to addiction and chronic illness that debilitates.

In the joy and hope of this Easter morning, we realize the depth and breadth of what it means to be your Easter people. For we are the ones who are called to go into the places in our lives and world to work for justice and life for all in your Creation. It is up to us to bear witness to the promise of resurrection, to hold those in despair, and believe for them, that Love is stronger than death.

In the joy and hope of this Easter morning, O God, give us the courage to bear your living Love in every corner of our lives, so that your peaceable realm will be so, here on earth, as it is in heaven.

*In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray, Alleluia! Amen. And we pray this in the name of Jesus.....
~ written by Rev Karla, and posted on **RevGalBlogPals**. <http://revgalblogpals.org/author/revkarla/>*

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***Hymn:**

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

*Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.*

*Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
He is the King of creation. Refrain.*

*Spread the good news o’er all the earth.
Jesus has died and has risen. Refrain.*

*We have been crucified with Christ.
Now we shall live forever. Refrain.*

*Come, let us praise the living God,
Joyfully sing to our Saviour. Refrain.*

***Benediction**

***Postlude:**

“Hallelujah Chorus”

G.F. Handel

April 4, 2021

Keep in Prayer: Bonnie Bolling, Nicky DeBadts McHenry, Cindy Coomber's family, Gary DeBadts, John Faulks, Roger and Debbie Gill, Kami Lessord Golembeski, Nancy Gulino, Bob Leimberger, Anne Martini, Ed and Judy Merkel, Betsy McCulloch, Jane Mulberry, Jody Rolston and Joyce Small.

- John Faulks, who is in Hospice Care.
- The family of Mike Beckens as they grieve their loss.
- Jean Seymour as she moves, in two weeks, to Parkwood Heights.
- Gary Burlee, who has cancer.
- The family of Barb VanGuys (sister of Herman Young) as they grieve their loss.
- Doris Keese, who fell while doing therapy for a broken hip, and broke the other hip.

Thank you to:

- Anne L'Hommedieu and the Handbell Bell Choir for their beautiful bells.
- Doug and his beautiful awe-inspiring music.
- Our lunch "baggers", Carol Martini, Alice Irwin and Amy Johnson.
- Ethan and Alice Irwin for donating a picnic table for the back yard! Thank you both so much!!
- Maundy Thursday Readers, Mike and Sue Mulberry, Lynn Brussel, Julie DeBadts, Jeff Sondervan and Father Michael for readings.
- Keith, Doug and Benny Blackall for working on organizing the shed.

Weekly Bible Study on Thursdays, 4:00-5:00 pm in Nursery School Area

Yarn Wanted:

Judy Nortier's sister and friend are "mad knitters" and are "knitting up a storm" for our mitten tree. If you have any yarn to donate, please bring in so the ladies can continue their knitting.

Mugs for Sale

Paula and Carly Chapman still have mugs for sale. \$20.00 and are located on the Hobbie Table.

Food Pantry:

We are back to collecting food for the food pantry. Please feel free to bring items to church and put on the shelves by the back entrance. Peanut Butter, Jelly, canned low sugar fruits, low sodium soups, and other canned goods are very helpful. Thank you!

Today: Sunday, April 4, 2021- Easter Sunday:

10:00 am: Easter Worship/ In-House and Virtual

10:15 am: Sunday School

This week:

Wednesday: Deacons, 9:00 am

Bagged Lunch

Thursday: Bible Study, 4:00-5:00 pm

Next Sunday, Sunday, April 11, 2021

10:00 am: *Worship/ In-House and Virtual
Reception of New Member, Nan Hanna-Paquin*

10:15 am: *Sunday School*

Monthly Schedule

April 7: *Deacons, 9:00 am*

April 8: *Bible Study, 4:00-5:00 pm*

April 11: *Reception of New Member, Nan Hanna-Paquin*

April 12: *Session, 6:00 pm*

April 15: *Bible Study, 4:00-5:00 pm*

April 18: *Reception of New Members: Michael and Caitlin Fitzgerald
Baptism of Kinley Fitzgerald*

April 19-24: *Gail out on vacation*

April 20: *Community Dinner, 5:00 pm*

April 22: *NO Bible Study, Gail out of town*

April 29: *Bible Study, 4:00-5:00 pm
Book Club, 5:30 pm (Connie's weather permitting or church)*

Save the date- October 24, 2021, 2:00-4:30 pm

Music for Mission with Kate Mulberry and Doug Blackall

Giving Summary-March 28, 2021

Current - \$2,190.50

Benevolence - \$150.00

Per Capita - \$300.00

Bagged lunch donation - \$33.00

Bagged lunch support - \$250.00

Community dinner support- \$250.00