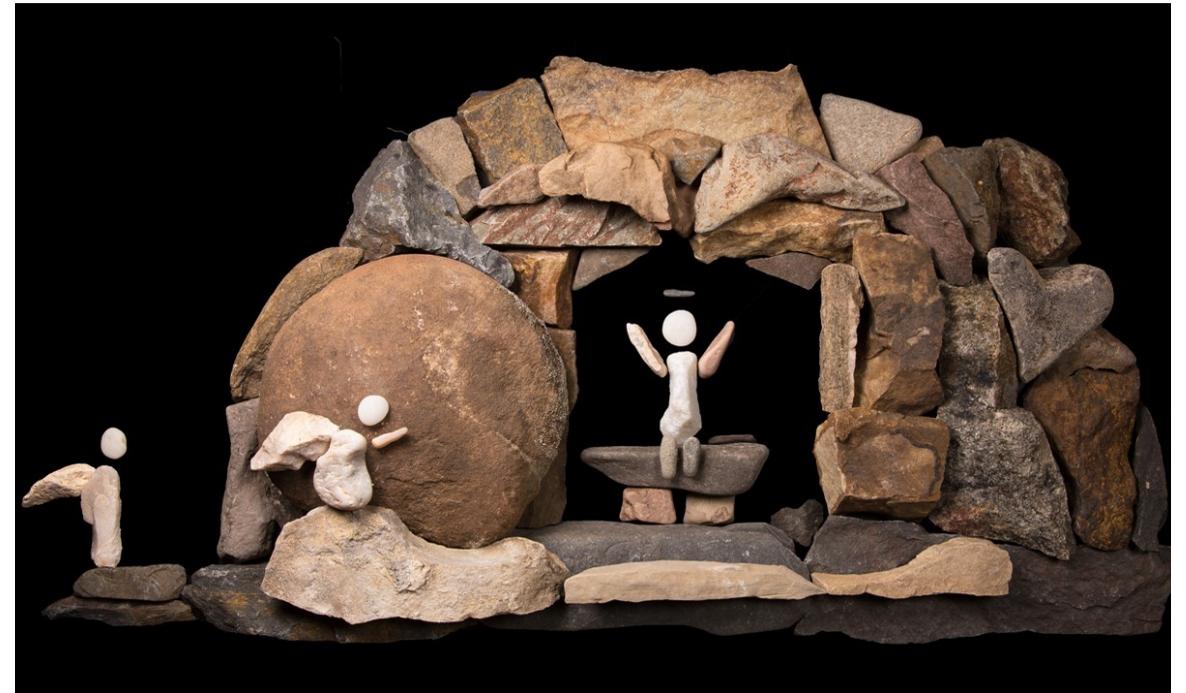


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Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019

8:08 & 11:08 A.M. with Holy Communion



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Why rocks and pebbles? Well, truth be told, they chose me. I was compelled to pick them up. And once in hand, my eyes were opened, and I saw what they were saying, “Jesus Christ is our creator, our Savior, our Joy, and our Master.” At His command, the mountains move, the sick are healed, and dead come back to life. Why then would I be surprised that the rocks He made want to tell his story.

I marvel at how all of nature glorifies God, and I yearn to do the same. When one bucket of rocks turned into the nativity story, I knew I had to find the Easter-week story in rocks, out there in the woods. Each hike gifted me a few rocks which transformed into the scenes of the last week of Jesus’s life on earth.

I am simply the hands that moved the rocks into place, but they are the ones that endured the shaping from years of trial and experience to be chosen and given a voice. We too will be chosen, called up, and blessed because of all our experiences, mistakes, and hardships, by the only One who can. He will heal us as we remain faithful to Him, trusting in His love for us and in His timing.

I hope these rocks rekindle awe for our great and loving God who knows each one of us individually, and has our healing, peace, and progress as His work and His glory.

Patti Rokus offers children’s books at <https://rockstellstories.com/>

WELCOME ALL

P= Pastor L= Leader

PRELUDE VIDEO: *He Is Risen* by Patti Rokus

Screen

WELCOME ALL

Pastor Lisa Arrington

P: Christ is Risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”*

ELW hymnal # 365

Cross Bearer carries the processional cross

808 Abby Mummert

1108 Dale Pickett Jr.

EASTER PROCLAMATION

Assisting Minister

L: We stand to proclaim: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

L: Lord we confess we still struggle with doubt, betrayal and even death,

All: God grant us forgiveness and new life.

L: He has risen,

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All: just as he promised.

L: Christ has defeated death.

All: He is risen! Alleluia!

L: God of the Resurrection,

All: Thank you for going this far, in your love for all.

**You sent you Son, Jesus, who humbled himself
to the point of dying on the cross,
but even then you were doing a new thing.**

Where there was fear, you brought hope;

where there was doubt, you created faith;

and where there was death, you created new life.

In the name of the resurrected Jesus we pray, Amen.

ANTHEM

“Ring Ye Bells of Easter Morning”

-Don Besig

Jubilee Singers

TELL THE STORY

CLOSER LOOK: Easter Kindness Rocks

Pastor Lisa Arrington

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“The Day of Resurrection”

ELW # 361
verse 1

EASTER GOSPEL: Matthew 28:1-10

Reader

Reader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 28th chapter

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

Reader: Let us sing again:

GOSPEL VERSE "The Day of Resurrection" ELW # 361 (verse 4)

MESSAGE Pastor Sarah Wright

HYMN "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing" ELW # 385

NICENE CREED ELW page 104 Assisting Minister

L: Let us stand in faith and tell the story:

All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Please kneel or be seated.) Assisting Minister
(sample feel free to change the samples & you can announce a call and response)

- L: You may kneel or sit for the prayers. (big pause as people kneel).
- L: Let us be a praying church. We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.
- L: On this day filled with eggs, chocolates, family meals and gatherings, may we linger long enough at your empty tomb to renew our faith in your rising, a miracle which has changed everything and stands at the center of our Christian lives.
- L: Risen Lord, Good Friday grief has given way to Easter joy! The disciples couldn't

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Lift up in prayer:

Jack & Sue Arsenault
Harvey Blevins
Pastor Boliek
Bill Clark
Hal Clem
Diane Corkran
Ava Daniels
Dorothy Diehl
Frank Dorn
Freda Flury
Libby Gill
Chris Gummerson
Janet Habersat
Heinz Haller
Tiffany Henning
The Hobbs family
Jackie Lober
Evelyn & Worth McKeithan
Leona Mickey
Tony Montone
Jo Morrison
Bill Moulds
Claire Sigwart
Ross & Jeanette Smith
Bob Rigger
Ruth Welkner
Ted Weyforth

Condolences:

To the family of Janet Wunderlich, mother of Kathy Bruck, on her passing.

Special needs:

Violence in our society
All those devastated by natural disasters

This week we pray for:

† Communion Assistants
† Christopher's Place
† Country Fair Day Team

Our mission partners:

Amazing Grace Lutheran Church
– Prs. Gary Dittman & Carol Perlie
Prs. Mercedes & Isaias Nelson (Dom. Rep.)
Pr. Tyrone Smith (New Orleans)
National ELCA Bishop Elizabeth Eaton
Delaware Maryland synod Bishop Bill Gohl
Nicole & Kevin Fuhr, serving Guatemala
Crucified Church in Johnstown, PA
– Pr. Josh Knipple
Freestate ChalleNGe Academy

Members of the week:

Mary Prime
Granville & Gloria Quinan
Tim Rader

*Names on the prayer list are printed with permission of the person named. After receiving permission you may place a completed yellow prayer request card in the offering plate or contact the church office to add a name to the prayer list. After four weeks on the list a name will be removed unless the office is notified for an extension of time. **Visitation:** please notify the church office if you anticipate a hospital stay. Thank you!*

rising in grace, learning the story, loving to tell the story as student disciples on a big mission following Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

NEXT STEPS FOR EASTER SEASON

Pastor Lisa Arrington

BENEDICTION

Pastor Lisa Arrington

HYMN

“Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing”

ELW # 389

REMEMBER OUR MISSION

run fast enough to spread the good news! So light the fire under us to roll out good news in the world.

- L: Tulips honoring loved ones, breakfast fellowship honoring our mission partners in the Dominican Republic, NOLA, Amazing Grace, Johnstown, and Guatemala as well as the gifts of music all help us rejoice as a living church.
- L: Fill our emptiness. Revive us and heal those places where we still long for wholeness, and send your loving spirit especially to...
- L: Thank you for our ministry leaders, staff, council, teams and young discipleship. Thank you for visitors and guests among us. Rebuild us Lord, may your house be a house of prayer for all people.

Here other petitions may be offered.

- L: The Lord is risen indeed. Hear all our prayers and gather them into one great joyful offering of praise, to the glory of our resurrected Savior, Jesus Christ, Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

Assisting Minister

- L: Please rise as you are able for the sharing of the peace. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

*Let us greet one another especially visitors.
If you are not well give a wave for peace and prayers.
We are a very loving church,
but please ask someone if it is okay to share a hug.
Hand sanitizer is now at the corners of the sanctuary*

GROW AS DISCIPLES

OFFERING TO GOD

Don't forget to drop a yellow card into the offering plate

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Empty Now”

- Joseph M. Martin

Jubilee Singers

“EMPTY NOW”

There is a manger far away where once a tiny child was laid, where angels sang and shepherds bowed, long ago, far away; the manger is empty now. There is a temple far away where once a teacher went to pray. He spoke of truth to an angry crowd, long ago, far away; the temple is empty now. There is a cross far away where once a Lamb

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