

EASTER

JESUS IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!



St. Matthews Church

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS

April 16, 2023

Easter 2
Sunday, April 16, 2023
(* indicates the assembly stands)

Gathering

Prelude *“Erschienen ist der herrlich Tag”* E. Pepping

Words of Welcome & Service Announcements

*Thanksgiving for Baptism **A: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*Hymn 379 *“Now the Green Blade Rises”*

*Greeting

*Glory be to God p. 204

*Prayer of the Day

Anthem *“I Know That My Redeemer Liveth”* G.F. Handel

Word

First Reading Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Psalm 16 (see pg. 5) *(sung responsively by full verse)*

Second Reading 1 Peter 1:3-9

*Gospel Acclamation *“Alleluia!”* p. 205

*Gospel Reading John 20:19-31

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day 381 *“Peace, to Soothe Our Bitter Woes”*

Healing

Introduction

Prayers of Intercession **A: hear us, O God.**

Laying on of Hands

Hymns during Laying on of Hands 220, 661

*Blessing

*Peace

Thanksgiving

*Hymn of Thanksgiving 885 *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

*Thanksgiving for the Word **A: we give you thanks and praise.**

Lord’s Prayer (“Our Father, who art in heaven...”*) p. 221

Sending

General Announcements

*Blessing

*Hymn 367 *“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”*

*Dismissal **A: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *“An Easter Alleluya”* G. Slater

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In today’s gospel the risen Christ appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions, we experience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around word and meal, and in our everyday lives. Throughout the coming Sundays of Easter the first two readings will be from the Acts of the Apostles and the first letter of Peter. Even as the early Christians proclaimed the resurrection, we rejoice in the new birth and living hope we receive in baptism.

Leading Worship Today

Minister: Rev. Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

Diaconal Minister of Music: Deacon Scott Knarr

Lector: Lana Moses

Choral Scholar: Nicole Hamilton

Broadcast: Jason Smolak

Building Monitor: Steve Dickin (519-580-8407)

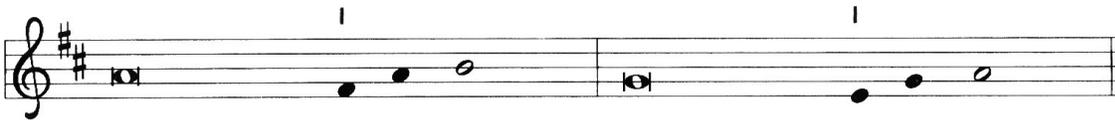
Rite of Healing/ Anointing/ Laying on of Hands

During today's worship service, an option will be offered for the congregation to participate in a rite of healing and anointing. We intend to offer this option on a monthly basis for the time being.

"The order for healing is an expression in worship of the church's ministry of healing. Here all who would sense the need for God's healing in any aspect of their lives may join in prayer for others and themselves. Here each person may come to receive a word of blessing and prayer. Here each one may also receive a physical gesture of healing; the laying on of hands, which may be accompanied by anointing with oil. These signs, first given to us in baptism, tell us again that we are sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked forever with the cross of Christ, who is health and salvation for the whole world." –excerpt from Evangelical Lutheran Worship p. 276.

Psalm 16

Tone 1



Protect me, O God, for I take ref- | uge in you;
I have said to the Lord, “You are my Lord, my good a- | bove all other.”

**2All my delight is in the godly that are | in the land,
upon those who are noble a- | mong the people.**

3But those who run after | other gods
shall have their troubles | multiplied.

**4I will not pour out drink offerings | to such gods,
never take their names up- | on my lips.**

5O Lord, you are my portion | and my cup;
it is you who up- | hold my lot.

**6My boundaries enclose a | pleasant land;
indeed, I have a | rich inheritance.**

7I will bless the Lord who | gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night | after night.

**8I have set the Lord al- | ways before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall | not be shaken.**

9My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spir- | it rejoices;
my body also shall | rest in hope.

**10For you will not abandon me | to the grave,
nor let your holy one | see the pit.**

11You will show me the | path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore.

Worship Notes

In our prayers John, Marie, Grace, Maureen, Bernice, John and Nancy.

General Announcements

John McLellan has been looking after the gardens along Benton and Church Street for quite a while. Paul Groh would assist him some-times. John has informed me he will no long volunteer the time to look after these gardens. He will continue to look after the flower bed at the sign.

We all need to thank John for all the time he spent keeping the gardens well kept and beautiful during the year, when you see John, please thank him for his years of hard work.

This leads to a request to find someone to look after these gardens during the year. If you enjoy gardening and would like to volunteer to look after these two gardens it would be appreciated.

If you are interested contact the church office or myself (519-895-6833 or ronder30@outlook.com). Thank you, Ron Roeder

West Tower Door for Emergency Only. Due to the ongoing construction planning, when going in to the church house or washrooms, use the west stair tower door and stay on that floor. Use the hallway by the office to the stairway to the floor below. The stairs in the west tower are closed to the lower level sanctuary and should only be used in case of an emergency to exit the building.

Fire Exits: All Sanctuary fire exits remain operational during lower-level demolition and renovations. This includes the three Narthex (Entrance) doors, the mid-tower door (half-way up the right side), and the staircase at the front left, piano side.

Church Fire Plan For everyone's awareness, a copy of the Church Fire Plan for safe exit from the Sanctuary appears in the back of the worship books. Please take a moment to review for your own safety.

Important Information for today's worship

- **Self-Screening:** Members are reminded to continue to perform self-assessments if they have COVID symptoms.
- **Masks:** We support people's choice to wear a mask, and we strongly encourage the following of current guidelines.
- **Physical distancing:** Members are encouraged to continue physical distancing where possible indoors.
- **Offering:** Please place your offering in one of the offering plates in the Narthex (entranceway) upon entering. The offering plates will be presented to the High Altar during the service.
- **The Peace:** We support people's choices for passing of the peace.
- **Exiting:** At the end of the service, please remain in place until the end of the postlude.
- **Ministers** will be greeting worshippers after the postlude in the Narthex, without handshakes.
- **Thank you for helping to keep all of us as safe as possible during this pandemic, by following these directions!**



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