

**First Congregational United Church of Christ**  
**Sunday April 4, 2021**  
**Easter Sunday**



"Peter's resurrection story - the one he had written in his head - was a story of punishment, retribution, and paying the price he owed. Peter could only imagine getting what he deserved after turning his back on the one who had saved him, given him life, and filled him with joy and purpose...But Jesus had another resurrection story in mind..."

- Toby Jones, Easter Sermon on 4/4/21

# **Welcome to our church family!**

## **Happy Easter**

**Pre-Service Music**

**Tolling of the Bell**

**Prelude- “Christ the Lord is Risen Today” by Walsh, arr. by Peter Hilliard**  
**-Offered by Byron Farrar & Shelley Fisher**

**Welcome**

**Opening Hymn - #298 – “The Day of Resurrection”**

*(1) The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad; the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God. From death to life eternal, from sin’s dominion free, our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory. (2) Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light; and, listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain, his own “all hail” and, hearing, may raise the victor strain. (3) Now let the heavens be joyful! Let earth its song begin! The world resound in triumph, and all that is therein; let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend; for Christ the Lord has risen, our Joy that has no end.*

**First Reading – Luke 24:1-12**

**Hymn of Celebration - #288 – “Christ the Lord is Risen Today!”**

*(1) Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! All creation, join to say Alleluia! Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia! (2) 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! (3) Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia! Once he dies our souls to save, Alleluia! Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia! (4) Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Following our exalted Head, Alleluia! Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!*

**Second Reading – John 21:15-17**

**Morning Message – “Two Resurrection Stories”**

**Special Music – “He’s Alive!” by Don Francisco**

**- Offered by Toby Jones, Hugh Hansen, Shelley Fisher, & Byron Farrar**

**Easter Offering**

**- Offertory Music- “Jesus Paid It All” by John T. Grape, arr. by Peter Hilliard**

**-Offered by Byron Farrar & Shelley Fisher**

**- The Doxology**

**Our Easter Prayers & The Lord’s Prayer (Sung)**

**Closing Hymn - #580 – “We Are Called to Be God’s People”**

*(1) We are called to be God’s people, showing by our lives his grace, one in heart and one in spirit, sign of hope for all the race. Let us show how he has changed us, and remade us as his own, let us share our life together as we shall around his throne. (2) We are called to be God’s servants, working in his world today; taking his own task upon us, all his sacred words obey. Let us rise, then, to his summons, dedicate to him our all, that we may be faithful servants, quick to answer now his call. (3) We are called to be God’s prophets, speaking for the truth and right, standing firm for godly justice, bringing evil things to light. Let us seek the courage needed, our high calling to fulfill, that the world may know the blessing of the doing of God’s will.*

**Charge & Benediction**

**Postlude- “Rejoice The Lord Is King” by Darwall, arr. by Peter Hilliard**

**-Offered by Byron Farrar & Shelley Fisher**



# Weekly Schedule

Sunday 04/04	Mon 04/05	Tues 04/06	Wed 04/07	Thurs 04/08	Fri 04/09	Sat 04/10	Sunday 04/11
<b>10:30 am</b> In-Person & live-streamed Worship  <b>11:30 am</b> Easter Flower Deliveries  <b>Easter Sunday</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b> Pantry  <b>7:15pm</b> Diaconate Mtg	<b>10:00 am</b> Bible Study Zoom & In-Person	<b>3:30 pm</b> Outreach Mtg				<b>10:30 am</b> In-Person & live-streamed Worship

## Prayer Requests

Prayers	MaryAnn Ogden, breast cancer surgery on April 6th.	Covid-19 patients and their families Essential Workers Teachers & Students
Joys	Jesus is Risen!	

To submit a prayer request form please visit our website at [www.chxucc.org](http://www.chxucc.org)

### Special Musical Guest



**Byron Farrar**, a native of Lexington Kentucky, was born into a family of string players and began playing the cello at a young age. He attended grade school at the School for the Creative and Performing Arts and completed his undergraduate degree at the University of Louisville where he studied under Paul York on a full scholarship. He received a quartet assistantship to attend Southern Illinois University – Carbondale for his MM and is currently working on his DMA at the University of Alabama. He spent his time in Alabama performing in the Capstone Quartet, which recently played a series of concerts in Ireland and Italy. Byron moved to Northern Michigan in the summer of 2020 to work for the Dorothy Gerber Strings Foundation



*Tom & Ann Hanna - In honor of Lois Wood and Nomie Moll*  
*William & Betty Wadland - In memory of Sam Lopresto, our dear neighbor*  
*John T. Hess- In memory of Phyllis Hess*  
*Ellen Hess- In memory of Ruth McKinney and Carol Dutcher*  
*Bob & Ruth Chapman- In memory of Gary Chapman*  
*Lois Lewis- In memory of Russell Lewis*  
*Mike & MaryAnn Ogden- In celebration of worship in our sanctuary*  
*Charlotte Koger- In celebration of the loving life of Sam Lopresto*  
*Larry & Carrie Minch- In memory of Harold & Marian Kohn and Edward and Donnis Minch*  
*Sue Fowler- In celebration of Molly and Granger Kitson*  
*Kelly Householder- In celebration of love*  
*Nan VandenBerg- In memory of Merle VandenBerg*  
*David & Nancy Jones- In memory of both their parents and Dave's brother*  
*Ted & Marilyn Dumbauld- In honor of their children and grandchildren*  
*Arciel Wyatt- In memory of Byron (Bud) Wyatt*  
*Jan Anderson - In celebration of happier, healthier days ahead!*  
*John and Sue Dixon- In memory of those lost to Covid-19*  
*Lani Ochs- In memory of Tyler Steffey, an inspiration to all who knew him*  
*Steven Hansen- In memory of Anne Hansen*  
*Diana Haughton- In memory of Larry Haughton*  
*David & Joan Robinson- In celebration of the lives of Eric, Claire, and Alex Robinson*  
*Bruce & Joyce Herbert- In celebration of the worship team & also their children & grandchildren*  
*Margaret Benson- In honor of their many friends at First Congregational UCC*  
*Greg & Meg Kitson- In honor of their parents*  
*Marge McGoff- In honor of her children*  
*Lynette Webb- In celebration of spring and the awakening of Mother Earth*  
*Ken & Linda Weller- In honor of their sons Alex & Ian, gifts from God*  
*Mary Trubilowicz- In celebration of Lois Lewis*  
*Roger & Cynthia Postmus- In celebration of the birth of their great-granddaughter, Lottie Rose Kavanaugh*  
*David & Tina Bowen- In memory of Eric Wenger & Danny Bowen*  
*Pam Smith- In memory of Jim & Millie Hiller and Carlton & Mary Ann Smith*  
*Liz Mielke- In celebration of love, faith, and life*  
*Dolores Cain- In memory of Roy Cain*