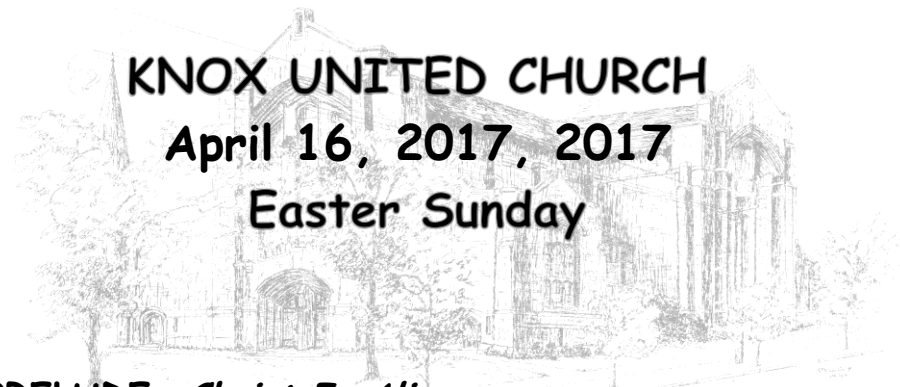




## Easter Is...

- a day of celebration for the presence of God in the world as Christ among us, helping us get past life-denying adversity and every trouble we encounter, when we let God into that place where our spirit dwells;
- a season of amazement at the power that lies beyond and behind all things, bringing new life into being and opening up every spirit to wonder;
- gathering in community with people who seek to celebrate, learn, feel and know the place of God in their lives through the story of Jesus and his earliest followers;
- song and silence, prayer and praise, music and mystery in worship that speaks to our spirits and to the power of the Jesus story of resurrection, that changes lives and changes the unfolding of the world;
- a time to look both inward and outward, finding God in things both little and big, being surprised at how our humanity and our holiness mix to give our lives vibrancy and meaning.



## KNOX UNITED CHURCH

April 16, 2017, 2017

Easter Sunday

### PRELUDE *Christ Is Alive*

Trumpets - Frank Harrington, Doug McCosh

### SINGING THE SPIRIT

MV 122 - *This Is The Day* (sing 2X)

*This is the day that God has made;  
we will rejoice and be glad.*

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we will rejoice and be glad.*

*Singing hallelu, singing hallelu, singing hallelu  
we will rejoice and be glad.*

*Singing hallelu, singing hallelu, singing hallelu  
we will rejoice and be glad.*



Word and music: Bruce Harding 2003, after Psalm 118:24

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### CALL TO WORSHIP and GATHERING PRAYER

HYMN - *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* (VU 155)

Trumpets - Frank Harrington, Doug McCosh



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- 1 *Jesus Christ is risen today, hallelujah!  
our triumphant holy day, hallelujah!  
who did once, upon the cross, hallelujah!  
suffer to redeem our loss. Hallelujah!*
- 2 *Hymns of praise then let us sing hallelujah!  
unto Christ, our heavenly King, hallelujah!  
who endured the cross and grave, hallelujah!  
sinners to redeem and save. Hallelujah!*
- 3 *But the pains which he endured, hallelujah!  
our salvation have procured; hallelujah!  
now above the sky he's King, hallelujah!  
where the angels ever sing. Hallelujah!*
- 4 *Sing we to our God above, hallelujah!  
praise eternal as God's love; hallelujah!  
praise our God, ye heavenly host, hallelujah!  
praise the Son and Holy Ghost. Hallelujah!*

Words: Lyra Davidica, 1708; setting - John Ferguson

## LIGHTING THE TRINITY CANDLES

**GIFT OF MUSIC: *Resurrection Victory*** Lloyd Larsen

Margie Sollid, Kathy Kyle, Jan Nordstrand

## GREETING GOD'S FAMILY

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- 1 *Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!  
Now is the triumph of our King!  
To all the world glad news we bring:  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!*
- 2 *The Lord of life is risen today!  
Bring flowers of song, bedeck the way;  
let every tongue rejoice and say:  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!*
- 3 *Praise we in songs of victory  
that love, that life which cannot die,  
and sing with hearts uplifted high:  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!*
- 4 *Your name we bless, O risen Lord,  
and sing today with one accord  
the life laid down, the life restored:  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!*

Words: Cyril A. Alington 1925,  
*Gelobt Sei Gott*, Melchoir Vulpius, Setting by John Ferguson

**HALLELUJAH CHORUS** from G. F. Handel's *Messiah*

**POSTLUDE - *Rejoice, the Lord is King***



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**MISSION MESSAGE & OFFERING**

Gift of Music: *Hallelujah*

Easter version text: K. Mooney, music: Leonard Cohen

Simone and Doug McCosh

**MUSIC BEFORE PRAYER (MV 14) (sing 2X)**

Where two or three are gathered in my name,  
I am there, I am there.

words and music: Bruce Harding, 2002, after Matthew 18:20

**COMMUNITY PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER****ANTHEM - Alleluja**

from the Motet Exsultate, jubilate - Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart,  
Arr. by Wallingford Riegger



Soprano - Phyllis Rugg

Alto- Sue Brooks

Tenor - Doug McCosh

Bass - John Rowson

**HYMN - Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing  
(VU 169)**

Trumpets - Frank Harrington, Doug McCosh

*(Children and Youth may join Sunday School  
in the lower church hall)*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS****ANTHEM *If You Would Be Risen With Christ***

words from Colossians 3-12, 14, 16 King James Version of the Bible

Oboe - Glenda Lindgren

*If you would be risen with Christ,  
seek those things which are above,  
seek those things above  
where Christ is seated  
at the right hand of God.*

*Set your affections on things above,  
not on things of the earth,  
and above all things put on charity,  
which is the bond of perfection.*

*Let the word of Christ dwell in you  
richly in all wisdom,*

*teaching and admonishing one another  
in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,  
singing thankfully in your hearts in the Lord.*



Music: Robert J. Powell

## WORDS FROM OUR SCRIPTURES

**Gospel**                      **John 20:1-18**

Mary and the Risen Jesus

## REFLECTION

**ANTHEM**      *Today The Lord Is Risen*

words: ascribed to Wipo of Burgundy - 11<sup>th</sup> century  
music: John Helgen

Trumpets - Frank Harrington, Doug McCosh

*Today the Lord is risen, Alleluia!*

*Set free from Satan's prison, alleluia!*

*Our voices raise a shout of praise,  
for now is Christ risen, Alleluia!*

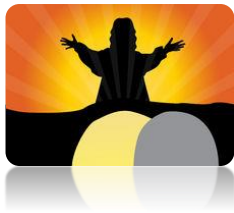
*All Christians this glorious day,  
make haste with joy your vows to pay;*

*The Lord is ris'n, today we cry,  
for now he lives no more to die!*

*Today the Lord is risen, Alleluia!*

*Set free from Satan's prison, alleluia!*

*Our voices raise a shout of praise,  
for now is Christ risen, Alleluia!*



**HYMN** - *Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks*  
(VU 179)

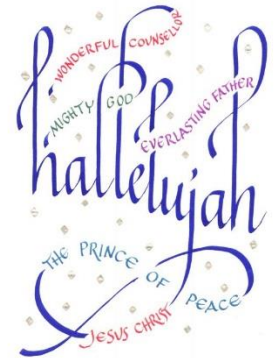
Refrain:

*Hallelujah, hallelujah.*

*Give thanks to the risen Christ;*

*hallelujah, hallelujah!*

*Give praise to God's name.*



*1 Jesus is Lord of all the earth,  
firstborn of all creation.*

Refrain

*2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:  
Jesus has died and is risen.*

Refrain

*3 We have been crucified with Christ,  
Refrain now we shall live for ever.*

Refrain

*4 Come let us praise the living God,  
joyfully sing to our Saviour.*

Refrain

words and music: Donald Fishel 1971, arr. Darryl Nixon 1987