

**March 27, 2016
Easter Sunday**

Bell Choir Prelude

This Joyful Eastertide arr. Tucker
(Dutch Easter Hymn)

Easter Rhondo Helman
Jesus Christ Is Risen Today arr. Dobrinski
(LLanfair)

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today arr. Helman
Organ Prelude: Toccata Jacques Lemmens

Chiming of the Hour

***Hymn:** #182 *Christ The Lord Is Risen Today*

Welcome

Joys and Concerns

Choral Introit: *Hallelujah* A. Maraire, Zimbabwe

Call to Worship

One: Jesus walked the earth with God's message
of peace, blessing all creation:

All: Abundant life for all!

One: Jesus preached God's love-- justice for the
poor, full sharing of earth's bounty;
He rattled the authorities with

**All: Hope and healing; forgiveness and
welcome!**

One: Worldly powers tried to stop him:
led him to a tree and crucified him;
laid him in the earth: a garden tomb.
Three days in the earth, and then,

**All: Like the seed which dies to live,
so Jesus arose to new life!**

One: And so let us celebrate the risen Christ,
alive in our midst even today.

**All: May we be hands and feet,
hearts and minds of that risen Christ,
proclaiming the good news of abundant
life for all.**

One: Come, let us worship God together!

Prayer of Invocation (in unison)

With thanksgiving, praise, and joy we worship you,
marvelous God. How amazing is all your creation!
How glorious is this day of new life! Come among
us now, we pray, to raise us up from our fears and
doubts and perplexity. We want to believe. We
want to trust. We want to dare. We want to live.
Touch us today with a spirit of hope, that our
discipleship may honor Christ, in whose name we
pray. Amen.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Dazzling God, we are blinded to your majesty. We
have taken for granted the amazing wonder of life,
without seeing you as the source of all things. We
shrink from the judgment we deserve. We resist
the changes we know we must make to receive new
life. Save us from the calamity of our selfish ways.
Rescue us from all hurtful and destructive habits.
Forgive our broken promises, heal our broken
relationships, lift our broken spirits, so we may
share in the resurrection of Christ. Hear now our
silent confessions as we seek your mercy,
forgiveness and grace.

Moment of silent prayer

Assurance of God's Love

Gloria Patri: *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is
now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

Responsive Reading – Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

(Page 694 HS in the pew bible)

Hebrew Scripture Reading – Isaiah 65: 17-25

(Page 851 HS in the pew bible)

Children's Message and Lord's Prayer

***Hymn:** #185 *Come, Ye Faithful Raise The Strain*

Offering of our Gifts ~ One Great Hour of Sharing

Anthem: Hosanna Jules Granier
Deryl Godshall, tenor

***Doxology:** *Praise God from whom all blessings
flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise
God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and
Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Prayer of Dedication

Gospel Reading – John 20:1-18

(Page 140 in the pew bible)

Sermon: "Unbelievable!"

Reverend Diane Monti-Catania

Pastoral Prayer and Silent Prayer

Response: *Hallelujah* A. Maraire, Zimbabwe

***Hymn:** #366 *God of Grace and God of Glory*

Benediction

Choral Response: *Hallelujah* G. F. Handel

Postlude: Carillon-Sortie Henri Mulet

(* Please stand if able.)

*Please join us in the Parish Hall for refreshments and
fellowship following worship. Our hosts today are
Anne & Tim Hughes.*

*We welcome our musicians from Housatonic Valley
Regional High School: Ashley Coon & Jacob Shpur
(trumpet), Megan Ackerman & Caleb Shpur
(trombone).*

Our ushers today are Kathy Mera, Sharon Tingley &
Joe Catania.

Our Lay Readers today are Matthew Chin and
Caleb May.

Prayer List

*Rosie Bell, Nancy Tuckerman, Barbara Jacquette,
Gloria Buckley, Petie Robinson, Sue Bucceri, Jeri
Johnson, Nancy Smith, Louise "Weezie" Hannegan,
Marshall Schwarz, Jane, Chris, family and friends of
Dick Dwelley, Mary Wadsworth, Jim Aitchison and
George Phinney.*

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Monday 3:30 pm SOAR Fencing in the Parish Hall
6 pm Salisbury Band Rehearsal in the Parish Hall

Tuesday 5:15 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday 10:30 am Scoville Memorial Library's Toddler Story Time in the Parish Hall
7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday 8:30 am "Silent" Retreat
10 am Scoville Memorial Library's Literary Series in the Parish Hall
5:30-7 pm Deacons Meeting in the Meetinghouse
7 pm HousaTonics Rehearsal

Friday 8 am Men's Bible Study

Saturday 10 am Memorial Service for Mary Wadsworth

Next Sunday 11:15 am Christian Action Meeting
11:30 am Trustees Meeting

OPPORTUNITIES

SILVER LAKE SUMMER CAMP

Registration for Silver Lake Conference Center in Sharon is now open. Take a look at the many great offerings by visiting: www.silverlake.ctucc.org. Brochures can also be picked up at the Opportunity Table at Church. Scholarships are available. Please see Pastor Diane.

PRESENTING HANDEL'S MESSIAH

Mark your calendar for Handel's Messiah on Sunday, April 10 at 3:00 pm. Featuring a festival chorus of fifty singers including: our senior choir; the Norfolk Congregational Church choir; singers from Western Connecticut State University; four wonderful professional soloists and members of the Salisbury Sinfonietta, presenting the Easter section of Messiah and Bach's Easter Cantata #85 entitled "I am the Good Shepherd."

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