

**PRAYER of DEDICATION and THANKSGIVING**

Holy Love, receive these gifts as seeds given in thanksgiving for your generosity. Let us rejoice in giving just as the sun dances in its power. Help us to nourish these offerings to meet the needs of our community and to witness to your goodness. We dedicate them to the flourishing of your kindom. Amen.

\*COMMUNION (found in insert)

\*SONG "He Lives!"

#226

**BENEDICTION**

**SUNG "Amen"**

**Postlude**

\* Please stand if you are able.

**Bold-** Words in bold are said in unison.

***Our worship has ended ~ Let our service begin!***

*They Left The Tomb: Service Prayers for Resurrection Sunday Year A was written by the Rev. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology for the United Church of Christ.*

*Booklets will be available TODAY. Our Annual Meeting will be held April 12th after worship, Rev. Megan Stowe will be preaching and available on April 12th to join us for our Annual Meeting. Rev. Carol Steinbrecher will be preaching and available on April 19th. We look forward to those dates!*

**Warm Birthday wishes go out to:**

*Phillip Arpano Sr. April 4th*

*Ella Cummins April 11th*

*Michelle Garry April 15th*

*Jeanne Dietel April 29th*

*April Kristoff April 5th*

*Erica Hoag April 11th*

*Bob Lidstone April 15th*

*Phillip Arpano Jr. April 30th*

**Happy Anniversary goes out to:**

*Fred & Teressa Sontag April 9th*

*Please keep our special members and friends in your prayers: June and Edie K.*

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# The United Church of Clinton



**April 5, 2026**

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Musician, Kate Lyczkowski

Lay Reader, Alana Limber

## Ministers, The People of God

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Easter Sunday

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING *of the BELL/TIME of CENTER*

**\*CALL to WORSHIP**

One: O give thanks to the Holy One, for God is good; God's love abides, endures, and prevails forever!

**Many: Alleluia! The resurrection life comes to us. Christ is risen!**

One: In distress, I call. In grief, I cry. In despair, I come. The Holy One answers. The Holy One comforts. The Holy One comes.

**Many: Alleluia! The resurrection life comes to us. Christ is risen!**

One: God, my refuge and confidence, surrounds me with strength and victory! Exalt God's holy name!

**Many: Alleluia! The resurrection life comes to us. Christ is risen!**

**\*SONG of PRAISE *and* SUPPORTING HUMAN JUSTICE**

**"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"**

**#216**

**\*PRAYER of the DAY**

Holy One, just as they came to the tomb to honor you on that early Easter morning, we gather to praise you this day. May our alleluias resound in adoration and shared joy that you are risen and we share in the promise of new life. May we encounter your glory in this assembled community as we follow you from the empty tomb into the possibilities that await. Amen.

**\*AFFIRMING *and* CONNECTING (Passing of the Peace) We sing: "Peace be with You".**

**\* 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. Amen. *(Be seated)*

Moment for All God's Children - The Blooming Cross -Decorating of Blooming Cross

**"In the Garden" #227**

**Lord's Prayer** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

**\*SONG "Christ Arose"**

**#224**

**SCRIPTURE** Colossians 3: 1-4

**PRAYER of TRANSFORMATION *and* NEW LIFE**

Holy Love, in every ending, there is a beginning. In the same way, beginnings signal an end. May the promise of new life enable us to end the things that do not serve us, to end the attitudes that do not honor you, and to end the ways in which we are complacent and complicit in the world. Empower us to leave those things in the tomb and follow your trail. Jesus, you have demonstrated the path of your kingdom, keep us on the road of abundant and transformed life as revived and encouraged participants in your resurrected and glorified body. Grant us grace when the realities of life overwhelm, threaten to consume us, and mire us in the past. for the newness of life, we pray. Have mercy on us, Holy One. Amen.

**WORDS OF GRACE**

**Prayer Concerns and Joys Lifted Up**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**SCRIPTURE** Matthew 28: 1-10

**Meditation - Rev. Marilyn Wilcox**

**MUSICAL MEDITATION**

**INVITATION to GENEROSITY**

***Passing of the Plate***

**DOXOLOGY (Use whatever words are comfortable for you)**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; praise God above ye heavenly host. Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost (Father, Son, and Holy Ghost). Amen

## **\*COMMUNION**

**\*Communion Song “Eat This Bread”**

**#414**

### **Invitation**

One: On the night of betrayal, denial, and desertion, Jesus prepared his disciples for life beyond the tomb. He demonstrated with wine and bread what he would later perform in his flesh and blood.

**Many: Jesus wanted them to remember and to understand his solidarity and his sacrifice.**

One: Jesus still prepares a place for each and all of us at this table. Will you come?

**Many: In awe and wonder, humility and thanksgiving, we come to the table to feast with the Risen One.**

### **Words of Institution**

#### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Holy One, thank you for this feast at your table. As we receive bread and cup, may we encounter our grace and be filled with your love. May we go forward from this table with great joy, ever seeking your resurrecting presence among us and discerning your call for us to be present for our neighbors in the world. By your spirit, we pray.**

**Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy One, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the Highest! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of our God. Hosanna in the Highest!**

**\*\*\*Please go to the back of the bulletin for the final hymn “He lives!”\*\*\***

**EASTER FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF....IN HONOR OF....**

**Given by The Sontag Family  
In Memory of Loved Ones  
In Honor of Loved Ones**

**Given by Chrissy & Donnie Dobeck Jr. & Family  
In Memory of Archie James Buchanan Moran**

**Given by Reverend Marilyn Wilcox  
In Memory of Janice & Everett Wilcox  
In Memory of Melissa Hinkley**

**In Honor of The Vibrant Members & Friends of The United Church of Clinton  
“Thanks for all you do!”**

**Given by Larry Gilman  
In Memory of Mary Pat Gilman  
In Memory of Larry Gilman Jr.**

**Given by Shelly & Matt O’Toole  
In Memory of George O’Toole  
In Memory of Steve Amelotte**

**Given by Laraine Amelotte  
In Memory of Corinne & Ray Dobeck**

**Given by Cindy Baer  
In Memory of Milton & Ruth Baer  
In Memory of Bill & Eunice Salmon**

**Given by The Turcotte Colby Family  
In Memory of Kevin Turcotte**

**Given by Gloria Popp  
In Memory of Carl & Florence Popp  
In Memory of Richard Popp and Harold Popp  
In Memory of Lena Wagner  
In Memory of Kenny LeBlanc**

**EASTER FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF....IN HONOR OF....  
(con’t)**

**Given by Gloria Popp  
In Memory of Carl & Florence Popp  
In Memory of Richard Popp and Harold Popp  
In Memory of Lena Wagner  
In Memory of Kenny LeBlanc  
In Memory of Linda Hennis**

**Given by Paul & Teomi Cole  
In Memory of the Gutman and Cole Families**

**Given by Gloria Parkinson  
In Honor of Lori Leclair**

**Given by Pam Dobeck  
In Memory of Herman “Poppy” Schultz  
In Honor of June “Nana” Schultz & Kitty Cormier  
In Memory of Corinne & Ray Dobeck  
In Memory of Mike Sawyer**

