



FORESIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

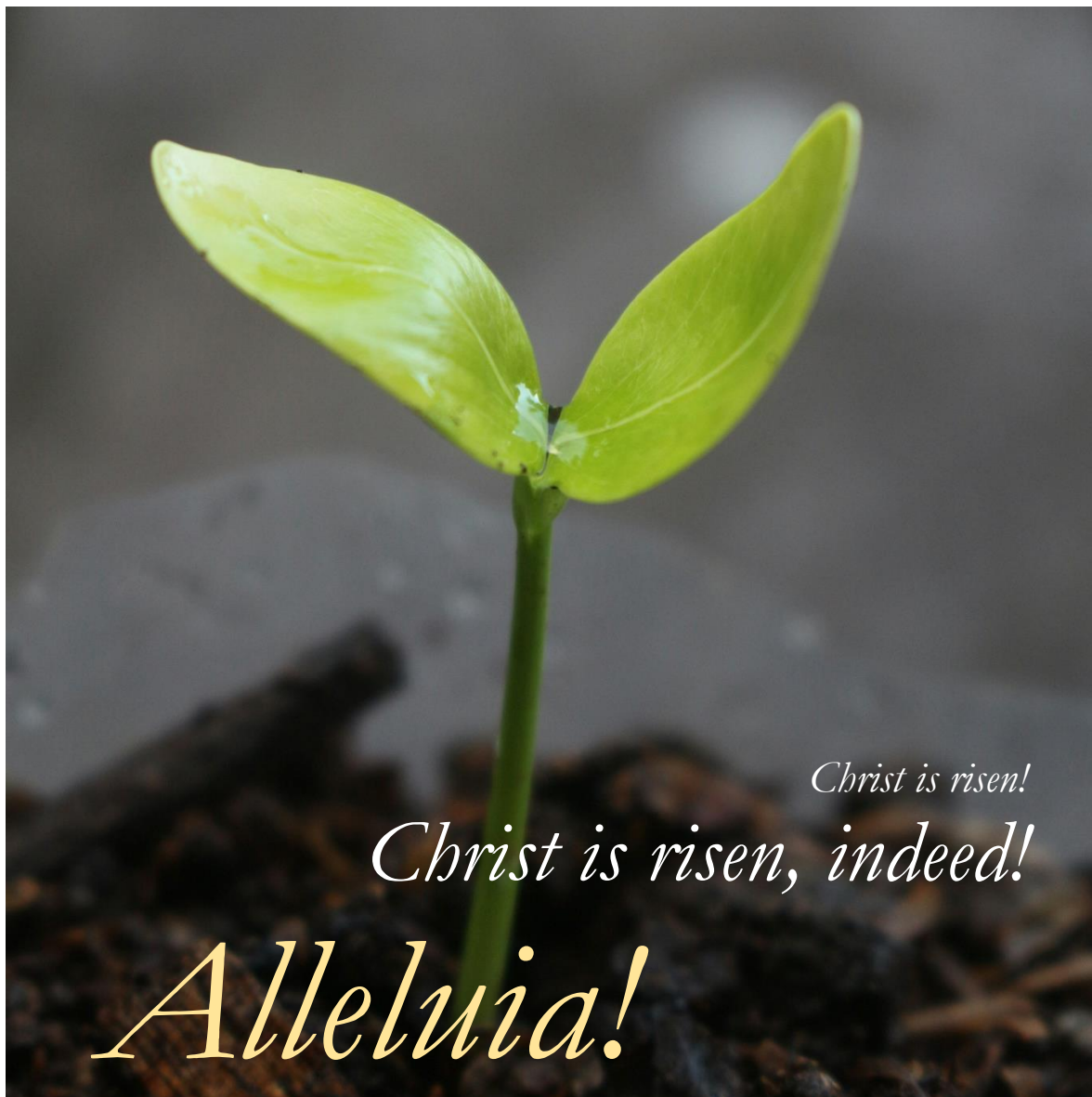
Connecting to God

Nurturing Community

Discovering our Callings

April 20, 2025 ~ 8:30am

Easter Sunday



Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed!

Alleluia!

GATHERING IN WORSHIP

Pastor: ... *Alleluia!*

Christ is risen!

Many: **Christ is risen indeed!**

Back: ***From the east, give thanks, for God is good!***

Front: **And from the west, for God's steadfast love endures forever!**

Right: ***Give thanks from the north, for new life blossoms this day***

Left: **And from the south, for life even where hopes once were buried.**

One: The stone of the tomb is rolled away

And good news travels from friend to friend in wonder,

(quiet.) **first in a *whisper*,**

(LOUD!!!) **then in great "Alleluias!!"**

One: This is the day that the Lord has made;

Many: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

One: Christ is risen!

All: **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

***HYMN** *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

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*** PRAYER**

As we lift happy voices to you, **O God, call us into new life this day.**

As we seek you in our world, **O Christ, greet us in the shining faces of others.**

And as we greet them, **O Spirit, help us shine with Christ's light, too!**

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Amen.

ANTHEM

With Songs of Rejoicing

J.S. Bach
Arr. Hal Hopson

Christ the Lord is Risen Today




1. Christ the Lord is risen to - day,
 2. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King,
 3. Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - - le - lu - ia!
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led,
 5. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!



Mor - tal tongues and an - gels say:
 Where, O death, is now thy sting?
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head,
 Praise to thee by both be given,



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high,
 Dy - ing once, he all doth save,
 Death in vain for - bids him rise, Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Made like him, like him we rise,
 Thee we greet tri - um - phant now,



Sing, ye heavens, and earth re - ply:
 Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave?
 Christ has o - pened Par - a - dise, Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies,
 Hail, the Res - ur - rec - tion thou!

SCRIPTURE

John 20:1-18

SERMON

Gardeners

The Rev. Geoff Parker

HYMN

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...

The 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 trespasses

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO THE SERVICE OF GOD

Electronic gifts may be shared here:

<https://www.foresidechurch.org/index.php/giving/> or by pointing your phone's camera at the image to the right and clicking on the link displayed. Gifts received today will be used to support our Neighbors in Need Fund (formerly the Pastor's Discretionary Fund.)



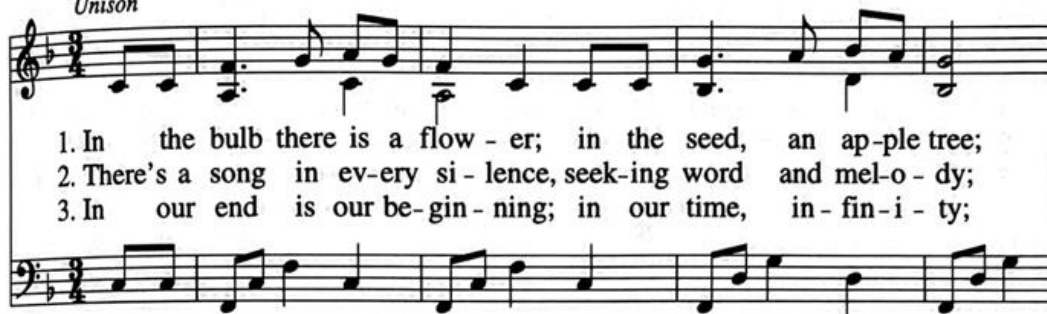
Offertory Anthem

Rejoice, the Lord is King

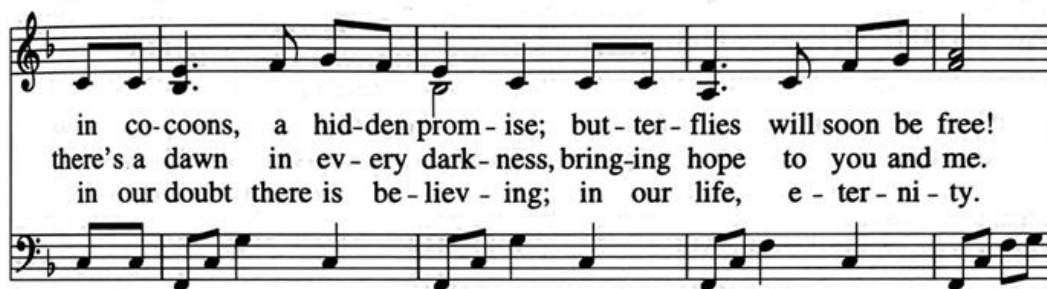
John Darwall
arr. Jan Sanborn

In the Bulb there is a Flower

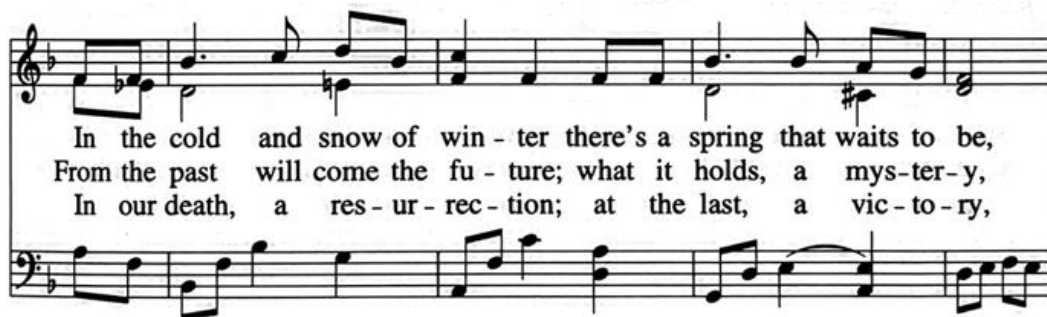
Unison



1. In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;
2. There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;
3. In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;



in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise; but - ter - flies will soon be free!
there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.
in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.



In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,
In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,



un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

*** Doxology**

Tune: *All Creatures of our God and King*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Christ all creatures here below
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God for all that love has done
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia!**

*** Blessing the Gifts**

*** HYMN**

Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day

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*** BLESSING AND SENDING**

POSTLUDE

Thine is the Glory

Handel
arr. James Koerts

Today's Ministers of Worship:
Cynthia Beggs

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supporting our Neighbors in Need Our Neighbors in Need fund is a source of help and support, and a sign of God's loving care for neighbors in our area who are facing challenging times. In the past year, your Neighbors in Need gifts have helped families stay in their homes, individuals reach for education and opportunity without medical or educational debt, and provided heat and electricity in emergency situations. These supports and more are available to offer signs of the church's compassion and care to our neighbors because of the generosity of our members. *Thank you for your gifts to today's special offering.*

Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day

1 Joy dawned a - gain on Eas - ter Day, the sun shone
2 O Je - sus, Sav - ior, Gen - tle One, come take our
3 O Sov - ereign One, with us a - bide in this our

out with bright ar - ray; For when the A - pos - tles
hearts to be your own, That we may give you
joy - ful Eas - ter - tide; From ev - ery weap - on

hid in fear, the Ris - en Christ to them ap - peared.
all our days the will - ing trib - ute of our praise.
death can wield, your own re - deemed for - ev - er shield.

The musical score is written for three voices (Soprano, Alto, and Tenor) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (two sharps) and 3/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a clear harmonic structure. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves, and the piano accompaniment is shown on the bottom staff of each system.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday, April 21:

**The office will be closed in
observation of the Easter Holiday.**

Tuesday, April 22:

12:00 p.m. Knitting Group (Classroom)
6:15 p.m. Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)
6:45 p.m. AA Weekly Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
7:15 p.m. Bell Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, April 23:

6:00 p.m. *What If We Get it Right?* Book Series
(Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, April 24:

9:00 a.m. The Bells of Casco Bay (Sanctuary)
6:00 p.m. Women's AA Group (Fellowship Hall)

**Friday, April 25 and
Saturday, April 26:**

Church reserved for Wedding Rehearsal and Ceremony

Sunday, April 27:

9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship (Sanctuary and Online)
With Mission Moment
1:00 p.m. Memorial Service – Roy Peppiatt
(Sanctuary and Online)

EASTER 2025
SANCTUARY ARRANGEMENT DEDICATIONS

Janet Clough

In loving memory of David Clough, a cherished husband, father, and grandfather.

Dorothy and Kurt Eckhardt

In loving memory of Andy, Dotsy, and Emily Thomas.

Kathy Hillman Reed and Stan Reed

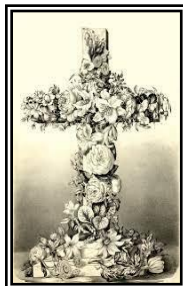
In loving memory of our parents and Kathy's brother.

Debbie Reifsnyder

In loving memory of my parents, Norman W. and Nancy G. Reifsnyder.

The Singer Family

In loving memory of husband, father, and grandfather Bud Singer.



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David Bartoletti, Organist/Accompanist
Christina Sklarz, Office Manager

An Open and Affirming Congregation



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