



Prelude

“Now the Green Blade Rises”
“Easter Glory”

arr. Sondra Tucker
arr. Cathy Moglebust

The Second Church Handbell Choir

Welcome & Announcements

***Call to Worship** (based on Colossians 3:1-4)

Wendy Oliver, Liturgist

Liturgist: See, people of God! We have been raised with Christ!

People: See the things that are above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

Liturgist: For though to this life we have died, and our new life is hidden with Christ in God, when Christ who is our life is revealed, then we shall be revealed with Christ in glory.

People: Hallelujah! Christ is Risen!

***Hymn**

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

No. 288

***Prayer of Invocation**

Liturgist: Let us pray together.

All: We come before you, Living Truth, as we have many times before, with our cares, our pains, our chronic sicknesses, and our burdens. But today our hearts are lighter. Today, Risen Jesus, your light shines on us. When we falter, dwell richly in us, Glorious Savior, that we may proclaim, both in our brokenness, and in our wholeness, that yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

***Easter Acclamation**

Liturgist: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

***Easter Response**

Tune of ‘All Creatures of Our God and King’

I know that my Redeemer lives.

Think of the joy this knowledge gives. O praise Him, Alleluia!

Christ now has risen from the dead, He who once suffered in my stead.

O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Allelu...ia!

Anthem

“The Day of Resurrection”

Daniel Kallman

Children’s Message

Diane Osborne

Pastoral Prayer

Prayers of Joys and Concerns of the People

Lord’s Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray as Christ our savior has taught us.

All: 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.

Offertory

***Doxology** “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

No. 34

***Prayer of Dedication**

*Throughout the bulletin, when you see an * you are invited to stand if you are able.*

Scripture John 20:1-18 NT p. 110
Sermon "Get Back to the Garden" Rev. Dr Will Sencabaugh

Gathering Hymn "As We Gather at Your Table" No. 695, Verse 1
Sunday School Arrival

Celebration of the Sacrament of Communion

Grape juice is substituted for wine. The communion bread is gluten free.

Communion Prayer

Minister: Christ be with you,

People: **And also, with you.**

Minister: Let us lift up one another.

People: **Let us lift up one another to God.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to God who is still speaking and listening and interacting with creation.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Minister: Holy God, we praise and bless you for creation. With the faithful in every place and time, we praise with joy your holy name.

All: **Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High.**

Minister: We remember that on the night... "Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." Consecrate, therefore, by your Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine. Bless us that, as we receive them at this table, we may offer you our faith and praise, we may be united with Christ and with one another, and we may continue faithful in all things.

All: **In the fellowship Christ gives us, we offer ourselves to you, eternal God, and give thanks that you have called us to serve you. Amen.**

Breaking the Bread and Pouring the Wine

Minister: Through the broken bread we participate in the body of Christ. Through the cup of blessing, we participate in the new life Christ gives.

Sharing of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Minister: Let us pray together.

All: **Loving God, we thank you for giving us this holy sacrament. May this sacred feast give us strength for the journey ahead. We thank you in holy gratitude for meeting us here, and sending us forth into the world. Amen.**

Hymn "Thine Is the Glory" No. 310

During the hymn, those in the congregation who wish to join the choir in singing the "Hallelujah Chorus" are invited to come to the chancel steps. Music is on the piano.

Benediction

Response "Hallelujah Chorus" (Messiah) G.F. Handel

Postlude "Toccata" (Organ Symphony No. 5) Charles Marie Widor

If you are leaving the sanctuary during the postlude, please do so quietly.

EASTER REMEMBRANCES

In memory of our beloved parents by Colin & Janet Blair

In loving memory of loved ones by Prudy Bliss

In memory of loved ones by the Reilly & Goulding Families

In loving memory of loved ones by the Giannetti Family

In memory of Gertrude Hill by Ken Hill

In loving memory of Peter by the Holsapple Family

In loving memory of Katie & Mom by Elaine Killough

In memory of the Treens by the Kays

In loving memory of loved ones by Jessie & Ben Macomber

In memory of Bud & Myrt by Sharmon McCaughey

*In loving memory of their great grandparents
by the Osborne Family*

*In loving memory of Eleanor & Gene Slawson by Karen
Slawson*

*In loving memory of Bill & Margaret Smith by the Smith
Family*

*In memory of Gonegonto & Finelli Families by the Smith
Family*

In loving memory of loved ones by the Sousa Family

*In memory of the Saunders, Somersby & Pierce Families by the
Saunders Family*

In memory of loved ones by Nancy Tariot

In memory of loved ones by the Turcotte family

In memory of loved ones by the Webb Family

*In memory of Dr. & Mrs. Bradford W. Lawrence and Col. Earl
R. & Barbara Lonsbury Weidner by Glenn & Marcia
Weidner*



shaw's

GIVE BACK WHERE IT COUNTS
Reusable Bag Program

For the month of April 2026, Second Congregational Church Food Pantry has been selected in the Shaw's GIVE BACK WHERE IT COUNTS Reusable Bag Program. The Food Pantry will receive \$1 for each \$3.00 GIVE BACK WHERE IT COUNTS Reusable Bag sold during the month of April 2026 at Shaw's located at 125 Robert Toner Blvd, Attleboro Falls.

The Chosen Discussion Group
Every Wednesday at 6:30 pm

Water Colors & Crafternoon
Friday 4/10 at 2:30 pm

Young Adult Open Mic
Friday 4/10 at 6 pm

Coffee House & Open Mic
Saturday 4/11 at 6 pm

42nd ANNUAL
MAY BREAKFAST!

Saturday, May 2, 2026
8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Reservations Recommended

Call for reservations
Church Office 508-222-4677

Stay tuned for further details.

***Second Congregational Church of Attleboro
United Church of Christ
April 5, 2026
Easter
Communion***

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We are an Open and Affirming Congregation

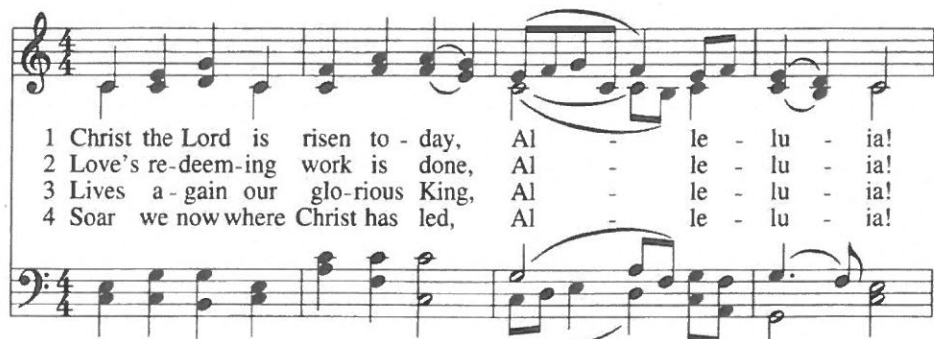
The Lead Deacon this month is Karen Slawson assisted by Deb Hawes.

Meetings and Activities


Sunday, 5 th	6:00 am	Sunrise Service
Easter	10:00 am	Worship/Communion/Sunday School
Tuesday, 7th	6:00 pm	Book Study — Climate Church, Climate World
Wednesday, 8 th	10:00 am	Communion Visitation Meeting
	6:30 pm	“The Chosen” Discussion Group
	6:30 pm	Cub Scout Meeting
Thursday, 9 th	6:00 pm	Troop 34 Meeting
	6:30 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:30pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Friday, 10 th	2:30 pm	Crafternoon & Color Our World
	6:00 pm	Young Adult Open Mic
Saturday, 11 th	6:00 pm	Coffee House & Open Mic
Sunday, 12 th	8:30 am	O&M Committee Meeting
	10:00 am	Worship/Sunday School
	11:15 am	CE Committee Meeting

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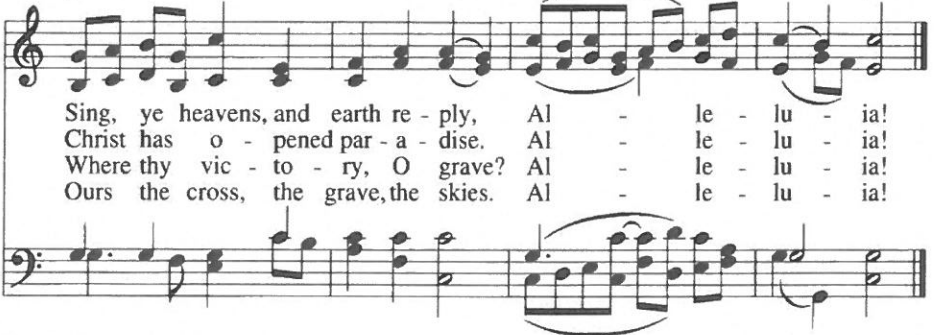
1 Christ the Lord is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!



All cre - a - tion, join to say Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia!



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Death in vain for - bids him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Once he died our souls to save, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Made like him, like him we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!



Sing, ye heavens, and earth re - ply, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Al - le - lu - ia!

Thine Is the Glory

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con - quering Son; end - less is the
 2 Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb; lov - ing - ly he
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life! Life is nought with-

vic - tory thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai - ment
 greets us, scat - ters fear and gloom. Let his church with glad - ness
 out thee: aid us in our strife. Make us more than con - quers,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for her Lord now liv - eth;
 through thy death - less love: bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain

where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting. Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con - quering Son;
 to thy home a - bove.

WORDS: Edmond L. Budry (1854-1932); tr. R. Birch Hoyle (1875-1939)
 MUSIC: George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

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