



**Middlebury Congregational Church
United Church of Christ**

**April 18, 2021
Third Sunday of Easter**

PRELUDE

Christ Is Risen (based on 12th century carol, "Christ is Erstanden")
arr Gilbert Martin

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Manzi

INVOCATION

LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

**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,
For ever and ever. Amen.**

[We use "Father" and "trespasses," but please use whatever words bring you closest to God.]

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Manzi

(based on Romans 5:8 and Hebrews 4:16)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Redeeming God, we confess that we have not loved you with our
whole heart, and we have not loved our neighbors as we ought; we
have strayed from your commandments. Do not remember our sins,
but forgive our iniquities, that we may fix our eyes on you and walk
in the ways of righteousness, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**
(Time for individual silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Psalm 103:10,12)

Hear the good news: the Lord does not deal with us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our iniquities. As far as the east is from the
west, so far the Lord removes our transgressions from us. Friends, hear
and believe the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READINGS OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURE

Rev. Manzi

Psalms 4

Answer me when I call, O God of my right!
You gave me room when I was in distress.
Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame?
How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies?*Selah*
But know that the LORD has set apart the faithful for himself;
the LORD hears when I call to him.

When you are disturbed, do not sin;
ponder it on your beds, and be silent.*Selah*
Offer right sacrifices,
and put your trust in the LORD.

There are many who say, "O that we might see some good!
Let the light of your face shine on us, O LORD!"
You have put gladness in my heart
more than when their grain and wine abound.

I will both lie down and sleep in peace;
for you alone, O LORD, make me lie down in safety.

Luke 24:36-48

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and
said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and
thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you
frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands
and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does
not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said
this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were
disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything
here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and
ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I
was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of
Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened
their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is
written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the
third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed

in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

SERMON
In the Flesh

MUSICAL OFFERING

No Turning Back arr. by Robert Hughes
Anna and ShawnaLee Kwashnak and Donna Obarowski

Joys and Concerns and Pastoral Prayer

Katrina will share joys, concerns and witness to your brothers and sisters that she received prior to today's service.

OFFERING AND DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

***BENEDICTION**

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

The Day of Resurrection

POSTLUDE

Christ Is Risen (based on 12th century carol, "Christ is Erstanden")
Johann Fischer

DOING GOD'S WORK

The Congregation, *Ministers in the World*
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