



Easter flowers are given to the glory of God in honor or in memory of the following loved ones:

In Honor of Lawrence & Donna Mishler by your children and grandchildren.
In Memory of Tommy & Tootsie Brinn by Tommy, Michelle & Sutherlyn Brinn.
In Memory of Frankie Gregory by Lawrence & Donna Mishler.
In Memory of loved ones by Jane Williams.
In Memory of Joseph M. McKee, Sr., by The McKee Family.
In Memory of G. B. Pendleton by Juanita Pendleton.
In Memory of my sister, Helen White, by Debbie Quidley.
In Memory of my brother, Gary Wright, by Debbie Quidley.
In Memory of Ellen McNeal by Juliana Dean.
In Memory of Joe & Norma King by The King Family.
In Memory of Mary Louise & John McClung by The King Family.
In Memory of Kendall McClung by The King Family.
In Memory of Eddie Brakob by Ed & Kathy Brakob.
In Memory of Sandy Carawan by Doris Carawan.
In Honor of Grace & Luke Williams by Doris Carawan.
In Honor of Macy Calhoun by Linda & Jimmy Calhoun.
In Honor of Bailey Calhoun by Linda & Jimmy Calhoun.
In Memory of Virginia Gardner by Ginny Owens.
In Memory of Laura Marie Ezell by Sharon, Steve & Matt Ezell.
In Memory of Durant & Geneva Walston by Sharon, Steve & Matt Ezell.
In Memory of Carlee, Jackie & Ted Andrada by Steve & Marjorie Barnes.
In Memory of John Barnes by Steve & Marjorie Barnes.
In Memory of Megan Satterly by Winter Clapsaddle.
In Memory of Kelly Satterly by Winter Clapsaddle.
In Memory of Linda Perry by Janet Manning.



Easter Service

April 17, 2022

Hickory United Methodist Church

2708 Battlefield Boulevard, South

Chesapeake, Virginia 23322

(757) 421-2778

Rev. Sarah Locke

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering Music

See insert

Words of Celebration

One: Christ is Risen

All: He is Risen, Indeed

One: Alleluia

All: Alleluia, Amen

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: This is a new day! A day of marvels and miracles! A day to rejoice in what God has done! Yesterday was filled with too many worries and too little faith.

Many: On this Easter morning, we hear the old folks saying, "Mary don't you weep!"

One: This is a new day! A day of marvels and miracles! A day to rejoice in what God has done! Yesterday was filled with too much criticism and too little affirmation.

Many: Today, Martha, don't you moan!

One: This is a new day! A day of marvels and miracles! A day to rejoice in what God has done! Yesterday was filled with too many questions and too few answers.

Many: This is Easter morning: dry your tears and shout for joy! Jesus is not dead. He is Alive! God has conquered death and Jesus has canceled sin. This is, indeed, a new day!

Sherrie Dobbs Johnson, The Africana Worship Book, For Year C, Valerie Bridgeman Davis, PhD and Safiyah Fosua, eds. (Discipleship Resources, 2008), 67

Sung Call to Worship

Alleluia, Give Thanks to the Risen Lord

Choir

Affirmation of Faith

The Possibility Prayer

(People in Bold)

Yes. **It can happen.**

Yes. **It can take place.**

Yes. **God can do it.**

After all, **the angel said "Do not be afraid."**

After all, **the tomb was found empty.**

After all, **the Spirit, "will pray for you."**

Worship Helpers: April 17

Greeters/Ushers: Kathy Brakob, Greg Moyer, Ed Hughes & Don Brewer

Communion Helper: Stan Best

Offering Counters: Kim Schorr & Kathy Moyer

Next Week: April 24

Greeters/Ushers: Dennis & Cheryl McCall, Patrice Vertigan & Kathy Brakob

Screens: Jason Yoast

Offering Counters: Kim Schorr & Susan McKee

Children's Church: Stephanie Davis & Chessie Folan

Report of Stewardship for March 10, 2022

Weekly Budget	\$ 8,765.26
General Offering	\$ 7,301.00
Received to Date	\$ 122,883.11

Announcements:

Hickory Seniors will meet on Monday, April 18th, at 11:00 am, at Chesapeake Pizza on Battlefield Boulevard. All seniors are invited to attend.

GNF Coffee: Our next Good Neighbor Coffee will be on Tuesday, April 26th. All volunteers are welcome and should arrive by 6:15 am.

Save the Date: Rise Against Hunger Packing Event, Saturday, May 14th, 10 am – 12 pm.

Giving of the Bread and Cup

Closing Hymn

Up from The Grave

1. Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior, Refrain:
waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord! [Refrain]

Refrain: Up from the grave he arose;
with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;
he arose a victor from the dark domain,
and he lives forever, with his saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

2. Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Savior,
vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord! [Refrain]

3. Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior;
he tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord! [Refrain]

Breakthrough Prayer

**Heavenly Father, help us to see what you would have us see,
be what you would have us be, and love as you love.
Empower me to build your Kingdom today. Amen.**

Benediction

Egg Hunt to Follow

After all, **God wants peace and reconciliation**

After all, **God's name is "justice."**

After all, **God is "liberation."**

Yes. It can happen.

Yes. It can take place.

Yes. God can do it.

Posted on the **Center of Concern** website. <https://www.coc.org/>

Hymn

Christ the Lord is Risen Today (vs 1-4)

1. Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

3. Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

2. Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Prayers of the People

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 .

"On Eagle's Wings"

And God will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of His hand.

Anthem

"God Gave the Song"

Duet: Jessica Glosser & Laurie Gris Narration: Sarah Locke

Gospel Reading

Matthew 28:1-10

Hymn

He Lives

1. I serve a risen Saviour, He's in the world today;
I know that He is living, whatever foes may say.
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer,
And just the time I need Him, He's always near. [Refrain]

Refrain: He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.
He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.

2. In all the world around me I see His loving care,
And though my heart grows weary, I never will despair.
I know that He is leading through all the stormy blast;
The day of His appearing will come at last. [Refrain]

3. Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ, the King!
The hope of all who seek Him, the help of all who find;
None other is so loving, so good and kind. [Refrain]

New Testament Reading **Ephesians 2:11-21**

Sermon **"Looking for a Breakthrough: Building"** **Rev. Sarah Locke**

Offertory: **"God So Loved the World"** Solo: Miyah Speller

Confession and Pardon

Leader: Holy, Holy, Holy God, as we draw near to the mouth of the tomb and find the stone rolled away, as we bend with racing hearts to look inside, we are struck dumb. All our words are as prattle before the awe and majesty of your power. In silence, we bow before you, for we have fallen short of the glory for which you created us

Silent confession

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and make us worthy to be called your own.

Assurance of Pardon

In the empty tomb, God declares that nothing can separate us from the love of God; nothing we have done or left undone; no one whom we have been or failed to be. Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Friends, believe the good news: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

*Karen Pidcock-Lester, in **The Abingdon Women's Preaching Annual, Series 2, Year A**, compiled and edited by Lenora Tubbs Tisdale, (Abingdon, 2000), 102-103.*

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. *The pastor may lift hands and keep them raised.*

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,

Pastor Continues...

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ....

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father (God), now and forever. **Amen.**