FIRST CHURCH WEST HARTFORD

MARCH 31, 2024

Preludes Alleluia

Wolfgang A. Mozart

And the Glory of the Lord

G. F. Handel

Performed by the First Church Brass Quintet

WELCOME

†CALL TO WORSHIP Elizabeth Oman-Wilfrid

All: We will rejoice and be glad in it!

One: Jesus has been raised.

All: The tomb could not hold him.
One: The stone has been rolled away.
All: Love's redeeming work is done.

One: Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! All: Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!

†HYMN 216 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today EASTER HYMN

†OPENING PRAYER

God, just as you raised Jesus, you can convert loss into life for those who believe. We rejoice and give thanks for this good news. May we be credible witnesses to Jesus' passion and his victory. May we be witnesses to the Resurrection, sharing your promise of salvation and grace. May we bring blessings of mercy and healing to all the world. Amen.

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Jennifer deSimas

Following the message, children may rejoin their families in the pews.

ANTHEM Hallelujah, Amen G. F. Handel

The First Church Choir and Brass Quintet

INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 16:1-8 (NT p. 66)

†GLORIA PATRI (HYMN 35)

GREATOREX

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.

SERMON Easter Joy: The Revised Recipe Chef Rev. Fredd

HYMN 234 <u>Crown Him with Many Crowns</u> DIADEMATA

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY Fugue on Easter Hymn James Boratko

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†DOXOLOGY LASST UNS ERFRUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts: Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Creator God, thank you for your goodness and mercy. Thank you, especially, for the good news of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. May these offerings, and our very lives, bear witness to the countless ways that you bless the world. Amen.

†HYMN 218 <u>Thine Is the Glory</u> MACCABEUS

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE The Hallelujah Chorus G. F. Handel

POSTLUDE Toccata, from the Fifth Organ Symphony Charles M. Widor

We are pleased to have the following individuals play for our service this morning:

Donald Townswick, Trumpet

Damon Coachman, Trumpet

Matthew Carley, Horn

Chris Schrock, Trombone

David Winer, Tuba

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