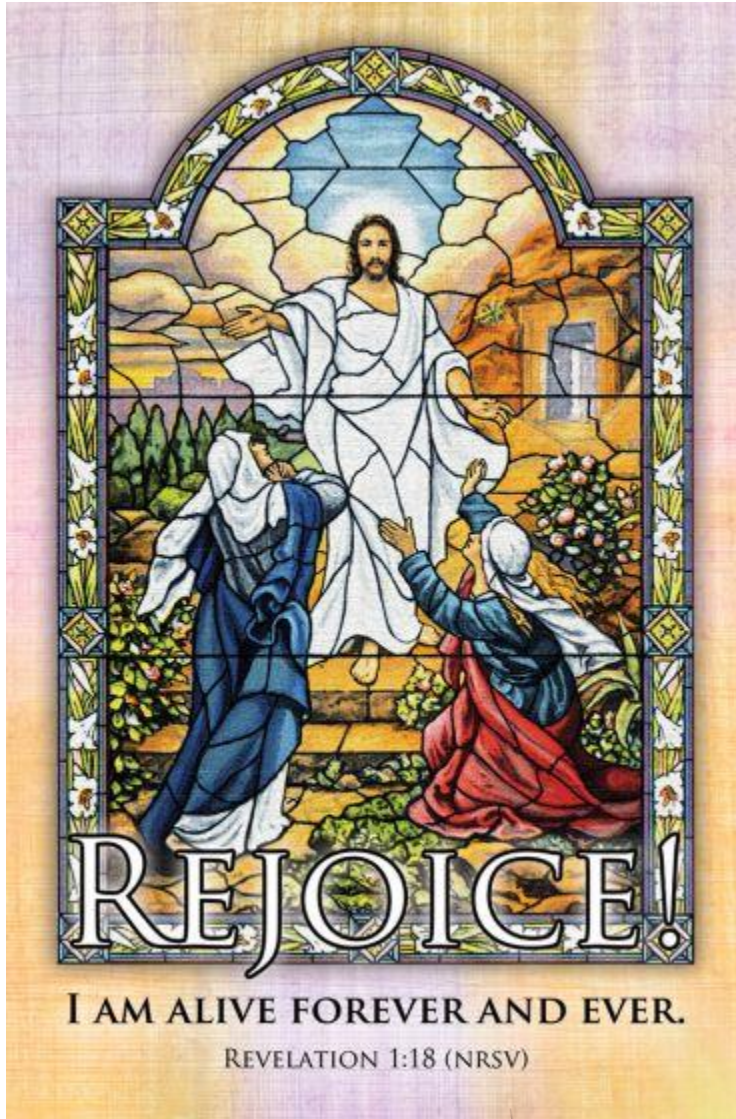


April 20 2025

Williston-Immanuel United Church
Portland, Maine



April 20, 2025

**ORDER of WORSHIP
EASTER SUNDAY**

10:00 am

Welcome

Rev. Deborah Tate Breault

Gathering Song

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

verses 1-4

Words to Ponder

*“Come to the edge He said. They said: We are afraid. Come to the edge
He said. They came. He pushed them, and they flew...”*

- Guillaume Apollinaire

Music for Centering

“Nothing But the Blood of Jesus”

Robert Lowry
arr. Marianne Kim

Call to Worship

Gracie Johnston

One Rise up and greet the morning. Cast off your sleep and doubt.

Many Arise, meet the risen Christ! Draw near all those who gather here.

One We come uncertain and skeptical, yet hopeful and brave.

Many Drawn again and again to witness to the truth for our time.

One Hope is alive! Christ is risen!

Many New life is possible. Christ is risen!

One Love is stronger than death or taxes.

Many Christ is risen! Sorrow shall come to an end.

One Christ is risen! Light overcomes darkness. Alleluia!

Many Christ is risen! Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed!

***Hymn**

“Thine Be the Glory”

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Prayer of Invocation

We give thanks, O God, for this day of resurrection, this time of joy, this celebration of your loving power. Christ is risen! The tomb of death could not contain the Redeemer of life, and hallelujahs rise from our lips to greet the risen Christ.

We sense with our spirits that Easter is an opening day for faith. The burdens that seemed immovable as boulders are pushed aside. The anxieties and animosities sealed within us are released. The impossibilities that constrain our imaginations and actions are transformed. With the resurrection of Jesus, faith becomes the way of life.

Open us, gracious God, that we may receive the good news and that we may proclaim it through our faith, in our very lives. Hallelujah and Amen!!

The God Box

Kate Borduas

Reading of Scripture

The Gospel

Matthew 28:1-10

The Sermon

“A Lively Hope”

Rev. Deborah Tate Breault

***Hymn**

“Alleluia, The Strife is O’re”

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer (Please use any name for God you prefer for 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 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.

Invitation to the Offering

Choral Anthem

“Risen Indeed”

Larry Shackley

(chorus)

**Risen indeed, yes, risen indeed!
Jesus my Lord is risen indeed!
Oh, death, where is your victory?
Jesus my Lord is risen indeed!**

Early in the mornin', about the break of day
on that Easter mornin', the stone was rolled away
Mary saw an angel, this is what he said
“why do you seek the living out here among the dead?” (chorus)

On the road to Emmaus, two disciples cried
their hearts were so heavy, for they thought their Lord had died
Then Jesus walked beside them, and as He broke the bread
they knew that Christ was living, just as the prophet said (chorus)

Then the disciples gathered, and saw his Hands and side
even doubting Thomas was finally satisfied
The Jesus said “Get ready! I want you all to go
to tell everybody so all the world will know” (chorus)

***Doxology**

“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

***Offertory Prayer**

Wonderful, amazing God, we thank you that you have raised Jesus Christ from the dead, bringing us the promise of new life. With the dawning of this new day, may we awake to new opportunities to love and serve you. Use us, and our gifts, to your glory. In Jesus' name we pray...Amen.

Announcements

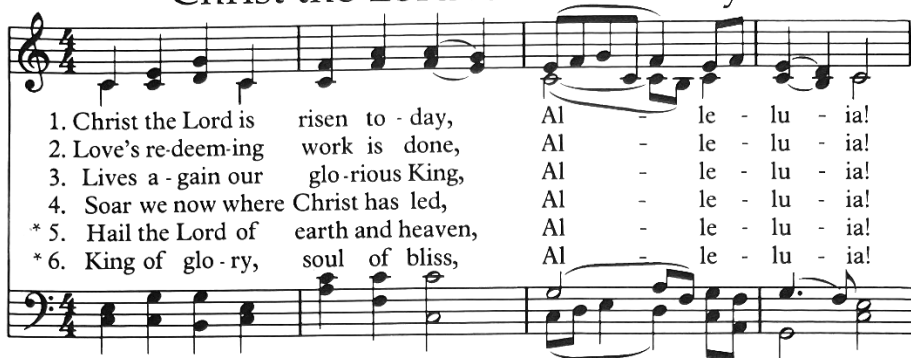
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***Benediction Response**

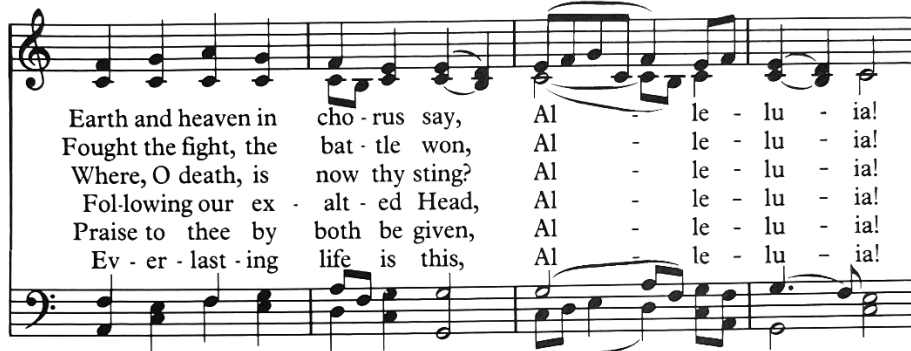
“Hallelujah Chorus”

Handel

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today 302



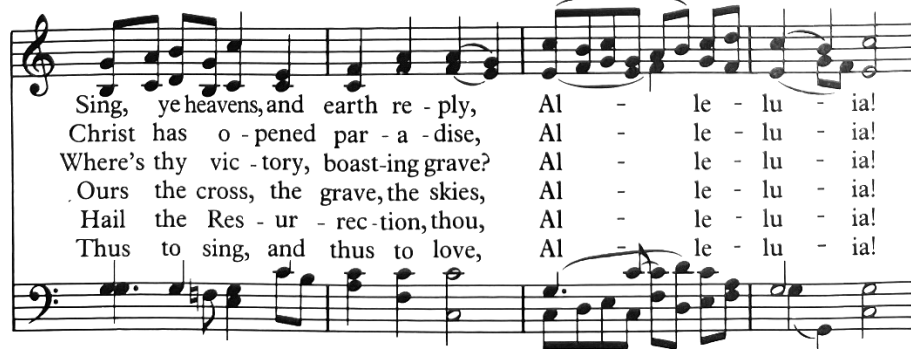
1. Christ the Lord is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2. Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!
 * 5. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Al - le - lu - ia!
 * 6. King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



Earth and heaven in cho - rus 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!
 Praise to thee by both be given, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ev - er - last - ing life is this, 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!
 Thee we greet tri - um - phant now, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Thee to know, thy power to prove, 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's thy vic - tory, boast - ing grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Hail the Res - ur - rec - tion, thou, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Thus to sing, and thus to love, Al - le - lu - ia!

Thine Be the Glory

1. Thine be the glo - ry, ris - en, con - quering Son;
 2. Lo! Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb;
 3. No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life!

end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.
 lov - ing - ly he greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom.
 Life is naught with - out thee; aid us in our strife.

An - gels in bright rai - ment rolled the stone a - way,
 Let the church with glad - ness hymns of tri - umph sing,
 Make us more than con - querors, through thy death - less love;

kept the fold - ed grave - clothes where thy bod - y lay.
 for our Lord now liv - eth; death hath lost its sting.
 bring us safe through Jor - dan to thy home a - bove.

Refrain

Thine be the glo - ry, ris - en, con - quering Son;

WORDS: Edmond L. Budry, 1904; trans. by R. Birch Hoyle, 1923
 MUSIC: *Harmonia Sacra*, ca. 1753; arr. from G. F. Handel, 1747

JUDAS MACCABEUS
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Continued

"Thine Be The Glory" continued

end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Thine Be The Glory". It consists of two staves: a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment line in the bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won." The vocal line begins with a quarter rest, followed by a series of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The piano accompaniment begins with a quarter rest, followed by a series of quarter notes: G3, A3, B3, C4, B3, A3, G3. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

306 The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

Antiphon (at the beginning and after stanza 4)

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

1. The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done;
 2. The powers of death have done their worst,
 3. The three sad days are quick - ly sped;
 4. Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed thee,

the vic - to - ry of life is won; the song of
 but Christ their le - gions hath dis - persed; let shouts of
 he ris - es glo - rious from the dead; all glo - ry
 from death's dread sting thy ser - vants free, that we may


tri - umph has be - gun: Al - le - lu - ia!
 ho - ly joy out - burst: Al - le - lu - ia!
 to our ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!
 live, and sing to thee: Al - le - lu - ia!

WORDS: Anon. Latin, 1695; trans. by Francis Pott, 1861
 MUSIC: Giovanni P. da Palestrina, 1591; arr. by W. H. Monk, 1861

VICTORY
 888 with Alleluias

94 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Unison




Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise

Harmony



God, all creatures here be - low: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

Unison



lu - ia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise

Harmony



Je - sus Christ, whose power up - lifts! Praise the Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it!

Unison



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

APRIL'S SPECIAL OFFERING

DID YOU KNOW...

There is an Urban Orchard on Boyd Street adjacent to the Cultivating Community's offices and the Boyd St. Community Garden? The orchard contains a variety of fruit trees and berries. It was planted in 2008 by youth and staff. This is a pick-as-needed orchard for the surrounding neighborhood, particularly benefiting those facing food insecurity. Aaron Parker, from Edgewood Nursery, has assisted in maintaining the orchard and has conducted numerous workshops on-site. The Boyd St. Urban Orchard is primarily maintained by the city. It includes apples, pears, peaches, cherries, and raspberries.



*Due to the overwhelming need in our community the Outreach Committee has decided to increase its seed money to \$500. Therefore, we will send \$500 "seed" money to Cultivating Community Farm Programs. We would ask for you to pray fully consider helping this amount grow. **Please use the church envelopes and be sure to circle the red phrase Special monthly offering, donate on the wiuc.org web page, or send your gift to the church and please indicate that your gift is for the April Special Offering.** Your generosity and care will be greatly appreciated.*

Thank you! The Outreach Committee

*Easter lilies given in honor of
our loved ones*

In honor and memory of Uncle Burleigh
– *from M-A Barker and Dave Smith*

In loving memory of Alison Clark Norman, Ervin S.
Dunn; Anne and Frank Lawrance, Samuel and
Josephine Murray
– *from Peter and Debby Murray*

In memory of Leland Fay and Cathy Gibson Fay
– *From Gibson Fay-LeBlanc*

To honor our children and grandchildren and all the
world's children
– *from Bill and Jean Holt*

In memory of Brienne Grant
– *from Brenda and Pat*

In honor of our three graduating grandchildren
Dominic, Brianna and Zackary
– *from Ted and Judy Malette*



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Fill out our “Wanna do some good?” form in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. We will donate \$5 in your name to our Special Offering this month and get you on our mailing list. Or you can simply text **WIUC to 84576** to receive our **All Church Email (ACE)**.

Who are we? Williston-Immanuel United Church is an inclusive Christian community that promotes faith, fellowship, social justice and love, compassionately reaching out to our broader community, celebrating our diversity, and affirming everyone’s spiritual journey.

**Acceptance without conditions,
affirmation without discrimination**
these are the goals of Williston-Immanuel United Church.

Easter Offering



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