

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER
(debts)

*CLOSING HYMN ~ "Give Yourself Away" (see insert)

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*HYMN OF SENDING



These Easter plants were donated in memory or honor of our Loved ones to glorify God as they symbolize the joy and splendor of His Resurrection.

- Don & Barbara Gorrell..... In Loving Memory of our parents*
- Woody & Web Cole..... Life & Love are Eternal*
- Gary & Karen Herren..... Praises!*
- Pat Gibson..... He Do Lashem! Alleluia!*
- Fred & Bev King..... He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!*
- Anna Jones..... Alleluia!*
- Rick & Kay Amendola..... With Gratitude for our parents*
- Marilyn McAfee..... He is Risen!*
- Connie Winslow..... Joy!*
- Ken & Mary Ellen Campbell..... Hallelujah!*
- Gayle Bell..... In Loving Memory of Dick*
- Jackie Campbell..... He is Risen!*
- Erika Dunn..... Glory to His Name!*
- Dolores Tippin..... In Loving Memory of Sam*
- Judy Stuart..... In Loving Memory of David*
- Sharon Durrant..... In Memory of Solomon & Hazel*
Humberger and John Durrant
- Louise Hughes..... In Loving Memory of my husband Jack,*
my parents and my brother
- Jean Burtch..... Joyfully Sing Hallelujah!*
- Tim & Toby Eichenauer..... In Memory of Judy Huber &*
Lawrence Harkleroad
- Sally Kille..... In Memory of Estella Hall*
- Peg Winslow..... He is Risen, Indeed!*



Fairgreen Presbyterian Church

April 4, 2010

7:00 AM

Stranahan School's Outdoor Amphitheater

3840 Holland-Sylvania Road

Toledo, Ohio

GATHERING MUSIC ~ O Living Breath of God; Morning Light

GREETING

Hear the Good News: Christ is risen!

Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Look! The dawn is breaking. Morning is on its way. See, on the hillside the sun is beginning to rise!

Leave us alone and let us sleep. We want to forget about the terrors of the night. We want to shut out the darkness.

Look! The tomb is open. A new day has begun.

Leave us alone and let us grieve. We have lost our hope, and all our dreams are dead.

But look! The grave is empty. The stone is rolled away.

An empty grave? A vacant shroud? Then hope is reborn, and the dream is alive again. Death has been swallowed up in victory. Rejoice, for the day of resurrection has come at last. Alleluia!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of new awakenings, we confess that we would rather stay asleep. We are afraid to hope and have our hopes shattered. We are afraid to dream and find our dreams deferred. Break us open like the tomb so that new life may pour forth.

Give us the faith to believe, to hope, to dream anew. Let us live as people of your resurrection. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Christ has risen from the grave to bring us out of the shadow of death, to free us from all fear, to liberate our souls into newness of life. This is good news indeed. Thanks be to God.

LITANY OF ALLELUIAS

The woman went and found the stone was rolled away.

(Quietly) Alleluia!

Don't be afraid!

(Little louder) Alleluia!

Jesus is not here - he has been raised!

(Loud) Alleluia!

Look, here is where the body was!

(Louder) Alleluia!

God and tell the others that he has been raised!

(Louder yet) Alleluia!

Jesus is going ahead of you.

(Really loud) Alleluia!

Christ is risen!

(Shouting) Alleluia!

Christ is risen indeed!

(Wildly ecstatic) Alleluia!

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

Jody Skinner

A MODERN DAY PSALM ~ Rise Early (Macrina Wiederkehr)

Pat Gibson

SECOND READING

Romans 6: 3-11 and Luke 24: 1-12

EASTER REFLECTION

"The Awakening Hour"

Rev. Pat Lawrence Shafer

MUSICAL REFLECTIONS

"Arise, My Love"

OUR RESPONSE

***AN EASTER LITANY OF AFFIRMATION**

Trembling, the women approached the tomb. The tomb: that mysterious place of meeting. Death meeting life. Women meeting the risen Christ. Trembling.

Trembling, we approach the edge where death and life meet.

Death, the unknown, meets life, new life. New life faces us with its possibilities and uncertainties. Trembling, we approach.

Easter morning the women came face to face with Jesus, face to face with the risen Christ. They doubted, they feared, they wondered as life returned to them from death.

From a triumphant Palm Sunday to a dark, betrayed Friday, we have journeyed to Easter. Wiser now, we know that joy and sorrow, life and death are bound together. Passing through sorrow, through death, to life and joy, we arrive at Easter.

The risen Jesus still bore the marks of the nails. Life knows death, joy knows sorrow. Yet it is life which triumphs over all the love which conquers all threats.

Death is shattered. Face to face, the disciples saw death had lost its power.

We have survived the deaths, the sorrows, the pains. We receive new life.

Rejoice! Life bursts through death. God is with us. Alleluia!