

WOLCOTT CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
WORSHIPPING AT HOME, APRIL 11-12, 2020

HAPPY EASTER! CHRIST IS RISEN, INDEED!

(Clicking on the text underlined in blue will take you to Youtube videos.  
Most are songs, except for the Sermon, "The Foolishness of Easter")

All Prayers are from the *Book of Common Worship* (Westminster John Knox Press, 2018) and *The Worship Sourcebook, Second Edition* (Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, Faith Alive Christian Resources and Baker Books, 2013)

**Pray:** Glory to you, O God: you have won victory over death, raising Jesus from the grave and giving us eternal life. Glory to you, O Christ: for us and for our salvation you overcame death and opened the gate to everlasting life. Glory to you, O Holy Spirit: you lead us into the truth. Glory to you, O Blessed Trinity, now and forever. Amen

**Sing or Listen:** Traditional: [Christ the Lord is Risen Today](#)

Contemporary: [Resurrecting](#)

**Confess:** Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

**Be:** Sit (or stand) in silence for one minute.

**Be Assured:** Hear these Words of comfort from the Apostle Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians: Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human

being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ.

**Read God's Word:**

**Psalm 118:21-27 (New Revised Standard Version)**

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord.

The Lord is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

**Mark 16:1-8 (New Revised Standard Version)**

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

**Listen to the Sermon:** [The Foolishness of Easter](#)

**Think or Discuss:** What is the foundation and cornerstone of your faith? Is it the teachings of Christ or His resurrection? It is freedom from sin or the goodness of God? How does that impact your life?

**Do:** Ask for Forgiveness from someone. Forgive someone. Let go of an old grudge in your heart.

**Pray:** Use this time to pray, silently, at first, and then for others who need your prayers.

Finally, pray the Lord's Prayer. (Our Father...)

**Sing or Listen:** Traditional: [Hymn of Promise](#)

Contemporary: [Christ is Risen](#)

**Bless and Be Blessed:** May the God of Peace and the Peace of God be with you always.

AFTER WORSHIP, OUR SERVICE BEGINS...

**Serve:** (Safely) Make an Easter basket of essential supplies, food, and something for someone in need. Check in with [Greater Waterbury Interfaith Ministries \(GWIM\)](#) about how you can help those who live in poverty during this time of crisis.