



April 12, 2020

Easter Sunday

9:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

*The Strife is O'er The Battle Done*

~ unknown

Keith Ciccone, Organ  
Kiyoshi Hayashi, Violin

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Rev. Michael Frady

Let us pray: Eternal God, giver of light and life, bless this new flame, that by its radiance and warmth we may respond to your love and grace, and be set free from all that separates us from you and from each other; through Jesus Christ, our light and life.

RESPONSE: **May the light of Christ, rising in glory, illuminate our hearts and minds.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT *Alleluia No. 1*

~ D. Fishel

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Look, life is here,  
**Even when the tomb is empty.**  
Listen, love is calling,  
**Even when death is all around.**  
Believe, for hope reigns victorious;  
**This is the gift of resurrection.**  
This is the miracle of Easter.  
**Hallelujah! Amen.**

\*HYMN

*Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

Hymnal No. 196

\* Indicates all who are able may stand

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)**

**With thanksgiving, praise, and joy, we worship you, almighty God. How amazing is all your creation! How glorious is this day of new life! Come among us now, we pray, to raise us up from our fears and doubts and perplexity. We want to believe. We want to trust. We want to dare. We want to live. Touch us today with a spirit of hope, that our discipleship may honor Christ, In whose name we pray. Amen.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

*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.*

**ANTHEM**

*The Easter Song*

~ A. Herring  
Keith Ciccone, Piano  
Kiyoshi Hayashi, Violin  
Michael Frady, Baritone

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Matthew 28: 1-10

**SERMON**

“Alleluia is Our Song”

Rev. Michael Frady

**MUSIC RESPONSE**

**HYMN**

*Now the Green Blade Riseth*

Hymnal No. 210

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

Pastor Suzy Aja Burba

**\*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.**

**MUSIC RESPONSE**

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures, here, below.  
Praise Him, above, ye heav’nly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)**

**With gratitude and joy, O God, we bring forth these gifts and ask for your blessing. Live in and through these gifts and the ministries of this church, that we may bring new life into a world ready to embrace the spring. Through Christ, we pray. Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

Hymnal No. 58

SERENITY PRAYER

~ Reinhold Niebuhr

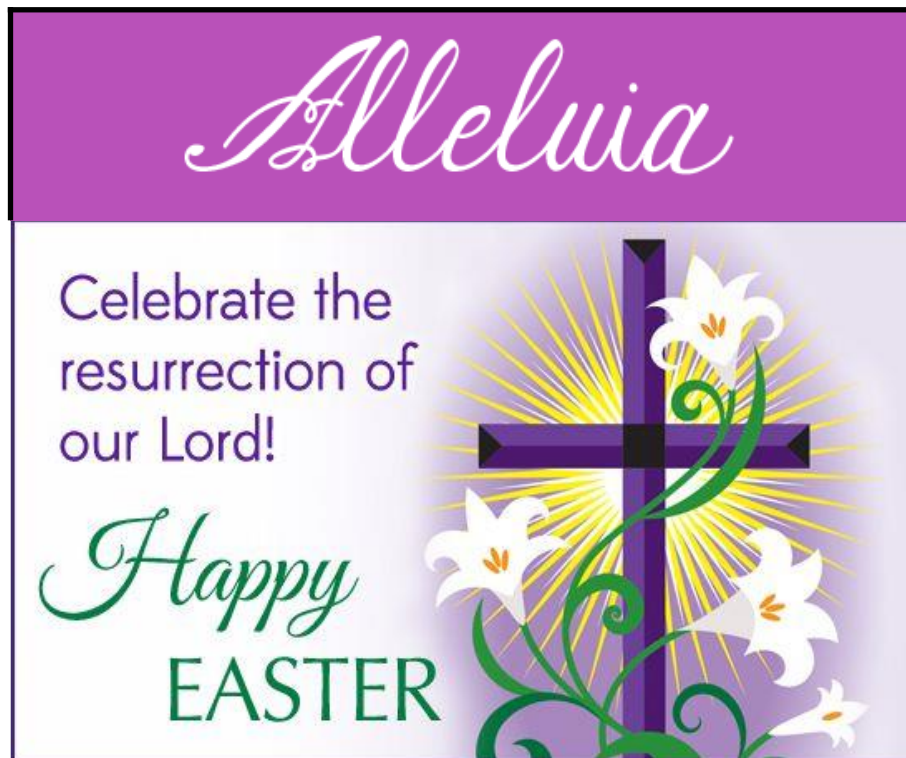
**God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference. Living one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time, accepting hardships as the pathway to peace, taking as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it, trusting that he will make all things right if I surrender to his will; that I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with him forever in the next. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Midnight Bells*

~ R. Heuberger/F. Kreisler  
Kiyoshi Hayashi , Violin



Following worship, please join us for a remote Easter coffee hour.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/8549377165?pwd=QmRBUXh5TTdrV0l6VGovNEZWRFewUT09>

Meeting ID: 854 937 7165 Password: FCC1707

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## HAPPY EASTER!

*Thank you for viewing this Easter Service of Worship from First Congregational Church.*

### About Today's Service:

- \* This worship service was recorded on Saturday, April 11, 2020 at 10:00am.
- \* The Videographer for today's service was **Glenn Holton**.
- \* Please join us at approximately 10:30 am (following the conclusion of the online worship service) for a **“remote coffee hour” zoom meeting**
- \* **Violinist Kiyoshi Hayashi** is a prize-winning violinist in the Boston Philharmonic Orchestra and [Palaver Strings Performing Ensemble](http://www.palaverstrings.org) (www.palaverstrings.org) where, as the Director of Community Engagement, he organizes educational, interactive community outreach workshops at schools, homeless shelters, and healthcare institutions across the New England area. Aside from music, Kiyoshi has interests in health, fitness, nutrition, sports, exploring the outdoors, yoga, meditation, and mindfulness.



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