

The background of the poster features a warm, golden sunset sky with soft clouds. In the foreground, there are silhouettes of palm trees and other tropical plants. A large, simple wooden cross stands in the center-right of the scene. Two birds are flying in the upper left corner of the sky.

Easter Sunday

HE IS RISEN

Sunday

March 31st

2024

Welcome to Westchester

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Prelude

Pat Savage

Call to Worship

L: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

P: CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!

L: Darkness has been vanquished!

P: THE BRILLIANT LIGHT OF HOPE HAS COME!

L: Come let us worship and celebrate the Good News!

P: ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN! AMEN!!

Opening Hymn *“Christ the Lord is risen today”*

*1) Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!*

*2) Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!*

*3) Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia!
Praise to thee by both be given, Alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia!
Hail the Resurrection, thou, Alleluia!*

Opening Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

*Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed –a be thy name
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, hallowed-a be thy name
Done on earth as it is in heaven, hallowed-a be thy name
Give us this day our daily bread, hallowed-a be thy name*

*And—forgive all our debts, hallowed-a be thy name,
As we forgive our debtors, hallowed-a be thy name
Lead us not, into temptation, hallowed-a be thy name
But deliver us from evil, hallowed-a be thy name*

*Thine is the kingdom, power, and glory, hallowed-a be thy name
For-ever and ever, hallowed-a be thy name,
Amen, amen, amen, amen hallowed-a be thy name (repeat)*

**Children’s Moment
Steel Pan Ministry**

**Sister Denise Wright Hamilton
Roy Gomes**

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S GENEROSITY

*As you march joyfully forward with your Tithes & Offerings to participate in this generous undertaking, be reminded that EVERY SUNDAY your tithes & offerings cover our Current Expenses and Apportionment. In addition, offerings are accepted in the Scholarship Bucket for the SCHOLARSHIP Ministry and Van basket for the VAN Ministry. Please feel free to donate online: <https://secure.myvanco.com/YQ1H/home>
~ “WE GIVE because God gave first”*

Offertory Selection

“God is Good, God is Good”

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

First Lesson

Isaiah 25:6-9

Sister Sandra Clark

25:6 On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

25:7 And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever.

25:8 Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

25:9 It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Gospel Lesson John 20:1-18

20:1 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb.

20:2 So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him."

20:3 Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb.

20:4 The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.

20:5 He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in.

20:6 Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there,

20:7 and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself.

20:8 Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed;

20:9 for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

20:10 Then the disciples returned to their homes.

20:11 But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb;

20:12 and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet.

20:13 They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him."

20:14 When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus.

20:15 Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away."

20:16 Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher).

20:17 Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

20:18 Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Ministry of Music

Chancel Choir

Sermon: “Determined to save in order to serve”

Rev Gordon AR Edwards

Call to Discipleship

*Create in me a clean heart
And purify me, purify me
Create in me a clean heart
So I may worship Thee*

*Cast me not away from thy presence
Please don't take your spirit from me
And restore the joy of salvation
So that I may worship Thee*

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Order of Holy Communion

The Invitation

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Confession and Pardon (seated).

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

ALL: Glory to God. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving (seated)

L: The Lord be with you

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them up to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy and gracious Father, you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to share our human condition, live as one of us, and express your love to all by teaching, preaching, healing, leading, guiding, dying and rising for us. We thank you for coming to be among us, for sharing with us the heart of your transforming love and acceptance, and for giving us your amazing presence through the power of your Holy Spirit. We have not been left alone, to seek after your will in darkness; but have been blessed with the light of the scriptures, the traditions and history of the church universal, our experience of your sanctifying grace, and minds capable of reasoning faith. And so, having heard your word proclaimed, and having offered our prayers as your people, now we gather at this your table to be re-united to your Son and with each other, sharing the bread of heaven and being fed with your Holy, Mysterious Real Presence.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

P: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen!

The Breaking of the Bread and Sharing of the Cup

Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body; for we all partake of the one loaf. The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

Prayer of Commitment

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Opportunities for Ministry

SENDING FORTH

Benediction

Closing Hymn

“Rejoice and Be Glad”

*1) Rejoice and be glad!
The Redeemer has come!
Go look on His cradle,
His cross and His tomb.*

*Chorus:
Sound His praises! Tell the story
Of Him who was slain!
Sound His praises! Tell with gladness
He liveth again!*

2) *Rejoice and be glad!
Now the pardon is free!
The Just for the unjust
Has died on the tree.*

3) *Rejoice and be glad!
For the Lamb that was slain
O'er death is triumphant,
And liveth again..*

4) *Rejoice and be glad!
For our Lord is on high:
He pleadeth for us on
His throne in the sky!*

5) *Rejoice and be glad!
For He cometh again!
He cometh in glory,—
The Lamb that was slain*

LET'S PRAY FOR

Derix Skelton and Lee Skelton, Joseph Chapman, Catherine Dick, J'Shaun Conner Ewart Wilson, Delbert Singleton, Thyrah Mohalland & Family, Jaslyn Singleton & Family, Asriel Willett, and Qiana Pinto, Dwayne Thomas (Son of Paul Thomas) Nina Nduka & family, Winston Bailey, Bertha Douglas, Esther Holder, The Watson Family, Rev. Jermin, The Adeniyis, Dwayne Williams,



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Mon April 1st Elizabeth Amankwah

Tues April 2nd Alexis Nduka

**Email us your birthday or Anniversary along with photos to
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GOD'S GUIDING WORD

DAILY BIBLE READING GUIDE

2024

*You guide me
with your instruction
and at the end
you will receive me with honor.*

Psalm 73:24 (Good News Translation)

APRIL

God's Guiding Word:
Hope

- 1 John 20:1-18
- 2 John 20:19-31
- 3 John 21:1-14
- 4 John 21:15-25
- 5 Jude 1-25
- 6 Ephesians 1:1-23
- 7 Ephesians 2:1-22
- 8 Ephesians 3:1-21
- 9 Ephesians 4:1-16
- 10 Ephesians 4:17-32
- 11 Ephesians 5:1-20
- 12 Ephesians 5:21-6:4
- 13 Ephesians 6:10-24
- 14 Isaiah 25:1-9
- 15 Isaiah 26:1-19
- 16 Isaiah 33:17-24
- 17 Isaiah 35:1-10
- 18 Isaiah 40:1-17
- 19 Isaiah 40:18-31
- 20 Isaiah 42:1-17
- 21 Isaiah 43:1-13
- 22 Isaiah 44:21-28
- 23 Isaiah 45:1-13
- 24 Isaiah 48:1-22
- 25 Isaiah 51:1-23
- 26 Isaiah 52:1-12
- 27 Isaiah 54:1-17
- 28 Isaiah 56:1-8
- 29 Psalm 16
- 30 Psalm 34



GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH

Global Methodist Corner 2nd communication- Happenings!

An invitation is extended for us to participate in The Northeast Global Methodist Church days of Prayer and Fasting as we prepare for the Convening Annual Conference, April 11th -13th 2023 at Camp Hill, Pa.



Daily Prayer-A daily prayer guide is available if you choose to engage in Daily Prayer by simply going to <https://northeastgmc.org/cc-prayer/>
Daily Scripture & Prayer- available on Facebook.

<https://www.facebook.com/northeastgmc>

Fasting- Do on the day of your choosing. Specific prayers & helpful suggestions for use during this time, are available at <https://northeastgmc.org/cc-prayer/>

Open Prayer meeting on Zoom on Monday 3/18 @ 7pm

<https://tinyurl.com/3yx14nnh>

Open Prayer meeting on Zoom on Monday 4/8 @7pm

<https://tinyurl.com/3yx14nnh>

Invite the Holy Spirit to bring power and the fire of revival into the Northeast Convening Annual Conference.

*****Stay tuned*****

Worship Sermon Notes

Date: _____ Preacher: _____

HEARING GOD'S WORD IN THE SERMON

Since we quickly forget 90% of what we hear; it has been suggested that note-taking will double the percentage of our take-home knowledge. I encourage you to try and see.

Theme:

Scripture Passages: OT: _____ Gospel: _____

INTRODUCTION: _____

Transitional Statement:

MAIN POINTS

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

CONCLUSION:

What is the main idea?

What is God asking me to do right now?

What am I going to do about it?