

Easter Sunday

Together

What's Mine Is Yours

March 31, 2024

Arlington Community Church, UCC



**Arlington Community Church
United Church of Christ**

*...called to be stewards of creation & to build a just
society based upon the inspiration of our faith*

Sunday, March 31, 2024
~ Easter Sunday ~



“The great gift of Easter is hope.”

— Basil Hume

Gathering for Worship

**Indicates that the congregation is invited to stand if able.*

*Prelude

“Blackbird”

By John Lennon & Paul McCartney, arranged by Brent Edstrom

Welcome

Rev. Jen Chapman

* Gathering Words

Faith Abel

One: This is the day hope tiptoes us awake;

Many: Light guides us through the shadows.

One: This is the day the Lord plants joy in our winter hearts;

Many: Drowns out despair’s cries with laughter.

One: This is the day the Lord has made,

Many: The day grace does cartwheels in graveyards;

One: Resurrection wonder outshines the brightest sun.

Many: This is the day the Lord has made!

One: A day of empty tombs and new life!
Jesus Christ is risen!

Many: Christ is risen indeed!



* Opening Hymn *"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"* CH #216



1. Christ the Lord is risen to - day,
 2. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King,
 3. Love's re - deem - ing work is done,
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led,

Al - le - lu - ia!



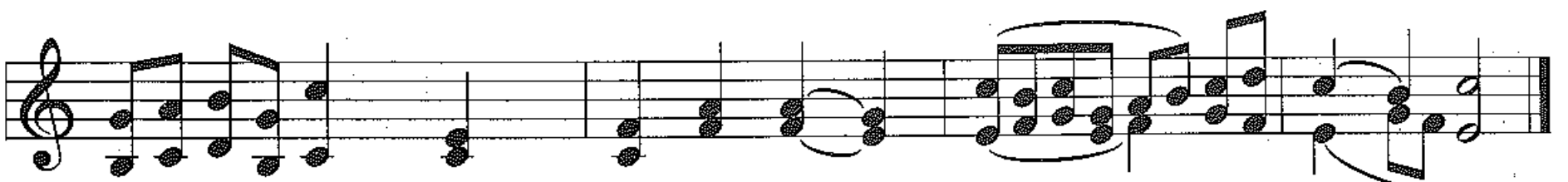
All cre - a - tion, join to say,
 Where, O death, is now your sting?
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won,
 Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head,

Al - le - lu - ia!



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high,
 Je - sus died, our lives to save,
 Death in vain for - bids him rise,
 Made like him, like him we rise,

Al - le - lu - ia!



Sing, O heavens, and earth re - ply,
 Where your vic - to - ry, O grave?
 Christ has op - ened par - a - dise.
 Ours the cross, the grave, new life,

Al - le - lu - ia!

Scripture

Rev. Jen Chapman
John 20:1-11a, NRSVUE

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. 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.” 3 Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. 4 The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5 He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. 6 Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, 7 and the cloth that had been on Jesus’s head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. 8 Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, 9 for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. 10 Then the disciples returned to their homes. 11 But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb.

Declaration of God’s Love

Silence for Meditation & Bell

Be still and aware of God’s presence within and all around.

Passing the Peace

To share the peace with those worshipping online, please face the camera behind the lectern and offer a heart, a wave or other sign of peace.

Naming Our Gratitude

*We name into our space those things
for which we are grateful.*

Praying for Our World

Call to Prayer

“Courage My Friend”

By Eric Bogle

**Courage (courage)
my friend (my friend),
You do not walk alone.
We will (we will)
walk with you (walk with you),
And sing your spirit home.**

Lighting of the Prayer Candles

Faith Abel

Each Sunday we light candles for victims of the wars of our world and for those affected by gun violence, praying for justice, freedom from oppression, relief from suffering, and peace.

Celebrations & Concerns

Morning Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

*At the end of the Morning Prayer,
please join in with words that are comfortable to you.*

**Our [Father/Mother/Creator] who art in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your Kingdom come, your 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.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the Kingdom, the power,
and the glory forever. Amen.**

Response

“Courage My Friend”

Listening for God's Still Speaking Voice

Special Music

The ACC Choir
"Christ is Risen!"

By George Frideric Handel, arr. by Ronald Kaufmann

Moment for the Young & Young at Heart Rev. Jen Chapman

Scripture

Faith Abel
John 20:11b -18, NRSVUE

As [Mary] wept [outside the tomb], she bent over to look into the tomb, 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. 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." 14 When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. 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." 16 Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). 17 Jesus said to her, "Do not touch 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.' " 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.



Interpreting for Our Time

Rev. Jen Chapman

“Together: What’s Mine Is Yours”

Song of Response

“Weave” CH#495

weave, weave, weave us to-gether, Weave us to-gether in
u-ni-ty and love. Weave, weave, weave us to-gether,
Weave us to-gether, to-gether in love.

Offering Ourselves & Our Gifts

Easter Offering for the Black Wealth Builders Fund

The Black Wealth Builders Fund is a reparations project launched by our church in 2021, designed to help repair a small portion of the financial damage of racism and white supremacist policies—in particular, the longstanding barriers to Black homeownership that have existed in our East Bay communities. The BWB fund is housed at the Richmond Community Foundation (RCF Connects) and assists Black homebuyers by providing zero-percent-interest loans for down payments to be paid back only when the home is refinanced or sold.

All loose/undesigned offerings given today will be donated to the Black Wealth Builders Fund.

Invitation to Give

Faith Abel

One: As we celebrate the hope of new life and the call to live out our faith in community, we are inspired to serve and to give. May we continue to support the work of this church and the wider United Church of Christ with our ongoing pledges and our morning offering.

Offertory

The ACC Bell Choir

"The Day of Resurrection"

By Henry Smart, arranged Frances Callahan

* Response

"What Does the Lord Require of Me?"

What does the Lord re - quire of you? What does the
Lord re - quire of me? Jus - tice kind - ness
walk hum - bly with your God. To seek jus - tice
and love kind - ness and walk hum - bly with your God.

Prayer of Dedication

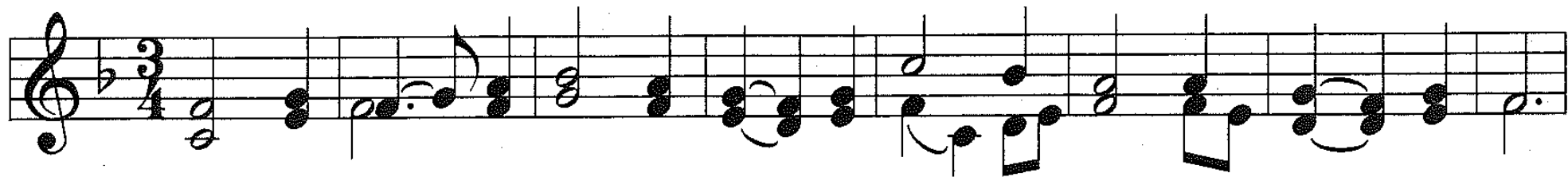
All: God of new life, receive these gifts and use them to bring hope and new life to many. Help us to trust that what's yours is ours. Your Family is our Family. Your God is our God. Weave us together and lead us to abundant life. Amen.

Moving Out to the World

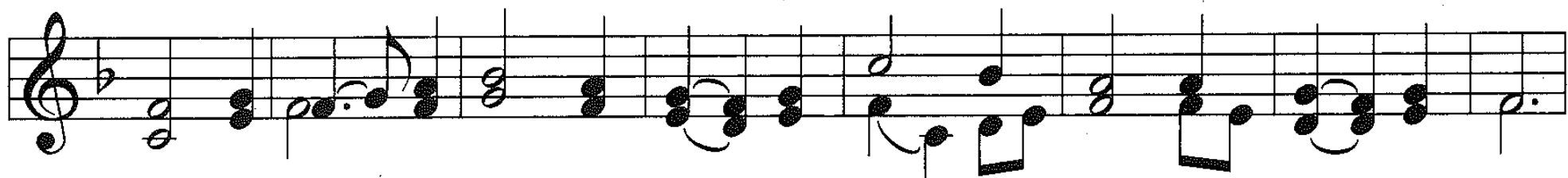
Announcements

*Closing Hymn

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" CH#233 v. 1-2



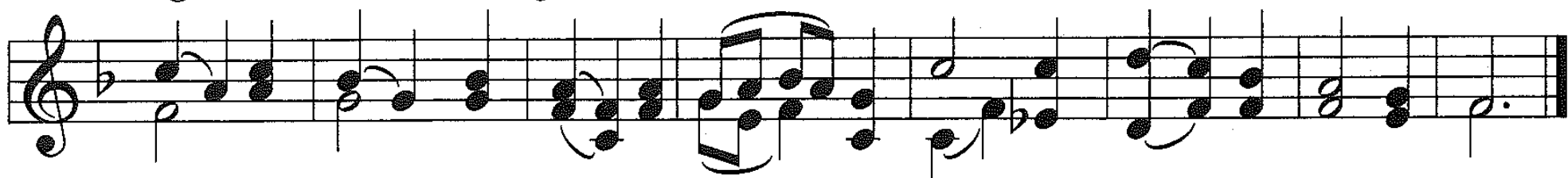
1. Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus, ris - en now to reign in love.
2. Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans we are left in sor - row now.



Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the Sav - ior; with the mul - ti - tudes a - bove.
Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how.



There the songs of saints and mar - tyrs thun - der like a might - y flood,
Though the cloud from sight re - ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er,



"Je - sus out of ev - ery na - tion has re - deemed us by his love."
shall our hearts for - get the prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more"?

* Words of Blessing

Rev. Jen Chapman

Postlude

Tim K. Murphy

"Alleluia"

Excerpt from *Exsultate, Jubilate* by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Worship Ends & Worship through Service Begins

Join us for Social Hour in the Social Hall after Morning Worship!

Please **recycle** your used bulletin.

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Upcoming Events at Arlington Community Church

The Week at a Glance

Mon, Apr 1	5 & 6 PM	Choir & Bell Choir Rehearsal
Tues, Apr 2	11:00 AM	Checking In & Reaching Out
Weds, Apr 3	7:00 PM	Evening Check-In
Sun, Apr 7	10:00 AM	Morning Worship & Social Hour

NEXT SUNDAY! Book Discussion: *Together* by Vivek Murphy

As a companion to our Easter sermon series, we're reading "Together: The Healing Power of Human Connection in a Sometimes Lonely World" by US Surgeon General, Vivek Murthy. Discussions will follow Worship on:

April 14 - Section I: Making Sense of Loneliness, pg. 3-182

May 19 - Section II: Building A More Connected Life, pg. 185-284

SOUPER Center Lunch Prep & Service- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Volunteers make sandwiches at ACC for the GRIP SOUPER CENTER in Richmond every 3rd Tuesday at 9AM.

Another group of volunteers serves lunch at the SOUPER Center from 11AM to 12:45PM.

If you are interested in serving, please contact Joe Pratt or Pastor Jen.

Yoga & Guided Meditation

Wendy Beckerman will be offering a sample of her Mindfulness Yoga & Meditation classes on **Weds, April 17**. Yoga begins at **9:30 AM** & Meditation at **11 AM**. If we have a good turnout, we'll be able to offer the classes weekly!

Join Us at Arlington Community Church for a

FOOD TRUCK FUNDRAISER

Benefiting the **BLACK WEALTH BUILDERS FUND**



20% of proceeds will be donated to the Black Wealth Builders Fund which provides Black homebuyers with zero-interest down payment loans.



Scan here to learn more about BWB!



**THURSDAY
APRIL 11
4:30 - 6:30PM**
Speakers at 6:00PM

Enjoy a delicious dinner & support local Black owned businesses

FOOD TRUCKS: Southern Jazz Kitchen & Don Taco

Free ice cream for anyone who makes an additional donation!

