

# FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER — APRIL 12, 2026**

**WELCOME & COMMUNITY NEWS-**

**SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

## **PRELUDE**

*Thine is the Glory*, Arr. by Robert Hobby

## **GATHERING PRAYER**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

The Lord is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed.**

Let us pray:

**Holy God, creator of all,  
the risen Christ taught from Scripture of his death,  
resurrection, and ascension into your glorious presence.**

**May the living Lord breathe on us his peace,  
that our eyes may be opened to recognize him  
in breaking bread and to follow wherever he leads,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, forever and ever.**

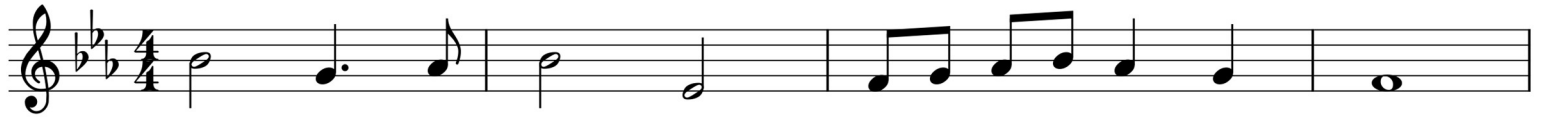
**Amen.**

\*Those who wish may stand\*

## OPENING HYMN

*Yours Is the Glory*

\*Those who wish may stand\*



Yours is the glo - ry, Res - ur - rect - ed One!  
See, it is Je - sus, Je - sus has ap - peared;  
Still am I fright - ened? One whom I a - dore,



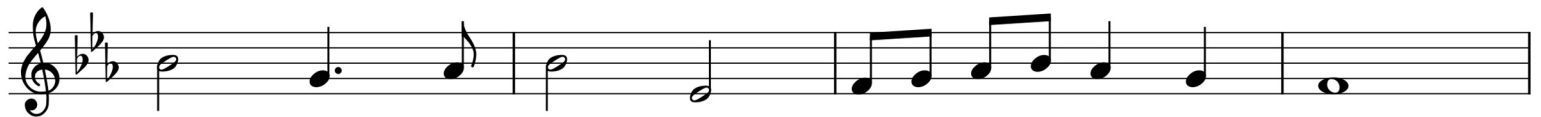
End-less is the vic - tory you o'er death have won.  
do not doubt at all for noth - ing you will fear.  
Je - sus lives a - gain, gives peace for - ev - er - more.



An - gels clothed in ra - diance rolled the stone a - way;  
Let the church with glad - ness hymns of tri - umph sing;  
Je - sus is my vic - tory, life and strength and Head;



con - quered is the grave in which your bo - dy lay.  
tell it with - out ceas - ing: Death has lost its sting.  
Je - sus is my glo - ry, noth - ing shall I dread.



Yours is the glo - ry, Res - ur - ect - ed One!



End-less is the vic - tory you o'er death have won.

## SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

**B**ut Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

"Fellow Israelites listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore, my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' "This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

## MESSAGE

HOPE

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## HYMN OF REFLECTION

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### *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God, Fill me with  
2. Breathe on me, Breath of God, Un - til my  
3. Breathe on me, Breath of God, Till I am  
4. Breathe on me, Breath of God, So shall I

life a - new, That I may love what  
heart is pure, Un - til with Thee I  
whol - ly Thine, Till all this earth - ly  
nev - er die, But live with Thee the

Thou dost love And do what Thou wouldst do.  
will one will, To do and to en - dure.  
part of me Glows with Thy fire di - vine.  
per - fect life Of Thine e - ter - ni - ty.

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*. . . ending with 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.**

## **OFFERTORY INVITATION**

### **OFFERTORY MUSIC**

*I Know That My Redeemer Lives, by Craig Courtney*

I know that my Redeemer lives,  
and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.  
And though my body be destroyed,  
yet in my flesh shall I see God.  
Alleluia, I know that my Redeemer lives.  
Now we see in a glass dimly, but then, face to face;  
now I know in part, but then I shall know as I am known.  
Alleluia, I know that my Redeemer lives.

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## **DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below, Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father (*Creator*), Son (*Christ*), and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.  
Amen.**

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

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## CLOSING HYMN

### Hope of the World

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Hope of the world, O Christ of great com - pas - sion,  
Hope of the world, God's gift of our re - demp - tion,  
Hope of the world, who by the cross did save us

speaking to our fear - ful hearts by con - flict torn.  
bring - ing to hun - gry souls the bread of life,  
from death and sad de - spair, from sin and guilt,

Save us your peo - ple from con - sum - ing pas - sion,  
Still let your Spir - it un - to us be giv - en  
We ren - der back the love your mer - cy gave us;

from false pur - suits through which our lives are worn.  
to heal earth's wounds and end its bit - ter strife.  
take back our lives and use them as you will.

# BLESSING AND SENDING

## POSTLUDE

*Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds, By Robert Hobby*

## Today's Service

Rev. Bruce Mulder

Dr. Michael Match

John Mattson

The Motet Choir

Jane Clingman-Scott

Blake Filius

Interim Pastor

Music Director

Organist

Song Leaders

Liturgist/Prayer

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Those whose last names begin with the letters K through N please bring cookies or treats during the month of April. Please label ingredients as we have many with allergies.

Join us this morning immediately after the service up at the organ console for a tour around the instrument!

Child Care is available on the second floor for infants and toddlers.

Join us from 9:00 – 10:30 AM for a nutritious, hot meal in Fellowship Hall. The Saturday Breakfast will be held Saturday, April 25, 2026. Donna Lachniet (DGL2846@aol.com) is coordinating the volunteers and needs to have updated contact information for everyone. Please contact Donna to indicate your interest in helping. Cowboy will hold a Chapel Service following the breakfast for all who are interested.

The Love INC Pantry at FCC served 54 households in March. This included 21 Seniors and 37 children of the 120 neighbors-in-need. Thank-you to the volunteers who make this possible!

*All are welcome to join us on Wednesday mornings from 9-10 AM in Fellowship Hall for a Zumba Class emphasizing the 3's. (Cardio, conditioning and choreography)*

*Thursday mornings from 9-10 am in Fellowship Hall is a Cardio- Drumming exercise class. All are welcome to join either sitting or standing.*

*Join Us Tuesdays 4:30 – 5:30 PM for Eurythmy - for individual and Community Well-being Classes \$10 per class – details on our website.*

Check our website for up-to-date information/events: [wwwfccmuskegon.org](http://wwwfccmuskegon.org)

### **FCC IS AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING COMMUNITY**

"We, the people of First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, of Muskegon, care for the welfare of our community and welcome everyone, no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey. We welcome into our community people of every age, race, nationality, mental and physical ability, economic and social status, faith background, marital standing, family structure, gender identity and expression, and sexual orientation. We also invite you to share in the life, leadership, worship, fellowship, sacraments responsibilities, blessings, and joys of our congregation as we seek to grow together in faith and love."

*Adopted by congregational vote 10/17/21*