

April 18 - UP & COMING NEWS & SUNDAY WORSHIP BULLETIN

Worship services and past events can be accessed on Facebook and YouTube by selecting the links below:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/FirstChurchHadley>

YouTube: <https://youtube.com/c/FirstChurchHadley>

Additional information can also be found on our website by visiting <https://firstchurchhadley.org>

Live Zoom Sunday Worship: *If you would like to join our Live Zoom Worship Service click on the link below at 10am on Sunday morning:*

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/6222869817?pwd=ejFYVytrTlk3aW1kK01aWE1LeUJpZz09>

EASTER LUMINARIES

The Board of Christian Education will be setting up luminary bags to be displayed on the front steps of First Church on Easter Eve, Saturday, April 19. Please bring your decorated bags and don't forget to bring a canned good to hold your bag. All canned goods will be donated to the Hadley food pantry after this event. Everyone is encouraged to drive by and enjoy the beauty of God's light shining in the darkness all night long!

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Sunrise Service on Easter **Sunday, April 20**, will begin at 5:45 a.m. on the North end of the Hadley Town Common on West Street. Please plan to bring a folding chair if you'd like to have one. If there is poor weather, we will meet at the church.

EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP

We will also have a traditional Easter Sunday worship service at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary where Easter flowers will be displayed in memory or in honor of family and loved ones, and trumpeters will be in attendance to celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord.

SAVE THE DATE!

Hadley's Town Meeting is **May 1** - please come and support the vote for CPA funding for our steeple renovations.

QUARTERLY MEETING

Our next quarterly meeting is on **Sunday, May 18, 2025**.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Saturday, April 19

7:00 p.m.

EASTER EVE LUMINARIA EVENT

Sunday, April 20

5:45 a.m.

EASTER SUNDAY SUNRISE SERVICE

10:00 a.m.

EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP & CHRISTIAN ED

Tuesday, April 22

6:00 p.m.

HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL

Wednesday, April 23

6:30 p.m.

Hadley Women's Group AA Meeting

Thursday, April 24

4:30 p.m.

Fiddle Orchestra Rehearsal

7:00 p.m.

CHOIR REHEARSAL

Sunday, April 27

10:00 a.m.

SUNDAY WORSHIP & CHRISTIAN ED

PLEASE SUBSCRIBE

Don't forget to subscribe to our **YouTube** channel to keep up on our latest services and to view past services and events. Please click on the following link to subscribe:

<https://youtube.com/c/FirstChurchHadley>

You may also watch our worship service later in the week on **Hadley Media Public Channel 191**.

Follow us on **Facebook**: <http://www.facebook.com/FirstChurchHadley>

Please share this email! Invite your family and friends to join us. If folks would like to get this weekly announcement, just send a quick note to rooster@firstchurchhadley.com.

If you would like to post an event in the weekly Friday email blast, please submit it by Wednesday of that week. If you do not want to receive these emails, please let us know and we will remove your name from our list.

PASTOR OFFICE HOURS

Pastor Peter Stilla is currently offering office hours on Wednesdays from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Phone: 413-584-4117

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LIVE ZOOM WORSHIP SUNDAY 10AM

Click on the link below at 10 a.m. on Sunday to join our LIVE Zoom Worship Service.

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The Rev. Peter Stilla

Michael Stancill

Jeremy Thayer

Josh Thompson

Mara Breen

Minister

Music Director

Guest Trumpeter

Guest Trumpeter

Deacon

EASTER SUNDAY

April 20, 2025

PRELUDE

“Prelude in E Flat” (St. Anne)

Johann Sebastian Bach

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mara Breen

INTROIT

“The Strife is O'er”
Ring of Joy

Kevin McChesney

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Beloved church, behold the victory of our God:
Jesus Christ, our Lord, has conquered the grave.

People: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Leader: Sin and death shall reign no more.

People: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Leader: Let this place resound with joy.

All: Christ is risen! Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

*** GATHERING HYMN**

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

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*** OPENING PRAYER (Unison)**

How blessed is this day, O Lord, when earth and humanity are joined in oneness with God and heaven. May the light of Christ shine continually in our hearts to drive away all darkness and guide us always on the path of divine life and love. Fill us with the hope and joy of new beginnings so that we may share the good news of your gift of salvation to all the world. Through our Lord Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

*** 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. 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.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SCRIPTURE

Acts 10: 34-43 (p. 119)
John 20: 1-18 (p. 107)

Mara Breen

TIME FOR ALL GOD’S CHILDREN

Shannon Stilla

ANTHEM

“He is Exalted”

Twila Paris,
setting by Lloyd Larson

SERMON

“Joy, Overflowing and Everlasting”

Rev. Peter Stilla

*** HYMN**

“The Day of Resurrection”

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns
Morning Prayer

Leader: On this Easter Sunday, as we pray for those near and dear to us, let us also unite our hearts in prayer for all Creation, saying,

People: God of Resurrection, hear our prayer.

Leader: For the Church throughout the world, that as we celebrate Jesus' resurrection, we may renew our faith and strengthen our witness in Jesus' name. **People: God of Resurrection, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For pastors, teachers, and ministers, that they be wise in leadership, humble in service, and fearless in the face of evil.

People: God of Resurrection, hear our prayer.

Leader: For the governments of the world and its leaders, that they may practice compassion and reject the politics that use death and suffering as means of control.

People: God of Resurrection, hear our prayer.

Leader: For our planet Earth, that we may be good stewards of its resources and share in its abundance.

People: God of Resurrection, hear our prayer.

Leader: For the poor and the stranger, that they may receive a place of refuge, hope, and hospitality.

People: God of Resurrection, hear our prayer.

Leader: For the sick and distressed, they may find healing for their pain and be restored to the fullness of life.

People: God of Resurrection, hear our prayer.

Leader: For our neighbors, that together we may dwell in harmony.

People: God of Resurrection, hear our prayer.

Leader: For our enemies, that we may love them and be agents of reconciliation in the spirit of Christ.

People: God of Resurrection, hear our prayer.

Leader: Almighty God, receive these prayers we offer, and by the power of your Holy Spirit use us for the sake of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

All: In his name we pray. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE

MORNING OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Concertato on "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

arranged by Hal Hopson

*** DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

**Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*** Prayer of Dedication (Unison)**

Even on this glorious day of joy and celebration, as we stand in awe of your gift to us of eternal life, love, and oneness, we humbly offer our gifts to you. May you guide us, O Lord, so that we may use them to further the reign of Christ on earth and bless your children of our church and the entire world. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE

*** CLOSING HYMN**

“Thine is the Glory”

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*** BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Fugue in E Flat” (St. Anne)

Johann Sebastian Bach