

**FEDERATED CHURCH OF HYANNIS  
ORDER OF WORSHIP ~ SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2023  
EASTER SUNDAY**

**PRELUDE:** “*We Gather Together*”, Gedenck-Clanck..... Roy Campbell

**WORDS OF WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHORAL INTROIT:** “*Nearer My God, to Thee*”

**Leader:** We are here to celebrate life, to celebrate this world and the universe we live in, so unimaginable, so vast, yet so minutely beautiful.

**People:** **We are here to celebrate human life with all its physical, intellectual, and spiritual delights, so close to earth, so near to God.**

**Leader:** We are here to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, to pray for peace, joy, and love for ourselves and every human being.

**People:** **We are here to praise God, the great giver of all. Amen.**

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP (all):**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE # 196** “*Christ the Lord is Risen Today*”

*Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia! Sons of men and angels say: Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth reply, Alleluia!*

*Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Dying once, He all doth save, Alleluia! Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!*

*Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened Paradise, Alleluia!*

*Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Foll'wing our exalted Head; Alleluia!  
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!*

*Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n! Alleluia! Praise to Thee by both be giv'n, Alleluia!  
Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia! Hail the Resurrection, thou! Alleluia!*

**INVOCATION (all)**

**O God, you are greater than our most sublime thought. You are beyond our most vivid imagination. Forgive us when we cast you in human terms, forgetting that words cannot describe you or contain you. Yet, you have come to us in Jesus and in his life, death, and resurrection you have revealed yourself to us. We thank you that in him you give us life and hope which never die. May that love overflow in us this Easter day. Amen.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**SILENT PRAYER**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER (all)**

**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.*

**ANTHEM:** “Easter Alleluia”, P. Van Dyke ..... Choir

**THE WORD OF GOD**.....Lay Reader Patricia Hill

Old Testament: Isaiah 25:6-9

New Testament: John 20:1-10

**Reader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**\*HYMN OF REFLECTION # 197 “The Day of Resurrection”**

*The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;  
The Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.  
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,  
Our Christ hath brought us over with hymns of victory.*

*Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright  
The Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light;  
And, list'ning to His accents, may hear so calm and plain  
His own "All hail," and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.*

*Now let the heav'ns be joyful, let earth its song begin,  
Let round world keep high triumph, and all that is therein;  
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,  
For Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that hath no end. Amen.*

**SERMON: “Exit or Entrance?”** ..... Rev. Dr. Paul R. Adkins

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND PASTORAL PRAYER**

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

Offertory: “*Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*” ..... Roy Campbell  
Doxology  
*Praise God from who all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**\* CLOSING HYMN #474 “Hymn of Promise”**

*In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;  
In cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter there’s a spring that waits to be,  
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

*There’s a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;  
There’s a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,  
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

*In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;  
In our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity,  
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,  
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**CHOIR AMEN**

**\*POSTLUDE:** “*Prelude # 20*”, F. Chopin..... Roy Campbell