

*The Federated Church of Hyannis  
320 Main Street  
Hyannis, Massachusetts*



*“Relentless Love”*

*Easter Sunday Morning Worship Service  
April 5, 2026 ~ 10:00 AM*

~Reminder – please silence all cell phones before the Worship Service begins~

**PRELUDE**

“Prelude #23”, Chopin

Alain Benoit, Pianist

## **WORDS OF WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PASSING OF THE PEACE WITH THE CONGREGATION PRESENT AND ONLINE**

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP (all)**

*from Psalm 16*

Pastor: Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge. I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.”

**People: As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight. The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.**

Pastor: The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

**People: I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

Pastor: Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.

**People: For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.**

**All: You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

#### **\*HYMN OF PRAISE #328**

“The Old Rugged Cross”

vs. 1, 3 & 4

#### **INVOCATION (all)**

**Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

#### **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

#### **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.*

**CHORAL ANTHEM**

*“Thine Is the Glory”*, Handel

Choir

**THE WORD OF GOD**

The Old Testament: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
The New Testament: Matthew 28:1-10

Lay Reader Pam Frazier  
Pew Bible page 492  
Pew Bible page 811

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

**All:** Thanks be to God.

**SERMON**

**“Relentless Love”**

**Pastor Dave McPherson**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND PASTORAL PRAYER**

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY** *“Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”*, John Whittier 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.*

**CHORAL ANTHEM**

*“Christ is Arisen, Indeed!”*, Natalie Sleeth

Choir

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

(All are welcome to partake of Holy Communion)

Invitation to the Table and Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Sharing the Bread and Cup (Please hold and commune together)

**Prayer of Thanksgiving (all)**

**We thank you, God, for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence of Christ and have received all Christ’s gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and let us show forth your praise in our lives; Through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**\* CLOSING HYMN #196**

**“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”**

**vs. 1, 3, 5**

**\*COMMUNAL EASTER BENEDICTION**

*O Risen Lord, the Way, the Truth, and the Life! Make us faithful followers of the spirit of Your Resurrection. Grant that we may be inwardly renewed; dying to ourselves in order that You may live in us. May our lives serve as signs of the transforming power of Your love. Use us as Your instruments for the renewal of society, bringing Your life and love to all people, and leading them to You. This we ask of You, Lord Jesus, living and reigning with the Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever. Amen*

**\*POSTLUDE**            “The Lord’s Prayer”, Albert Hay Malotte            Roy Campbell

\*Please stand if you are able

*This morning we welcome pianist, Alain Benoit.  
A music major, he is a graduate of Bridgewater State University.*

*Please join us for Coffee Hour in Baldwin Hall following the Worship Service.*

**Missions for April**

**Our mission for this month is Dream Day on Cape Cod in Brewster, a free week-long camp for Cape and Islands families with children with serious or life-threatening illness. We are requesting monetary donations. Please make your check out to the church and note “Missions” on the comment line. As always, we thank you for your generosity.**

**This Week**

**Sunday, April 5** – Easter Worship Service, 10:00 am (S)  
Coffee Hour, 11:00 am (BH)  
NA 6:00 pm (BH)

**Monday, April 6** – AA, 7:30 pm (BMR)

**Tuesday, April 7** – Cranberry Shores Chorus, 6:00 pm (BH)

**Saturday, April 11** - NA, 7:30 pm (BH)

**Sunday, April 12** – Faith Formation, 8:45 am (P)  
Worship Service, 10:00 am (S)  
Coffee Hour, 11:00 am (BH)  
NA 6:00 pm (BMR)

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