Easter Sunday
"Letting Go"
A "Point and Play" Sermon
APRIL 20, 2025 10:30A.M.

PRELUDE-

INTRODUCTION- Matthew 28:1-10

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
Pastor: He is risen!
People: He is risen indeed!
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***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN AND CHOIR PROCESSIONAL**
 # 204 *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

PART ONE - "Let Go of the Guilt"
CHOIR ANTHEM- "Crown Him Lord of All"

PART TWO - "Let Go of Your Doubts"
***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN**
#399 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

PART THREE - "Let Go of Your Past"
HANDBELL CHOIR- "Thine is the Glory"
(Children dismissed for J.A.M. kids – meet leader at sanctuary door)

PART FOUR - "Let Go of Your Fear"
CHOIR ANTHEM- "Rejoice, for Jesus is Risen"

PART FIVE - "Let Go of Your Limitations"
***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN- "Because He Lives" (insert)**

BENEDICTION

***THE CONGREGATIONAL CLOSING**
Because He lives I can face tomorrow;
Because He lives all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living just because he lives.

POSTLUDE
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PRE-SERVICE MUSIC
Living Hope- Chorus Only
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***SONG OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE**
Living Hope
PART ONE - "Let Go of the Guilt"
SONG OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE
What a Beautiful Name [congregation remains seated]
PART TWO - "Let Go of Your Doubts"
*** SONG OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE**
In Christ Alone
PART THREE - "Let Go of Your Past"
PRAISE TEAM ANTHEM
Raise a Hallelujah
PART FOUR - "Let Go of Your Fear"
*** SONG OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE**
King of Kings
PART FIVE - "Let Go of Your Limitations"
***SONG OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE**
Praise the King
BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE

SUNDAY, APRIL20, 2025

8:30A.M. Easter Morning Contemporary Worship
9:30A.M. Easter Breakfast
10:30A.M. Traditional Easter Morning Worship

MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2025

9:30A.M. Ruth Circle meets
6:30P.M. Veterans Bible Study

TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2025

9:30A.M. The Weight Group meets
5:30P.M. Serving Growth Group

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2025

5-7P.M. Youth Group
6:00P.M. Choir rehearsal
7:00P.M. Bible Study
7:15P.M. Handbell Choir rehearsal

THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2025

6:30P.M. Elizabeth circle meets
7:00P.M. Session meets

SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2025

9:00A.M. Rebecca Circle meets

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Please fill out a yellow welcome slip located the pew if you have prayer requests or visitors liking more information about our church, and place it in the offering plate located at the back of the sanctuary.

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The Mission Committee has chosen that our Easter offering be designated to Samaritans Purse for Hurricane Helene victims in North Carolina. Our committee thanks you and appreciates your contributions. Special envelopes are in your bulletins today.

Sign up for Prayer Vigil is in the Narthex after church this week. There are 36 spots to fill.

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Session is looking for members of the congregation that would be interested in sitting on the Pastoral Search Committee. Anyone that is interested needs to contact me at 724-651-2429 before April 24th. Once all the names are in, the Session will prayerfully consider the names and will put together the committee.

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I want to thank everyone for all their prayers, calls, texts after my fall and surgery. Please continue to pray during the rest of my recovery. Thank you

Linda Porter



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If you or your child/children are graduating from High School, Trade School, or College please contact the Church Office so that all graduates can be recognized. We will be having Graduate Recognition/Youth Sunday on Sunday, June 1, at 10:30 AM Service. The deadline for graduate information is May 11.

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Save the date for our playground dedication June 21st with Pastor Dan officiating. Coffee, tea, juice and donuts at 9:30 with the dedication starting at 10:00.
This is the Dedication of the James D. Emery playground, the Sam Jones swing and the dedication of 4 benches inside the playground fence for Jason Clark, Tiffany Bell, Chad Taylor and Lillian Fulkman.

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May Redeeming Times Newsletter
All Information and or articles need to be submitted by 12pm Friday, April 25th to be included in this newsletter. Thanks!

4. LET GO OF YOUR FEAR.

17 …you are still in your sins. 18 Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. 19 If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men.

1 Corinthians 15:17-19 (NIV)

20 But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21 For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. 22 For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. 23 But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. 26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

1 Corinthians 15:20-23, 26 (NIV)

3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—kept in heaven for you…

1 Peter 1:3-4 (NIV)

5. LET GO OF YOUR LIMITATIONS.

25 "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; 26 and whoever lives and believes in me will never die."

John 11:25-26 (NIV)

1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. 2 Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

Hebrews 12:1-3 (NIV)

21 Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, 22 set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

2 Corinthians 1:21-22 (NIV)

LETTING GO
EASTER SUNDAY 2025

Introduction

1 After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.
2 There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. 3 His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. 4 The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.
5 The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. 6 He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. 7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."
8 So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. 9 Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. 10 Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Matthew 28:1-10 (NIV)

Message Notes

1. LET GO OF THE GUILT.

9 Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure, 10 because you will not abandon me to the grave,nor will you let your Holy One see decay.

Psalm 16:9-10 (NIV)

1 Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? 2 He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. 3 He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

*4 Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet
we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. 5
But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our
iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him,
and by his wounds we are healed. 6 We all, like sheep, have gone
astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the Lord has
laid on him the iniquity of us all.*

*10 Yet it was the Lord's will to crush him and cause him to
suffer, and though the Lord makes his life a guilt offering, he will
see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the Lord will
prosper in his hand.* Isaiah 53:1-6, 10 (NIV)

*24 …God will credit righteousness—for us who believe in him who
raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. 25 He was delivered over to
death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.*
Romans 4:24-25 (NIV)

2. LET GO OF YOUR DOUBTS.

*1 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark,
Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had
been removed from the entrance. 2 So she came running to Simon
Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They
have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where
they have put him!"*

*3 So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. 4 Both
were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the
tomb first. 5 He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying
there but did not go in. 6 Then Simon Peter, who was behind him,
arrived and went into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying
there, 7 as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus'
head. The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the linen. 8
Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also
went inside. He saw and believed. 9 (They still did not understand
from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.)*
John 20:1-9 (NIV)

*24 Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not
with the disciples when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told
him, "We have seen the Lord!"*

*But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands
and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his
side, I will not believe it."*

*26 A week later his disciples were in the house again, and
Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus
came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" 27
Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands.
Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and
believe."*

28 Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

*29 Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you
have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have
believed."* John 20:24-29 (NIV)

3. LET GO OF YOUR PAST.

*1 The hand of the Lord was upon me, and he brought me out
by the Spirit of the Lord and set me in the middle of a valley; it was
full of bones. 2 He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a
great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very
dry. 3 He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?"*

I said, "O Sovereign Lord, you alone know."

*4 Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones and say to
them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! 5 This is what the
Sovereign Lord says to these bones: I will make breath enter you,
and you will come to life. 6 I will attach tendons to you and make
flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in
you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the
Lord.' "* Ezekiel 37:1-6 (NIV)

*6 The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the
Spirit is life and peace…9 You, however, are controlled not by the
sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you…10 if
Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is
alive because of righteousness. 11 And if the Spirit of him who
raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ
from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his
Spirit, who lives in you.* Romans 8:6, 9-11 (NIV)

*4 We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in
order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the
glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.*
Romans 6:4 (NIV)

Because He Lives

1. **God sent His son, they call him Jesus, He came to love, heal and for-give; He lived and died to buy my pardon, An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives. Be-cause He lives I can face tomorrow, Be-cause He lives all fear is gone; Be-cause I know He holds the future. And life is worth Living just be-cause He lives.**

2. **How sweet to hold a new born baby, And feel the pride and joy He gives; But greater still the calm assurance this child can face uncertain days because He lives Be-cause He lives I can face tomorrow, Be-cause He lives all fear is gone; Be-cause I know He holds the future. And life is worth Living just be-cause He lives.**

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In loving memory of our moms, dads, brothers and sisters. Given by Janice & Bill Davis.

In loving memory of Alfred Courson. Given by Sandy Courson.

In loving memory of Loved ones. Given by Mary Beckman.

In loving memory of Grant & Tim Dieter. In honor of Joseph Feil. Given by Linda.

In loving memory of Clair & Clara Brown. Given by Marilyn McConahy.

In loving memory of Glenn & Verda Hepler. In honor of Joy & Karen. Given by Family

In loving memory of Floyd & Bronnie Harry. Given by Nancy & Ed Rudzik & Shirley Sikora.

Easter Tulips 2025



The flowers in the chancel area are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory and in honor of the following persons.

In loving memory Leslie Morris & grandparents. Given by Dave & Annie Morris.

In loving memory of both parents. Given by Kathy & Barry Japak.

In loving memory of Dougherty Family. Given by Don & Edie Dougherty.

In loving memory of Harry Cornman. Given by Juanita.

In loving memory of William & Irlene Zarlingo and John & Lucille Bluedorn. Given by Larry & Sue Bluedorn.

In honor of Meadow Reno. Given by Mom & Dad.

In loving memory of our parents. Given by Len & Diana Halt.

In loving memory of Dorthy Shillingburg. Given by Children & grandchildren.

In loving memory of loved ones. Given by Paul & Nancy Cummings

In honor of Mary Beckman. Given by Gary & Bobbie Andreson.

In loving memory of Gladys & David Barnhart. Given by daughters Becky & Linda.

In loving memory of our loved ones. In honor of Donna Fox. Given by Jim & Pam Maloney.

In loving memory of our grandparents. Given by Amy Geisinger.

In loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. W Morehead. Given by Retta Dutton & Wm Brown and Ferrell family.

In loving memory of John, Jeff & Jonathan Ruby. Given by family.

In loving memory of Ted & Todd Chrobak. Given by Teddy & Marie Chrobak.

In loving memory of husband Ted & son Todd. Given by Jean.

In loving memory of Ed Burrows & Root family. Given by Renee Persky.

In loving memory of my grandson Jacob Smith. Given by June Smith.

In loving memory of my husband Russ Smith. Given by June.

In loving memory of Loved ones. Given by Don & Lisa Craig.

In honor of Ed & Pat Ammeen. Given by Children & Grandchildren.

In loving memory of Mary & Bob Miller & my sister Sandy Saulpaugh.💙Given by Brenda Miller.

In loving memory of Sam Jones. Given by Geniene & family.

In honor of Cassidy Whiting. Given by Austin & Julie Whiting.

In honor of Chloe Strugeon. Given by Austin & Julie Whiting.

In loving memory of our daughter Tiffany Bell and loved ones who have passed. Given by Chuck & Diane Bell & family.

In loving memory of Jake Smith. Given by Tim Smith.

In loving memory of Jake, Tiffany, Jason & Chad. Given by Lori Smith.

In honor of Mary Beckman. Given by Janice Davis & family.