2021 Easter Lily Memorials/Honorariums *The lilies have been given by the following:*

Johnny & Gene Aiken in memory of *Johanna and Champ*

Johnny & Gene Aiken in memory of Bill Hill

Will & Beth Edwards in honor of Dave & Joan Edwards

John Elingburg in memory of Joyce Kemp

Paul & Susan Grier in honor of *Hayward and Elizabeth Grier*

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Paul, Susan, Hayward, and Elizabeth Grier in honor of *Elizabeth Guritz*

Paul, Susan, Hayward, and Elizabeth Grier in memory of *David Guritz*

Paul, Susan, Hayward, and Elizabeth Grier in honor of Westminster's Staff

Lydia Kellett in memory of *Bill Kellett*

Carolyn Sems in memory of Dave Sems and Brian Samf

Gaye & Joel Sprague in memory of *Ben Sprague*

Gaye & Joel Sprague in memory of Marian Sprague

Dick & Caroline Stewart in memory of *Travis Cale*

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Tony & Jean Atkins in memory of *Bill Atkins*

Tony & Jean Atkins in memory of *Howard & Ouida Nickles*

Tony & Jean Atkins in honor of Clay, Collin, and Cameron

Will & Beth Edwards in memory of their grandparents

Will & Beth Edwards in memory of *Tom Holladay*

Will & Beth Edwards in honor of Joan Asbury Holladay

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Bill & Emmy Holt in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph W. Holt, Jr.

Bill & Emmy Holt in memory of *Dr. & Mrs. Max E. Moravec*

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2021 Endowment Fund Memorials/Honorariums

Johnny & Gene Aiken in honor of their grandchildren: Reeves and Chas Major, Clare and Drew Mackie, Busy and Jack Aiken, Henry and Lucas White, Straton and Wyatt Covington

Dick & Jo Allen in memory of Mr. & Mrs. James Hagood Bruce

Dick & Jo Allen in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Richard Loudon Allen

Dick & Jo Allen in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Edward Everett Leach

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Pat Taylor and Kay Kelly in memory of Pat's husband and Kay's father, Don Taylor

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Margaret Paylor in memory of *John Hill Paylor, Jr.*

Margaret Paylor in honor of *her family*

Dick & Caroline Stewart in memory of *Andrew Einstein*

Dick & Becky Toohey in honor of *Trad Turrentine*

Jim & Susan Robbins in memory of *Bill & Nancy Patterson*

Midge Williams in memory of *Charlie Williams*

Midge Williams in honor of Jim & Patty Howard, Reid and Charles

Midge Williams in honor of Nancy Williams



he is risen indeed easter at westminster

Easter Sunday April 4, 2021

Green Lot Services: 8a, 9a, 10a, and 11a

From the Pews, Parks Workman

During holy week, my meditations often focus on the cross—the ultimate act of grace, love, and sacrifice by Jesus for the reconciliation of humanity with God. Yet the risen Jesus is the climax of human history—the victory of Jesus over even death. How do we react to the risen Jesus?

I can identify so well with the disciple Peter during the events leading to the cross. Peter is the well intentioned disciple who famously falls short, even at Jesus' most critical hour—the disciple that falls asleep when Jesus needs him to keep watch—the disciple that "follows Jesus from a distance" and seeks the comforts of the secular world (the fire) when things get the hardest—the disciple that denies Jesus three times—the disciple that breaks down and weeps.

Yet Jesus knew Peter's heart just as he knows all of our hearts. Shortly after the last supper, Jesus told his disciples they will all fall away. "For it is written: 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered." Mark 14:27.

Jesus' insight into the human condition is unparalleled. There is much scattering as the sheep seek to advance their own personal kingdoms. The wages of this scattering have manifested through addiction, racism, suffering, inequality, greed, depression, betrayal, war, poverty, hunger, social injustice . . . We are all seeking direction in a scattered world.

However, there is the Good News. Jesus follows with: "But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee." Mark 14:28. The words of Jesus provide us the hope and the direction we need. The risen Jesus shepherds the scattered sheep.

Indeed, as we look for Jesus in the tomb of the cross, let us find the tomb empty just as Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of Jesus, and Salome found it. Let us listen to the words of the young man in the white robe: "Don't be alarmed . . . You are looking for Jesus . . . He has been raised; he is not here . . . go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." Mark 16: 6-7.

How do we react to the risen Jesus? Let us seek the risen Jesus and find him. "For if . . . we were reconciled to him by the death of [Jesus], how much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life!" Romans 5:10 (NIV).

Happy Easter!

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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.

* Hymn

"Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

Hymn to Joy

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! *Celebrate this day of days!* Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed. *In the desert all-surrounding,* see, a spreading tree has grown. Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same. Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain. *Tell its grim, demonic chorus:* "Christ is risen! Get you gone!" God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!

* Charge and Benediction

Leading Worship this Easter Morning

Ben Dorr, **preaching**

Leigh Stuckey, Mary Kathleen Duncan, Lauren Slingerland, Amos Workman, *liturgists*

Westminster Brass:

Craig King, Jim Kilgus, trumpets Mark Britt, Richard deBondt, trombones

* Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave,
you shattered the power of sin and death.
We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,
bound by the ways that lead to death.
We overlook the poor and the hungry,
and pass by those who mourn.
We are deaf to the cries of the oppressed,
and indifferent to calls for justice and peace.
We despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made.
Forgive us, God of mercy.
Help us to trust your power to change our lives
and make us new, that we may know the joy of life
abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.

* Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Hearing God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Lesson, Mark 16:1-8

Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "What's Required for Easter?"

Responding to God's Word

* Affirmation of Faith, The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;

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Glorious Lord of life, by the resurrection of your Son you overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him. Grant that we who celebrate with joy Christ's rising from the dead may be raised from the death of sin to the life of righteousness. Let no shadow of the grave terrify us, and no fear of darkness turn our hearts from you. We ask it all through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Gathering and Preparing for God's Word

Prelude "This Joyful Eastertide" Evans

* Call to Worship

People:

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Leader: Glory to you, O God:

on this day you won victory over death,

raising Jesus from the grave and giving us eternal life.

People: Glory to you, O Christ: for us and for our salvation

you overcame death

and opened the gate to everlasting life.

Glory to you, O Blessed Trinity, now and forever.

Leader: Glory to you, O Holy Spirit: you lead us into truth.

All: Let us worship God!

* Hymn "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" EASTER HYMN

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! our triumphant holy day, Alleluia! who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia! who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!



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