

**GATES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
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**Easter Sunday**

**April 4, 2021, 10:00 a.m.**

Online Communion

This service will contain a celebration of Online Communion. The Session of Gates Presbyterian Church has approved this format for observing communion

- Choose whatever forms of bread, juice or wine you wish to have. Any are more than adequate to be signs of this Holy meal.
- Encourage your family to respect the holiness of the sacrament. If you are alone, embrace the quiet peace around you.
- Have individual portions for each person participating – the bread and the cup should NOT be shared
- Place the elements in a central place where you are viewing the service – consider adding a lighted candle to the setting.
- The minister will lead you in the communion liturgy. He/she will first receive the bread and then will invite you and those you are with to do the same. The cup will be received in the same way.
- When partaking of the elements say:

For the bread: “The bread of heaven, thanks be to God” or “The body of Christ, thanks be to God.”

For the cup say: “The cup of salvation, thanks be to God” or “The blood of Christ, thanks be to God.”

Silent Meditation

“Easter was when Hope in person surprised the whole world  
by coming forward from the future into the present.”

~ N.T. Wright, *Surprised by Hope: Rethinking Heaven,  
the Resurrection, and the Mission of the Church*

Prelude and Opening Hymn

Kingsfold Prelude

GPC Brass

[“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”](#)

*Hymns are now hyperlinks. Simply click on the link to open the hymn. Once the hymn is finished, use your browsers back arrow to return to the bulletin.*

Words of Welcome

## Call to Worship

Liturgist: Early in the morning light,

**All: the women went to Jesus' tomb.**

Liturgist: The tomb was empty, the stone rolled away,

**All: for God's love is stronger than death itself.**

Liturgist: Let us join our voices with Mary Magdalene:

**All: "We have seen the Lord!"**

Liturgist: Easter people, Christ is risen!

**All: Christ is risen indeed!**

## Call to Confession

*by Greg Scheer, <http://www.gregscheer.com/>*

Liturgist: Christ has risen  
and we have risen to new life with him.  
Yet we must confess the ways we have  
continued to remain in our tombs of sin and death.

## Prayer of Confession

**All: Living Lord,  
when we stand before the empty tomb  
we don't always feel the joy of resurrection.  
We feel fear, doubt, and distrust.  
We feel empty.**

**Forgive the fear that paralyzes us at the brink of new life.  
Forgive our doubt of your love.  
Forgive our distrust of your surprising, joyous plan.  
Fill our emptiness with your glorious light.  
Raise us to abundant new life  
for the glory of your name**

*Silent Prayers of Confession*

## Assurance of Pardon

Liturgist: Wake up, sleeper!  
Rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.

Sisters and brothers,  
Christ has forgiven our sins.  
Christ calls us to new life.  
Christ will lead us into righteousness.

**All: Thanks be to God. Hallelujah!**

First Reading of the Word

Acts 10:34-43 (TLB)

Time with Children "Butterflies Under Our Hats"

by *Sandy Eisenberg Sasso*  
read by Debbie White

Second Reading of the Word

Mark 16:1-8 (TLB)

Sermon

"Hope Speaks"

Rev. Laura Bachmann

GPC Adult Choir Anthem

"Alleluia, Christ Is Risen"

*Stuart Folsie*

Affirmation of Faith

*adapted from Belhar Confession*

**We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another.**

**We believe that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ. We believe that, through the working of God's Spirit, it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain.**

Prayers of the Community

*Please remember the following people in your prayers this week:*

- *John Belt with kidney disease and awaiting a transplant.*
- *John Walker now in rehab at Elderwood Care facility in Brockport.*
- *Mary Beth MacKenzie's cousin David, undergoing surgery on Monday.*
- *Anne Tonery-DeMar's brother Jim, struggling with pain and side effects from treatment for cancer.*
- *Continued prayers for Eric Paquin, Angelika Alvarez, Debbie Schnabel, and Sonia Davis.*
- *Our sympathy to the family of Norma Polizzi, who passed away on March 27.*

Petitions will end with "Lord in your mercy," to which the people are invited to respond, "hear our prayer."

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 of Preparation

[“Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us”](#)

The Lord’s Supper

Prayer After Communion

Closing Hymn

[“In Christ There Is No East or West”](#)

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

arr. Sharon Elery Rogers

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Service Participants:

Rev. Laura Bachmann, Pastor; Tom Ward, Liturgist; Andy Pratt, Piano & Organ; Roy Smith, Trumpet; Ben Olsen, Trumpet; Jen Olsen, Trombone, Dennis White, Euphonium; Evan Mikoll, Video Live Stream Director; Karen Kozlowski, Visual Design.

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**Life in the Church**

Sunday, April 4		Fellowship Hour (right after worship service ends)
Monday, April 5	7:00 p.m.	Mission Team meeting
Wednesday, April 7	6:00 p.m.	Bible Study
Thursday, April 8	7:00 p.m.	Generosity Team meeting
Sunday, April 11	10:00 a.m.	Online Worship
		Fellowship Hour (right after worship service ends)
	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group



**Bible Study** will continue throughout April on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

**Join via Zoom:** [Bible Study](#)

**Meeting ID:** 859 6516 3645      **Passcode:** 488716

**One tap mobile:** +19292056099,85965163645# US (NY)

**Liturgist Schedule**

**April**

**11** Mary Hadley

**18** Claudia Weber

**25** Kaitlin Shaw

**May**

**2** Kathy Wakeman

**9** Roy Smith

**16** Jan Brewer

**23** Janice Bilohlavek

**30** Alex McKeel



**Congregational Care**

Anyone wishing to let us know of someone needing our care and concern, please call Kay Harder at 721-7392 or the church office.

## Guatemala Partners Mission Committee Mother's Day Hanging Basket Sale

It's that time of year again for the very popular Mother's Day hanging basket flower sale to begin! Here's the information you need to know:

- Orders need to be in by **April 25th**, the last day of the sale.
- The plants will be delivered to the church for you to pick up on **Tuesday, May 4th after 10:00 a.m.**
- This year we are offering the usual - Calibrachos, Ivy Geraniums, Rosebud Impatiens, New Guinea Impatiens and Petunias. These plants are \$20 each.
- Fuchsias and Reiger Begonias can be ordered for \$25 each.



Fill out the order form (at end of bulletin) and mail w/payment to:

**Tom Ward**  
73 Gateway Rd  
Rochester, NY 14624

Or, email the information to: [rtward73@outlook.com](mailto:rtward73@outlook.com)  
You can also call Tom with your order: 585-261-2175

Checks should be made out to Gates Presbyterian Church with "Flowers" written in the memo line. Payment is appreciated at time of order, but can also be made at time of pickup.

All Proceeds support our mission work in Guatemala.

### Giving for Others

You are invited and encouraged to continue your regular giving to Gates Presbyterian Church. You can mail your contributions to:

Gates Presbyterian Church, 1049 Wegman Road, Rochester, NY 14624

Electronic giving: If you currently utilize online banking or bill pay, add Gates Presbyterian Church as a vendor and include your pledge as you process your other online payments.

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### 2021 National Ecumenical Advocacy Days (EAD)

The 2021 national **Ecumenical Advocacy Days (EAD)** event **will be virtual**, and will take place from **April 18-21**. This year's EAD will advocate for Climate Justice, and will be an opportunity to support the global movement for climate justice centered on and led by the people and communities most vulnerable to climate impacts due to historic racial and colonial inequities. If you or any member of your congregation is interested in receiving more information about this year's virtual event, sign up for e-mail updates at the link below:

<https://advocacydays.org/2021-imagine-gods-earth-people-restored/>



*Guatemala Partners Mission Committee*  
**Mother's Day Hanging Basket Sale**



Proceeds will support our mission work in Guatemala.

Funds raised are used for scholarships, micro-lending, maternal health, nutritional programs, seed saving and efforts to help with self-sufficiency programs.

Everyone is welcome to join us in this interesting and rewarding mission work. For more information call Tom Ward at 261-2175 or e-mail at: [rtward73@outlook.com](mailto:rtward73@outlook.com)

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**Orders must be received by April 25<sup>th</sup>.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Flower	Price Each	Quantity	Total
Fuchsia	\$25.00		
Reiger Begonias	\$25.00		
Ivy Geraniums	\$20.00		
Rosebud Impatiens	\$20.00		
New Guinea Impatiens	\$20.00		
Petunias	\$20.00		
Calibrachos	\$20.00		
<b>Grand Total Due</b>			

*We cannot guarantee what colors will be available*

Please include your check or money order made out to Gates Presbyterian Church with **“Flowers”** in the memo line. Payment is appreciated at time of order, but can also be made at time of pickup.

Orders must be picked up at Gates Presbyterian Church on: **Tuesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> after 10:00 a.m.**