

# Easter Sunday Celebration

April 4, 2021

At 9:30 am

THE FEDERATED CHURCH

Wauconda, Illinois

A community church affiliated with the  
United Methodist Church and the American Baptist Churches.



## **CHURCH STAFF**

Senior Pastor: Rev. Soon Sun Lee  
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## **OFFICE HOURS**

Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 8:00 am-12:00 pm  
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**Prelude/ Lighting of the Altar Candles**      Easter organ music

**Words of Welcome**

**Opening Prayer**

**\* Call to Worship (Together)**

Leader: This is the day the stone is cast away!

**People: This is the day the darkness is cast away.**

Leader: This is the day of the Lord's victory.

**People: This is the day of the resurrection.**

Leader: Christ has risen. Alleluia!

**People: Christ has risen indeed! Hallelujah! Amen!**

**\* Lighting of the Paschal Candle**

Pastor: The light of Christ rises in glory, overcoming the darkness of sin and death. Alleluia! Amen.

***Ringing a bell of the Good News: Christ is risen.... Ring a bell 12 times***

**\* Opening Hymn "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" No 302**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nzy7jFNUc3w>

**Children's Easter Skit**      "The Glorious Rainbow of Easter"

**Special Music by James and Geraldyn Carr**      "Angels Song"

**Sharing Joys and Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Offering of Tithes & Gifts**

*Let us continue to worship through our offerings, gifts, pledges, and tithes or online donation at <https://my.simplegive.com/App/Giving/the200289>*

**Doxology Song**

**Offertory Prayer** *(together)*

Leader: You have given us eternal life.

**People: We offer you, in humility, these gifts of money.**

Leader: you have given us eternal life.

**People: We offer you ourselves.**

Leader: You have given us eternal life.

**People: We offer you our service. Amen.**

**\* Gospel Reading: John 20:1-10, 17**

**The empty tomb (Common English Bible)**

Early in the morning of the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. 2 She ran to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they've put him." 3 Peter and the other disciple left to go to the tomb. 4 They were running together, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and was the first to arrive at the tomb. 5 Bending down to take a look, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he didn't go in. 6 Following him, Simon Peter entered the tomb and saw the linen cloths lying there. 7 He also saw the face cloth that had been on Jesus' head. It wasn't with the other clothes but was folded up in its own place. 8 Then the other disciple, the one who arrived at the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. 9 They didn't yet understand the scripture that Jesus must rise from the dead. 10 Then the disciples returned to the place where they were staying.

17 Jesus said to Mary, "Don't hold on to me, for I haven't yet gone up to my Father. Go to my brothers and sisters and tell them, 'I'm going up to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

Leader: This is the gospel of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Virtual Easter Choir**

**"Thine Be the Glory"**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c9KnAzKLOgo&t=7s>

**Sermon**

"God's Most Unmistakable Message"

Pastor Soon Sun

**The Holy Communion**

*Communion is open to all who confess their sins and seek to follow Jesus Christ as their Lord. Let us give thanks to God and share the meal together as the body of Christ! Please prepare a small cup of grape juice/water and a piece of bread/cracker for those who join in the virtual worship service today.*

**The Great Thanksgiving**

Please see the Media!

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People:** We lift them up to the Lord.  
**Leader:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**People:** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**The Lord's Prayer**  
**Sharing of the Bread and Cup**  
**Prayer After the Communion**

**Closing Hymn** "Up from the Grave He Arose" No. 322  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oN77HjfAc8k>

**Benediction**

Pastor: Jesus is risen!  
**All: Jesus is risen indeed!**  
Pastor: Go now in peace and share the great news with others.  
**All: Alleluia! Amen.**

**Postlude** "An Easter Hallelujah" by Cassandra & Callahan Armstrong  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-j3NZEedHQal>