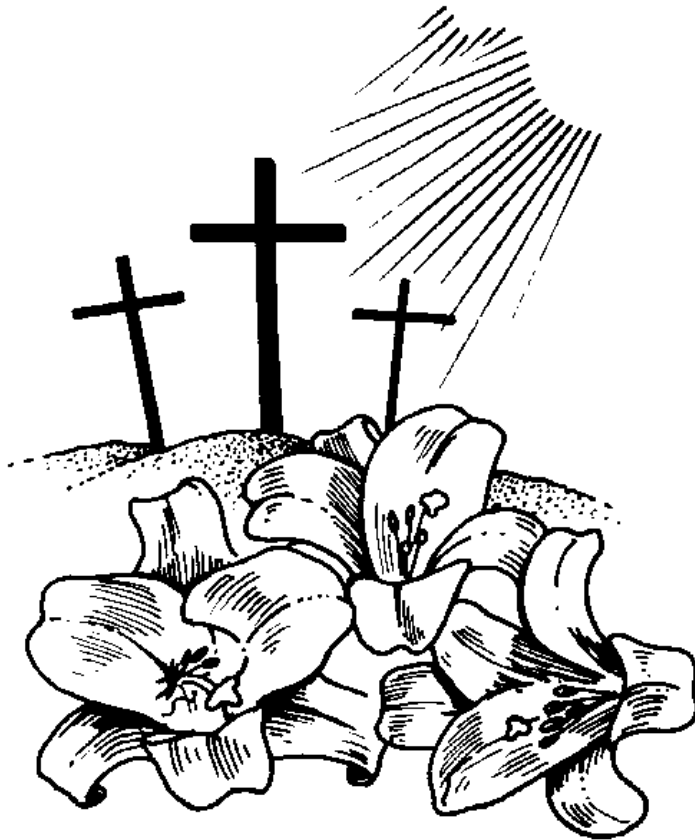


**Second Congregational Church**  
43 Highland Avenue ~ Cohasset



**Easter Sunday**

April 20, 2025



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10 a.m. (white)

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EASTER SUNDAY

“Easter is coming for your dad.” – Doug Thompson

PRELUDE

*As the prelude begins, let the music help you enter into the spirit of worship  
in silent prayer and celebration*

WELCOME

\*CALL TO WORSHIP & OPENING PRAYER

Taken from Isaiah 65

Leader: For I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy and its people as a  
delight.

**Many: I will rejoice in Jerusalem and delight in my people;**

Leader: No more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it or the cry of  
distress.

**Many: No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days**

Leader: Or an old person who does not live out a lifetime,

**Many: For like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,**

Leader: For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth;

**Many: The former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.**

\* ALL

These ancient words call all who hear to look beyond the realities of the present age. In Isaiah's time, this meant looking beyond the destruction of a country, the forced exile of an entire people. In our times and in all times, this means imagining our human experience on an unimaginable scale. Spirit of Jesus, Spirit of Love, in this morning bathed in resurrection light: open our minds to what does not yet exist, to what seems impossible. Open our eyes to see the

\*Please rise in body, mind or spirit, as you are comfortable

places and people in our own time who do not live in the hope and reality of long and good life. Open our hearts that we might let go of yesterday's hurt and make ourselves ready for all that might come. *Amen.*

\*HYMN # 217

*Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

### SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

*A Reading from the Gospel of Luke (24: 1-12)*

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.' " Then they remembered his words.

When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

### OFFERING

Words of Gratitude

Offertory Music

\*Doxology (No. 625) & Offertory Prayer

### SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS

\*HYMN #226

*The Day of Resurrection*

REFLECTION

“Good News”

2025 EASTER CANTATA

**“O What a Man Was He!”**

**“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”**

Wes Ramsey & Jon Paige  
(b. 1956)

Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen! Loud praise to Christ our King. Alleluia! Amen! Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice; praise is His gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen! Come lift your hearts on high; Alleluia! Amen! Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen! Praise yet our Christ again; Alleluia! Amen! Life shall not end the strain; ; Alleluia! Amen! On heaven's blissful shore, His goodness we'll adore, singing forevermore, Alleluia! Amen!

**“Breathe on Me, Breathe of God”**

Edwin Hatch  
(1835-1889)

Angelina Savoia, harp

**“O What a Man Was He!”**

Jay Althouse  
(b. 1951)

He left His throne on high to set the sinner free. He left the joys of heav'n to claim the victory. **Oh, then high upon a cross, he gave His life for me! Oh, what a man was He!** he wore a crown of thorns for all the world to see. he walked a lonely road that led to Calvary. **(R)** He paid the price! He bought my soul! He paid the price! He made me whole! There is no greater love, no closer friend than He. There is no greater gift in all eternity. **(R)**

**“Cantique de Jean Racine”**

Gabriel Fauré  
(1845-1924)

Oh Redeemer divine, our sole hope of salvation, Eternal light of the earth and the sky, We kneel in adoration. Oh Savior, turn on us Thy loving eye. Send down on us the fire of Thy grace all consuming, Whose wondrous might dispersed the powers of hell, And rouse our slumbering souls with Thine illumining radiance, That they may waken Thy mercy to tell. Oh Christ, bestow Thy blessing on us, we implore Thee, Who here are gathered on penitent knee.

\*Please rise in body, mind or spirit, as you are comfortable

Accept the hymns we chant to Thine eternal glory, And these Thy gifts we return unto thee.

**“Make Our Garden Grow” from Candide**

Leonard Bernstein  
(1918-1990)

Brian Bunnell Woods, trumpet

**“Hallelujah” | *Messiah*, HWV 56** (Hymn #37, seated)      **George Frideric Handel**  
(1685-1759)

Hallelujah, for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever. King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Please remain seated and enjoy the Postlude in silence as we prepare to go out for service in the world*



**IN CELEBRATION AND WITH GRATITUDE  
FOR THE GIFTS OF THIS MORNING'S MUSICIANS**

Jin Kim, Music Director  
Konstantinos Papadakis, Organist/Pianist

**Second Congregational Chamber Players**

Brendan Ryan, flute  
Luther Warren, violin  
Brian Bunnell Woods, trumpet  
Angelina Savoia, harp  
Pascale Delache Feldman, bass

**Second Congregational Church Festival Choir**

**Soprano**

Pam Delorenzo\*  
Eva Haber  
Linda Indek\*  
Kate Mullally\*  
Clodagh Stoker-  
Long

**Alto**

Barbara Baumgarten  
Christine Carey  
Margo Cheel  
Tina Cline\*  
Elizabeth  
McLoughlin\*  
Liz Laas\*  
Dotty Meyers\*  
Helene Sceery

**Tenor**

Dick Faust\*  
Steve  
Parnell\*

**Bass**

Gary Anderson  
George  
Baumgarten  
Tim Davis\*  
Tony Emmanuello\*  
Brian Hill\*  
Rob Kasameyer  
Bob MacNeill\*  
Al Moore

*\*SCC Sanctuary Choir*

Thank you to the SCC Music Committee,  
Choir and staff for their support!

A portion of the Easter offering at both services will help to support SCC's  
Build Day at the Habitat for Humanity duplex in West Corner.  
Thank you to ALL the angels of music who made this year's Cantata possible.



## This Morning's Easter Lilies

Given in celebration of Orion and Jove from Papa Zeus

Given by Gary & Debbie Anderson in memory of Larry & Phyllis Anderson

Given in memory of David & Patti Knowles by Debbie & Gary Anderson

Given by the Bucher family in loving memory of Hubert Vanderlugt

Given by the Nothnagle family in memory of our parents Bill & Anna May

Nothnagle and Rod and Helen O'Connor

Given in memory of Timmy Myers by Jay Nothnagle

In loving memory of Mum and Daddy, Happy Easter, Love Patricia

In memory of Paul, miss you, Love Patricia

Given by Tuyen, Doug and Bob Jr. in memory of Bob & Jean Thompson

Given by Tina Cline in memory of Kathy & Frank Cline, Aunt Mutzy, sister

Lynda & nephew Bob

Given by Rick and Laurie Kielmeyer in memory or our dear friends

Phil & Maria Hudak

Given in memory of loved ones by Phil & JoAnn Lehr

Minister

Jonathan Pierce

Music Director

Jin Kim

Organist/Pianist

Konstantinos Papadakis

Ushers/Greeters

The Deacons

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