



# **COMMUNITY SUNRISE SERVICE**

**April 9, 2023**

Old Stone Church  
New Preston, CT  
6:15 a.m.

*Following the service, New Preston Congregational Church invites all to join them in their Social Hall for hot coffee and light refreshments. The church is located just down the hill at 15 Church Street.*



## OLD STONE CHURCH, NEW PRESTON

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Welcome

Fr. Geoff Hahneman, *Officiant*

The Rev. Dr. Robyn Gray, *Officiant*

*Officiant*  
*People*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
*The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!*

**Venite**

*Psalm 95:1-7*

*Officiant and People together*

*O Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.  
For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.  
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!*

## The Holy Scripture

Rev. Linda Williams, Reader

Reader: A Reading from the Gospel of St. Matthew

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

## Hymn *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

Rev. Dr. Robyn Gray, Leader

*Descant*

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 But the pains which he en-dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Homily Fr. Geoff Hahneman, *St. John's Episcopal Church*

## **The Prayers**

**Rev. Dr. Robyn Gray, *Officiant***

*Officiant*           The Lord be with you.

*People*               ***And also with you.***

*Officiant*           Let us pray.

*Officiant and People together*

***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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.***

***And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.***

***For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.***

## **The Suffrages**

**Pastor Ellen Willert, *Officiant***

*Officiant*       Show us your mercy, O Lord;

*People*           ***And grant us your salvation.***

*Officiant*       Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

*People*           ***Let your people sing with you.***

*Officiant*       Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

*People*           ***For only in you can we live in safety.***

*Officiant*       Lord, keep this nation under your care;

*People*           ***And guide us in the way of justice and truth.***

*Officiant*       Let your way be known upon earth;

*People*           ***Your saving health among all nations.***

*Officiant*       Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

*People*           ***Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.***

*Officiant*       Create in us clean hearts, O God;

*People*           ***And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.***

## The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## A Collect for Sunday

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## A Prayer for Mission

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**Hymn**      *Alleluia, Give Thanks To The Risen Lord*      **Rev. Dr. Robyn Gray,**  
*Leader*

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a common time signature. It consists of three systems of two staves each. The first system begins with a 'Descant' section, indicated by a double bar line and the word 'Descant' above the staff. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -' are written below the notes. The second system is marked 'Refrain' and contains the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the'. The third system continues the lyrics with 'lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!' on the top staff and 'ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give' on the bottom staff.

1-4 Final Ending

Praise to his Name. Name.

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1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.  
 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:  
 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.  
 4 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

Repeat Refrain

He is the King of cre - a - tion.  
 Je - sus has died and has ris - en. Al - le -  
 Now we shall live for ev - er.  
 joy - ful - ly sing to our Sa - vior.

The descant may be sung after stanzas 3 and 4.

## The General Thanksgiving

Rev. Daniel Mattila, *Officiant*

*Officiant and People together*

*Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
 we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
 for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
 to us and to all whom you have made.  
 We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
 and all the blessings of this life;  
 but above all for your immeasurable love  
 in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
 for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
 And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
 that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,*

*not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.*

### **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

*Officiant*                      Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.  
*People*                              *Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

#### ***Participants:***

*The Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Hahneman, St. John's Episcopal Church*  
*The Reverend Linda Williams, Salem Covenant Church*  
*The Reverend Dr. Robyn Gray, First Congregational Church*  
*Pastor Ellen Willert, M.Div., New Preston Congregation Church*  
*The Reverend Daniel Mattila, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church*



**DRIVE-THRU FOOD DRIVE  
at First Congregational Church on the  
Green**



**Saturday, May 6th | 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**This Event Will Benefit The  
Washington-Warren and New Milford Food Banks.**

**We are collecting shelf-stable food, personal care and household cleaning products.**

*Monetary donations are also welcome!*

