

Mercy Tree

(8:45 Special Music) by Neale, Nordhoff/ Arr. Martin

Verse 1

On a hill called Calvary
Stands an endless mercy tree
Ev'ry broken weary soul
Find your rest and be made whole
Stripes of blood that stain its frame
Shed to wash away our shame
From the scars pure love released
Salvation by the mercy tree

Verse 2

In the sky between two thieves
Hung the blameless Prince of Peace
Bruised and battered scarred and scorned
Sacred head pierced by our thorns
It is finished was His cry
The perfect Lamb was crucified
His sacrifice our victory
Our Savior chose the mercy tree

Verse 3

Hope went dark that violent day
The whole earth quaked at Love's display
Three days silent in the ground
This body born for Heaven's crown
On that bright and glorious day
When Heaven opened up the grave
He's alive and risen indeed
Oh praise Him for the mercy tree

Chorus

Death has died love has won
Hallelujah hallelujah
Jesus Christ has overcome
He has risen from the dead

Verse 4

One day soon we'll see His face
Ev'ry tear He'll wipe away
No more pain or suffering
Praise Him for the mercy tree

Ending

On a hill called Calvary
Stands an endless mercy tree

Easter Song

(11:00 Introit)

Hear the bells ringing,
they're singing that we can be born again.
Hear the bells ringing,
they're singing, "Christ is risen from the dead!"
The angel upon the tombstone said,
"He is risen just as He said."
Quickly now, go tell His disciples
that Jesus Christ is no longer dead!"

Joy to the world, He is risen, Alleluia! He is
risen, Alleluia!
He is Risen, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

An Easter Cry of Praise

(11:00 Anthem) by P. Stewart and J. Raney

Before the cry of the first bird,
Just before the break of day,
With no witness to behold him,
Jesus rose up from the grave.
Then the ground began to tremble,
As the stone was rolled away,
And the rock broke through the silence
With an Easter cry of praise,
With an Easter cry of praise:

Chorus

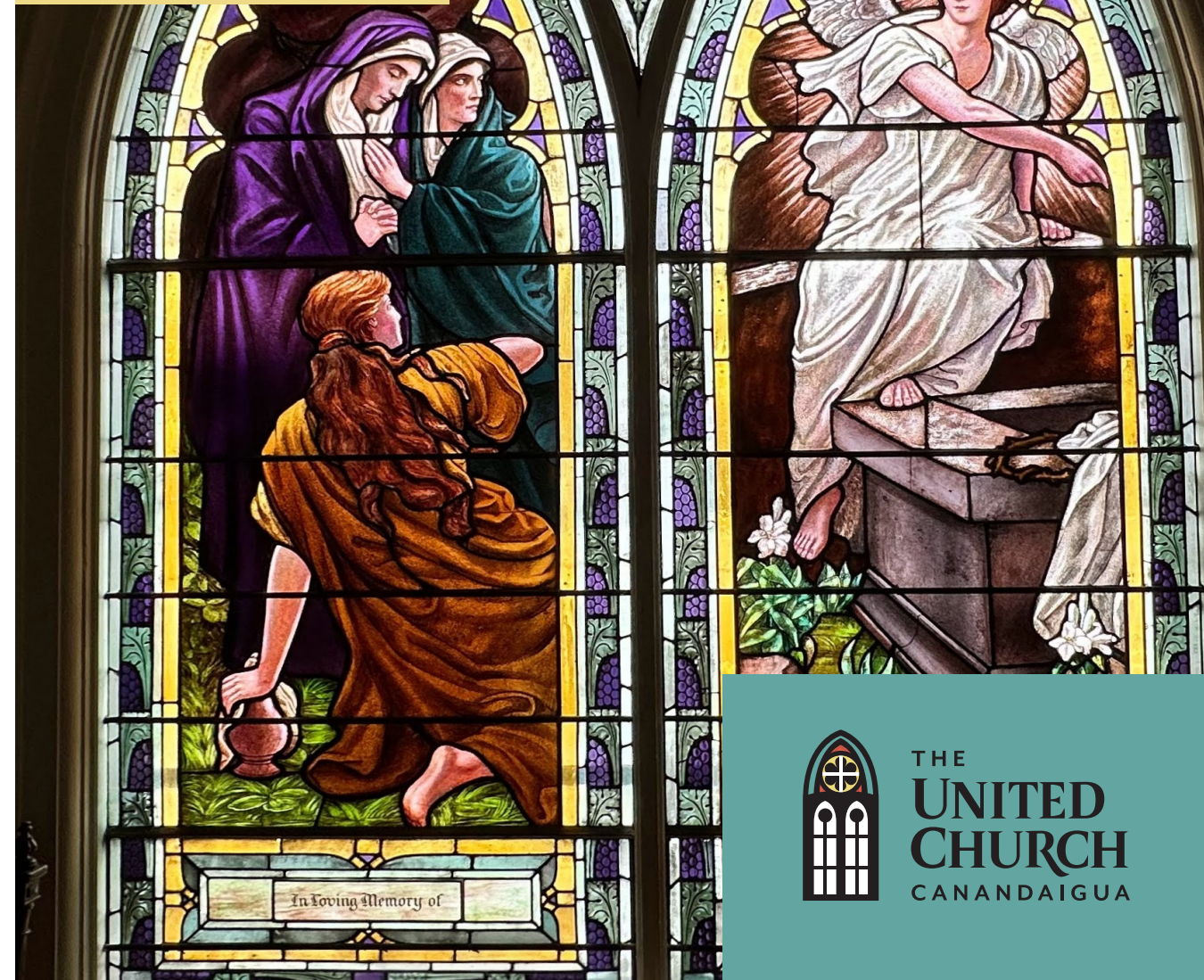
Alleluia! Christ is risen!
He is risen as he said!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
He is risen from the dead!
Christ has died. Christ is risen
And Christ will come again!
He is living among us!
Alleluia! Amen!

Darkness and death have no power;
Christ has won the victory!
He has risen up in glory
From the tomb and set us free!
We believe he lives within us
On this resurrection day,
And a life of "Alleluia!"
Is our Easter cry of praise (to chorus)

WELCOME TO THE UNITED CHURCH

Weekly Bulletin

Sunday
APRIL 20, 2025



THE
UNITED
CHURCH
CANANDAIGUA



Order of Worship for
APRIL 20, 2025



Welcome! The United Church is a Presbyterian/American Baptist congregation. We hope you enjoy your visit and let us know if we can help you in any way.

PRELUDE: “Dextera Domini” by César Franck arr. Dodement

INTROIT: (11:00) “Easter Song” arr Wilson (words on back)
United Church Choir and hand bells

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

OUR PREPARATION

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!

People: His love endures forever!

Leader: The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

People: The Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes!

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made,

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

***HYMN #234: “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”** CCLI Song #27965, Public Domain, CCLI Lic. #11593017

***OPENING PRAYER:** Almighty God, on this Easter morning we gather to celebrate the greatest miracle - the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ from the dead. As we reflect on your enduring love shown through the empty tomb, fill us with joy and wonder at your marvelous works. We pray this through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who taught us to pray 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 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.

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

***GLORIA PATRI: #807**

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 24:1-12 (page 1047) {A.B. page 1161}

SPECIAL MUSIC: (8:45) “Mercy Tree” by Neale, Nordhoff/ Arr. Martin (words on back)
Small Ensemble

ANTHEM: (11:00) “An Easter Cry of Praise” by Joel Raney (words on back)
United Church Choir, Jim Boseck and Walter Marshall (trombones)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: I Corinthians 15:19-26 (page 1139) {A.B. page 1271}

Sermon

“The Stone the Builders Rejected”

(Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24)

Pastor Wade Allen

OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

***HYMN #247: “The Day of Resurrection”** CCLI Song #197417, Public Domain, CCLI Lic. #11593017

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY: “Trumpet Tune in D” by Henry Purcell

***DOXOLOGY: #809**

***HYMN #235: “Christ Arose!”** CCLI Song #27783, Public Domain, CCLI Lic. #11593017

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “Finale” from Symphony No. 6 by Charles-Marie Widor

** indicates an invitation to stand for those who are able and comfortable doing so.*

If you purchased an Easter Lily, please take it with you following the service.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Health concerns: Emma Sanford (granddaughter of Dave and Karen), Shane Collins (from LeTourneau), Brooke Covey (friend of Parsons), Daniel Zimmerman (nephew of Wendy Bacon), Jennie (friend of Nancy Bowllan), Sara Scharr, Rodney Newfrock (friend of Elaine Allen), Everest Ferrante (family of Ardelle Bigos),Stephen Cole, Karen Mount, James Sheppard, Linda Gilbert, Jessica Canham (Sharyn’s daughter), Mary Jane Laird, Denice Bailey Tautges, Tom Babcock (friend of Jenny Caron), Erik Keating (son of Al and Dawn Rossi), Louise Huck, Catherine Kurzdorfer (Adam Thorman’s mother), Carolyn Verspoor, Marcus (friend of Sandi DiCicco), Denise Loy (friend of Kory Massey), David Sanford, Jovannie Ramirez (Karen Roaix’s grandson), Steve Sedlock (Nancy Tharp’s brother), Clancy Cragle (Michelle’s grandfather), the Herin Family (relatives of Kathie Meredith), Jack Schermond

Cancer: Chris Alexander (Carolyn Russell’s brother), Joy Mickelsen Oliver (friend of Joy Van Riper), Sarah Hough (daughter of Dianne Beaumont), Walter Enright (friend of Ardelle Bigos), Jon VanBlargan, Laura Fiorito (daughter of Charles and Patti Cagwin), David Gerstner (Nancy’s husband), Ruth Krop (friend of MacKenzie Brown), Tane Robinson (friend of Ryan Marshall), Christina Tharp (daughter of John and Nancy), Douglas Cook (Jen Eveleigh’s brother), Rod Gifford (cousin of Joyce Laursen), Martha Ashley, Beth Smythe, Keith Laursen (Joyce’s brother-in-law), Sasha (friend of Megan French), Mark Schreier (Virginia Holroyd’s friend), John Tornow (friend of Elaine Allen), Susan Hennessy (Jen Eveleigh’s sister), Rich Crowley (Steve and Beth Smythe’s friend), Tom and Monica Yurik (Bruce and Deb Gardner’s friends), Deb Dawson (Steve Smythe’s niece), Roderick Simonds (father of Natalie Clark), Rob Stults (cousin of Wade and Christy Allen), Dawn Miller, David Pagoda (Eveleigh family friend), Jim Davis (Scott’s father), Stephen Carges (Paula Traber’s brother)

Recovering at home: Alice Smith-Mather (missionaries’ daughter), Karen Roaix

Comfort and Peace: Harriet Morgan (Megan French’s grandma), Mary Zimmerman (Wendy Bacon’s mother)

MILITARY SERVICE: JJ Callard (USN), US Army LT1 Andrew Marlin (Tyler Bosecks husband) home from deployment, LTJG Nick Castiller (USN), MAC Adam Thorman (USN), E6 Cody Wells (USN) home from deployment, TSgt Timothy Peck (USAF)

MISSIONARIES: Carlos Bonilla & Mayra Giovantti – the BGs (Central/South America), Christy Lafferty (Nicaragua), Shelvis & Nancy Smith-Mather (S Sudan refugees in Uganda), Ryan & Alethia White (Berlin)

Highlights for This Week

- **Easter Lilies – Thank You!** Thank you to all who helped beautify our sanctuary this Easter by purchasing a lily in honor or memory of a loved one. If you purchased a lily, please feel free to take it home with you following today’s service. Your gift added a special touch to our celebration of Christ’s resurrection!
- **Care Net** is looking for a volunteer to work in their center on Tuesdays from 12noon until 2pm. Training is provided. Interested? Please contact Deb Marshall or Kathi Nacca.
- It’s **Campership** season! Our church believes that the Christian Summer Camp experience is so valuable that **we will pay ½ the week’s tuition to one week at any summer Christian camp.** It’s simple: Pick a summer Christian camp, register your child, and then **send the registration confirmation to Deb**....and our church will pay half the cost. If your family needs a full campership, please let Deb know. Camp information and brochures are available on the welcome center desk.
- **Our Greeter/Coordinator for April: Steward Bev Fehrenbach.** Please contact Bev if you need help signing up.
- **Ministry Involvement Day** - If you were not able to join us on Ministry Involvement Day on March 30, **please be sure to complete a survey.** They are available on the Welcome Center desk or online using the QR code.



Are You Visiting Us Today?

If so, WELCOME to the United Church, we are so glad that you have chosen to worship with us. We invite you to check out our Welcome Table found in our Welcome Center, and to pick up a tan bag (with the United Church logo on it) for yourself/your family to take home and to learn a little bit more about us. **We are so happy that you joined us today and look forward to seeing you again soon!**



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Nursery Care

Nursery care is offered during both services and the Sunday school hour. Room 10 (the infant nursery) is used during the early service, Room 11 (the toddler/preschool nursery) is used during the Sunday school hour, and both rooms are open during the late service.

Children’s Time

There is no Children’s Time today. Kids are invited to grab a worship packet at any time during the service. They are found at the Main entrance and the library entrance.



Youth Club

Our after school ministry for 2nd-8th Graders

Wednesdays, after school - 6:30pm

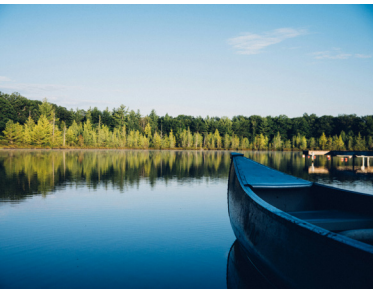
Our night includes: Recreation, Worship, Bible study, and Family Time (dinner)

Parent duties for April 23

Snack: Kurtz Kitchen Help: Beyrle, Hildibrant, James, Thorman
Any questions? Please see Deb Marshall

Parent/Child Library

The Parent/Child Library is full of books for all ages on LENT/ EASTER which is the emphasis for the months of March and April! You may borrow a book/books off either the display shelf or the regular book shelf. All families are welcome to use the Parent/Child library at any time. Please sign the book(s) out and return within 4 weeks. Any questions? See Deb Marshall



Save the date for Camp Sunday, April 27th

Kids will have the opportunity to hear from representatives from some of our church family’s favorite camps during the Sunday school hour. Parents can talk directly to camp reps following the 11am service. Don’t forget that our church offers Camperships (we pay half of one week of Christian summer camp). Camperships are NOT need based; they are for any kid who is regularly involved in Sunday school/worship, Youth Club, and/or The Cause. Questions? See Deb Marshall.

Softball anyone?

The United Church softball team will be playing it’s first game on May 6th! The team plays every Tuesday night on one of the local fields. If you’re interested in playing on the team, please contact Kevin Vadney at 585-489-9825.



Missions

Faith and Action

Easter Offering

Jesus calls us to love one another. Your gifts to the One Great Hour of Sharing bring love, hope, and healing to those in need. By providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed our gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing, our Special Easter Offering, can make a difference. Please give as generously as you can to help share the love.



North Carolina Hurricane Relief Mission Trip

Watch upcoming bulletins and Lamplighters for reports from the 19 people who just returned from this trip! Thank you all for the prayers and financial support.



Family Promise of Ontario County

Family Promise has started construction on the new Static site here in Canandaigua with plans to open it in the fall! Once the site is open there will be opportunities for our congregation to be involved in an ongoing capacity! We can’t wait.

In the meantime, the United Church is supporting Family Promise and their clients with gift cards. Any donations of Walmart, Aldi or Tops cards in \$25 or \$50 increments would be greatly appreciated. Gas cards are also always needed. Please give any cards (marked Family Promise) to the church office or place in the offering plate by April 27. Thank you for your support of this local effort!

Thank you!

Because of your generous donations of items and colorful cloth bags, we were able to fill 30 Kids Kits for Church World Service. Just thinking of the 30 young faces as they receive a kit brings smiles. Thank you all very much!



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