



NEW HACKENSACK REFORMED CHURCH  
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~~ *Easter Sunday* ~~

*"This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it"* Psalm 118:24

## The Celebration of Worship

### The Gathering of God's People

Time to speak with each other

### Greeting

"He is Risen...."

**He is Risen, indeed!"**



*Please fill out and pass the Friendship Books.  
Visitors, please fill in your address as well. Thank You!*

## Prelude

### "Joy"

by Barbara Baltzer Kinyon  
Campanola Ringers

## The Call to Worship

Based on John 20:1-18

Elder Pam Kara / Congregation

Early on the first day, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb to see Jesus' body.

**On this day, we have come to this church, looking for Jesus.**

Mary was startled to find the tomb empty.

**Like Mary, we may wonder: "What is happening?" "Where is God?"**

As Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, Jesus called her name.

**All: So God calls our names, to come and celebrate the risen Christ in our midst.**

**Gathering Hymn: “Christ the Lord is Risen Today” #234**  
Campanola Ringers / Congregation

## The Welcoming Prayer/God’s Greeting

*Rev. Keith Tamlyn*



### **Sunday School Dismissal**

(after which children 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade leave for Sunday school)

(Children ages 3yrs - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are attending Children and Worship in room 9)

## The Call to Confession

*Elder Pam Kara*

### Prayer of Confession

Create in us a clean heart, O God. We encounter many roads in life, O guiding One, and at times, choose the road that looks most inviting to us. We often choose the path of least resistance or the trail of greatest personal return. Forgive us when we fail to choose the road, the path where you are ready to meet us. Forgive us when we turn a blind eye. Forgive us when we choose what we know rather than facing fear. Forgive us when we stop thinking for ourselves and listen to others who may guide us in directions different than you desire. Grant us your grace, we pray. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and make us whole this Easter morning.

### Words of Assurance / The Law

*Elder Pam Kara*

### “Glory Be to the Father”

### Anthem

### “Easter Jubilation”

*by Michael Barrett*  
Chancel Choir



# *We Proclaim the Good News*

Prayer of Illumination

## Scripture

Matthew 28: 1-10

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## The Message

“Easter – A Feel Good Day”

*Rev. Keith Tamlyn*

**Sermon Hymn: “The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done” #233**

## *We Respond to the Good News*

*(Please print your prayer request on the blue card in the pew rack  
and deposit in offering plate.)*

## The Offering

## Offertory

**“Lord, I Ring My Praise to Thee”**

*by Howard F. Starks*

Campanola Ringers

## The Doxology

## The Offertory Prayer

**God of resurrection, you have given us so much. Bless these offerings  
to do your will in the world. Through Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.**

**Prayer Hymn: “Because He Lives”**

**#238**



~~~ **Easter Plant Dedications** ~~~

## Prayers of Thanksgiving (Pastor)

### The 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.

Sending Hymn: "Christ Is Alive!"

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Benediction

Postlude

