

**GREENSBORO UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Sunday, March 31, 2024 | Easter Sunday

Hal Parker, Music Director

Rev. Dr. Ed Sunday-Winters, Pastor

**Prelude**

Sonata 3 in G Major by Guiseppi Sammartini (1693-1770) Allegro

Sonia Dunbar and Gina Jenkins, recorders, Tom Anastasio, gamba, Hal, harpsichord

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

**One:** This is the day that God has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

All: We gather today to shout Alleluia! Christ is risen; he is risen indeed.

**One:** Out of the doom of death and despair, Victory comes, glory appears.

All: We gather today to shout Alleluia! Christ is risen; he is risen indeed.

**One:** We shall live, witness, and recount the deeds of our God whose love endures forever.

All: We gather today to shout Alleluia! Christ is risen; he is risen indeed!

**Opening Prayer**

**\*Gloria Patri #36**

*Glory be to the Creator, and to the Christ and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

**\*Hymn: #205** (*Songs of Spirit*)

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

**Scripture**

John 20:1 - 10

**Anthem**

“This Is The Day” by Leslie Garrett (1967)

**Sermon**

The Resurrection Appearances      Jeff Pierpont

**A Time of Silence**

**Offertory**

**\*Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.*

*\* Those who are able, please stand.*

**\*Unison Prayer of Dedication**

Giver of all good things, let your grace flow through us; a generous stream, unstoppable, refreshing, abundant. We release these gifts into your river of love, flowing out to our community and the world. Amen.

**\*Hymn: #216** (*Songs of Spirit*)

The Day of Resurrection!

**Prayers of the People and 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.

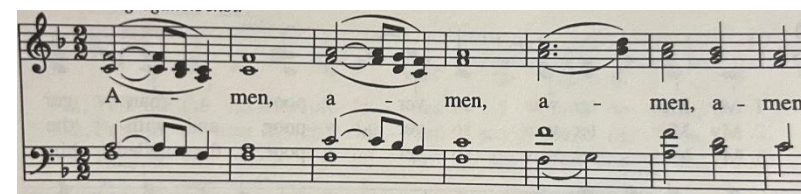


**\*Hymn: #206** (*Songs of Spirit*)

Lord of the Dance

**\*Benediction**

**\*Musical Benediction #174** (*Songs of Spirit*), Amen, Amen



**Postlude**

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**Our Church's Wider Mission:** As we support Our Church's Wider Mission, we lift up the work of the "The Hug" project, which began in response to COVID-19 by Perichoresis of the Evangelical Church of Greece. With an increasing homeless population, the project identified and responded to several needs in the community, including bathroom and laundry facilities and providing cooked meals, counseling, and activities for children while parents visited the community food bank. From providing showers to helping with resumes, "The Hug" helps people get back on their feet.

### PARISH NEWS:

**COFFEE HOUR:** Please join us after Sunday service for refreshments in Fellowship Hall.

**Save the Date:** "Just Getting By: A Day In the Life" a documentary on Vermonters struggling with food and housing insecurity, Highland Center for the Arts April 4 at 7 pm.

**Poetry and Prose for Peace:** Rural Arts would like to invite you to attend our free workshops. In this three-part series, two renowned authors, Peter Gould and Sean Prentiss, are guiding our community through a creative exploration of peace reflected in nature, humanity, and action. Through writing, storytelling, and listening to each other, we can learn about the perspectives and experiences of our global and local neighbors in an attempt to answer the question "What is peace?" The first workshop from this series occurred on March 2, led by Peter Gould. One participant, Kathy Swanson of Yellowhouse Films, said of the workshop, "What an event! It felt organic and safe. Peter is so inspirational and generous. Sitting in a circle on those comfy chairs with everyone... it doesn't get much better than that!" We invite you to join the next 2 workshops. Sean Prentiss will lead a poetry writing workshop on April 6, and then Sean and Peter Gould will co-lead the final workshop, on April 20. Link to register is in the weekly email newsletter, or email [greensborochurch@gmail.com](mailto:greensborochurch@gmail.com) to get a link!

**Peace Vigil:** Thursdays at 5pm at the Hardwick Peace Park. We are horrified by the violence on both sides. Join us in calling for an end to the bloodshed.

**GUCC Directory:** Have an edit? Send it to [greensborochurchedirectory@gmail.com](mailto:greensborochurchedirectory@gmail.com)!

### **FELLOWSHIP HALL CLASS SCHEDULE:**

- ☉ Bone Builders: Mon & Wed 10-11 am
- ☉ Global Campus: Tuesdays, 12-3pm
- ☉ TaiChi: Thurs, 9:15-10:30, 10:30-11:30 am
- ☉ Pilates: Tue & Thurs 4-5 pm

**Mission and Outreach Committee:** Wednesday, April 3, 4-6pm in the Fellowship Hall

**Poetry and Prose for Peace:** Saturday, April 6, 2-6 pm

**Next Week's Lectionary:** Acts 4:32-35 Psalm 133 1 John 1:1—2:2 John 20:19-31

## **Greensboro United Church of Christ**

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### To Our Visitors

*If you are new among us, welcome!  
Whoever you are, wherever you are on  
life's journey, you are welcome here.  
You are invited to become a part of our life together.  
Our goal is to be a loving and caring church,  
and we hope you feel this  
Please help us to know you by introducing yourself,  
filling out a green pew card, and joining us in  
fellowship following the service  
May you go forth refreshed by the Spirit here.*

Our Mission: To love as Jesus loved, caring for others and joyfully serving God, our community and our world.

### Worship During COVID: Masking is now optional

- Stay home if you are ill (even a little)
- Distance from others around you