

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
1001 Chester Road, Lansing 48912, (517) 482-6063
April 21, 2019 -- 10:30 am
Easter Sunday

Welcome:

God of new beginnings, free us from the fear of change. May our experience of Easter so change our lives that they express Your boundless love. Amen.
He is risen! **He is risen indeed!**

Praise Songs*

“Happy Day”
“Because He Lives”

Call to Worship:

O Christ, You care for every human being without exception. Still more, risen from the dead, You come to heal the secret wound of our soul. When the broken come to wholeness, when the wounded come to healing, when the frightened come to trusting, **The stone has been rolled away.** When the lonely find friendship, when the hurt find new love, when the worried find peace, **The stone has been rolled away.** When we share instead of taking, when we stroke instead of striking, when we join around the table, **The stone has been rolled away. The stone has been rolled away! In you, Christ Jesus, love breaks through hatred, hope breaks through despair, life breaks through death. Hallelujah, Christ is risen!**

Children’s Moment

Choir Sings

“Easter Anthem”

Stewardship Moment & Offering

Deacons

(Please put your written prayer concerns in the offering plate.)

**Scripture
Reader**

Mark 16:1-8 (NT p. 50)
Ty Schalter

Message

"Where Do We Go Next?"
Rev. Dr. Rick Boyd

Invitation Hymn*

“Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”
Blue Hymnal #222

(If you want to join the church, accept Jesus as your Savior or reaffirm your faith, you may come forward during this hymn. Anyone with serious pressing prayer concerns may also come forward at this time to talk to the Pastor so that these can be incorporated into Prayer Time.)

Prayer Time

Words of communion and instructions for the Flowering of the Cross

Communion Hymn

“The Wondrous Cross”
Blue Hymnal #209

Communion

Benediction:

May the cross of our Lord protect those who belong to Jesus, and strengthen your hearts in faith to Christ, in hardship and in ease, in trial and in transformation, in life and in death, now and forever. Amen.

Congregational Singing*

“My Redeemer Lives”

(If there is something on your heart today, please come forward to the communion table after the final hymn to pray with the Elders.)

*** Please stand if you are able.**

(If you want to honor someone's birthday, anniversary, or milestone, you can sign up to tell your news during Coffee Fellowship, & we'll let everybody know that at the end of the service.)

Elders: Carin McEvoy & Cheri Bruce
Pianist: Kait Wilson

This Week at FCC:

04/21 Sun. Easter Sunday – All Church Breakfast 8:30-9:30 am
Worship Service 10:30 am – Flowering of the Cross
Easter Special Offering – Food Pantry Donations

04/22 Mon.

04/23 Tues. Worship Committee Meeting 6:30 pm

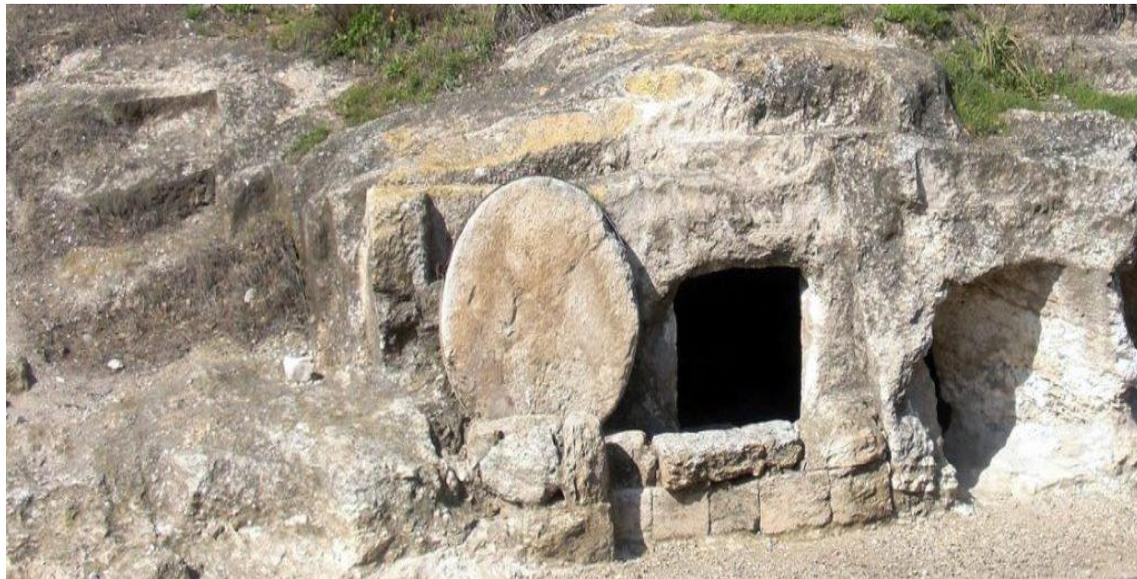
04/24 Wed. Wednesday Workers 8-11 am – All are welcome!

04/25 Thurs. Kids Club 6:30-8 pm
Praise Band Rehearsal 6:30-7:30 pm
Kids Music 7:30-8:30 pm

04/26 Fri.

04/27 Sat. Yoga 9-10

04/28 Sun. Worship Service 10:30 am – Admin Council Meeting



Our Mission Statement

The mission of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Lansing, Michigan is to recognize and affirm all people as children of God. In serving Jesus Christ as our Savior, we will proclaim, teach, and witness to the loving Grace of God.

For the good news of reconciliation is available to all people: redemption and rebirth, both personal and social.

We welcome all people to the Communion Table.

Our church is open to all and affirms all.

We invite all to join with us to experience the love of Jesus Christ.