**CENTER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

**April 20, 2025 10am**

**Easter Sunday**

**Deacons on Duty for April: Bobby Valenti, Jay Hazzard, Rhonda Strycharz, and**

 **Rob Kirschner**

**PreludeMatt Valenti**

**† *Please stand if you are able.***

**Welcome and Announcements Reverend Averill**

Meditation Moment **Matt Valenti**

**Call to Worship** **Reverend Averill**

Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ, Our Lord: Welcome to this time set aside to focus on the Holy Spirit who is working among us. May our hearts be open and eager to receive God’s Word this morning!

Children’s Moment

*All hymns are from the Red Hymnal*

**† Hymn 199 *Crown Him with Many Crowns*** **Matt Valenti**

**Invocation (unison)** **Deb Pokrinchak Dearest Lord, we come to the tomb and find it empty. Where is our Lord? Can we find him risen? Our hearts sing our looking for our Savior! Amen.**

**Lord’s Prayer (unison) Deb Pokrinchak**

*Let us join together to speak the words Jesus taught us….****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 power and the glory forever. Amen.***

**†Gloria Patri:***(please stand if you are able)*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end,* *Amen.*

**Center Faith Singers**

**R****esponsive Reading** (adapted from *Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24)* **Deb Pokrinchak**

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

**People: Let** **Israel say, “His steadfast love endures forever.”**

Leader: The Lord is my strength and my might.
**People: He has become my salvation.**

Leader: there are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:
**People: “The right hand of the Lord does valiantly.**
Leader: The right hand of the Lord is exalted.
**People: The right hand of the Lord does valiantly.”**
Leader: I shall not die, but I shall live and recount the deeds of the Lord.
**People: The Lord has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.**

Leader: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks

 to the Lord.

**People: This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.**

Leader: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.
**People: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.**Leader: This is the Lord’s doing.
**People: 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.**

**† Hymn 182 *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* Matt Valenti**

**First New Testament Lesson (NRSV)** ***Acts 10:34-43*** **Deb Pokrinchak**

*(see insert)*

**Second New Testament Lesson (NRSV) *John 20:1-18* Reverend Averill** *(see insert)*

**Sunday Message  *“Going to the Tomb”* Reverend Averill**

**Our Gifts, Tithes and Morning Offerings**

*Please place prayer request cards in offering plates*

**†Doxology Matt Valenti**

**†Prayer of Offering Reverend Averill**

Dear Lord, we offer up to you these gifts, both monetary and spiritual, which are given to you this day in this your House. Amen.

**Prayers of the People**  **Reverend Averill**

Intensive Prayers **Reverend Averill**

**† Hymn 185 Come, Ye, Faithful, Raise the Strain Matt Valenti**

Benediction *(Please remain seated)* **Reverend Averill** The Love of God the Father, the Grace of God the Son, and the Fellowship of God the Holy Spirit be with you now and always. AMEN.

**Postlude Matt Valenti**



